



# Student Information Sheet



## Welcome!

We are delighted you will be joining us this summer and look forward to meeting you. It is important that you are well prepared before you arrive in England so please read the following information carefully.



## The School

Bloxham is a traditional, independent boarding school located near Oxford and the picture-perfect Cotswolds. You will be accommodated in one of the school's boarding houses with other students and our teaching and activity staff.



You will have breakfast, lunch and dinner in the school dining room and supper in your boarding house. Lessons are held in the nearby classrooms. You will also have use of extensive sports facilities on site including a modern sports hall, an indoor heated swimming pool, tennis courts, football pitches, a theatre, disco room and art rooms. The beautiful campus is compact and all facilities are within 5 minute's walk of your boarding house. Our tuckshop is open each day for you to buy snacks and drinks.



## The Programme

- You will have 15 hours (20 lessons) of English language tuition each week. Lessons will cover General English, British Culture and the ISC Project taught by our friendly, qualified teachers. You will be allocated to a team for your Project and points are awarded for good work, behaviour and participation.
- When not in lessons, we offer a choice of activities including sport, swimming, dance, arts and crafts, yoga, team competitions, climbing, British games and much more. Evening activities include discos, karaoke, quizzes, team games, a murder mystery, cinema nights and barbecues. Two or three times a week we will go to visit local places of interest, for example London, Oxford, Windsor and Stratford upon Avon. You will be accompanied by our trained staff on all activities and trips.
- Your Project lessons lead up to the Project Show, which takes place in the theatre at the end of the course. The Projects will be judged and your team could win the cup!
- There will be students from many countries for you to make friends with. This gives you an exciting opportunity to learn about other cultures as well as British culture. As part of this, we ask you to prepare a presentation about some aspect of your country for our International Evening. It could be dancing, singing or anything else you would like to show us. Please think about this before you come.
- On the first Sunday of each course, optional excursions can be organised for an extra charge. If you want to go on these excursions, please bring enough pocket money to cover the cost, which is £25 - £60 per trip. Otherwise we sports on campus.
- WiFi is available at certain times throughout the day.



## What should I bring?

- Stationery for lessons
- Towels for showering and swimming
- Shower gel and any other toiletries you need
- Face masks and a travel bottle of hand sanitizer
- Sports clothes and white soled trainers for use in the sports centre
- Comfortable walking shoes for excursions
- Sports equipment, if you want to use your own (equipment is provided by the school if not)
- Rain-proof jacket and warm sweater
- Things for International evening
- A plug adapter – the UK uses 240v
- A sensible amount of clothes - remember you will have to carry your own bags on arrival and departure. A laundry service will be available during the second of the course
- Padlock for your suitcase or lockable cupboard
- Spending money - students usually bring between £50-£100 per week, but all students have different needs.



## Important Information

- You will be asked to sign a 'student agreement' when you book, accepting you will follow the rules of the school.
- As you are sharing your accommodation with others, we ask you to respect their space and their needs by not making noise, especially at night. All students must be in their bedrooms and quiet by 23.00 every night.
- Bathrooms and common areas are cleaned every day. Bedrooms are cleaned regularly and linen changed each course. There is a mid-course laundry service. Please keep bedrooms tidy.
- On arrival, you will be asked to pay a damages deposit of £40/€40. This will be returned to you at the end of your stay, if you have not caused any damage to school property or engaged in unruly behaviour.
- Your travel tickets, passports and spending money must be kept in our safe. Please make sure your insurance covers you for loss or theft, as the school will not be liable. There are no locks on the bedroom doors, so please keep valuable items locked away in your suitcase.
  - **Any students found drinking alcohol, taking drugs or committing an act of gross misconduct (e.g. bullying, repeated rudeness, racist or sexist behaviour) is liable to be removed from the campus immediately and sent home at their parents' expense.**