

The student community

An academic collaboration of like-minded students and tutors

A shared sense of purpose

Students get to know each other through a collaborative work atmosphere and many social activities. The school creates an environment conducive to exchange, communication and curiosity, which makes students feel at home and enjoy spending time in school. Two cultural activities per week reinforce this sense of belonging to a close student community and offer unique group moments. The personal service given by the teachers helps to create strong relationships of trust between themselves and the students, and this reinforces motivation in a demanding learning environment.

The school is open from 08.30 to 17.30, and all facilities are accessible to students during this time, even for those who choose a part-time programme. Free access is given to the classrooms and the school facilities, and students are encouraged to spend as much time as they need to work independently.

The school welcomes international students who live locally, creating a unique environment where diversity and tolerance are encouraged.



Cultivating cultural awareness

The cultural programme

Experiencing the culture of a country is intrinsic to learning the language. As students explore Oxford, they discover new language which is deeply rooted in the history and culture of the location. The comprehensive cultural programme is carefully designed to enable students to maximise their opportunities for linguistic and cultural development, and enhance the social cohesion of the school. The course includes two activities per week and the activity programme is posted weekly on the notice-board.

Occasional in-school lectures and workshops on specialist subject areas, including history, art, literature and economics, allow students to further their listening and speaking skills, and develop opinions in English on a broad range of topics. Students are also invited to give talks of their own on a subject of their choosing, promoting personal growth and self-confidence.

Cultural activities help students to relax after lessons whilst using the English they have learnt in class and getting to know their fellow classmates and school staff. Family-style lunches are held regularly in school. Activities might also include museum visits, music recitals, art exhibitions and picnics and punting in the summer.

Every week students are invited to join the walking tour around the city to help new students get to know the area and to help them discover some of Oxford's hidden places for a more immersive and local experience.