



LEWIS SCHOOL OF ENGLISH

Year-Round Group Programmes 2023-24

Southampton & Winchester



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LET YOUR ENGLISH COME TO LIFE!

A Warm Welcome All Year!

Group Programmes in Winchester and Southampton



We welcome junior groups all year round at our main school in Southampton, as well as the fabulous campus at the University of Winchester.

You can choose from an exciting range of programmes to engage your students and build their confidence with English. Select a cultural, performing arts or business-related programme, or let us create a tailor-made programme for your group's specific needs.

We look forward to giving you and your students a very warm welcome!

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Front cover: historic buildings in Winchester



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What's Included In Your Programme

	Winchester	Southampton
		
	University of Winchester Residential Accommodation Mid-February - June 2024	Lewis School of English Homestay Accommodation September 2023 - June 2024
Courses	Programme Options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Week • Storytelling & Theatre • English for the Workplace (Business) • Your Own Programme 	Programme Options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Week • Storytelling & Theatre • English for the Workplace (Business) • Your Own Programme
Lessons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 hours per week of lessons / project work • Qualified English teachers • Online level test before arrival • All learning material • End-of-course certificate and report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 hours per week of lessons / project work • Qualified English teachers • Online level test before arrival • All learning material • End-of-course certificate and report
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 full-day trip per week • 1 half-day trip per week • Guided city tour with entry to Great Hall or Winchester Cathedral • Afternoon activities (eg team building) • 2 late afternoon / evening activities per week (eg party & games) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 full-day trip per week • 1 half-day trip per week • Guided city tour with entry to SeaCity Museum • Afternoon activities (eg team building) • 2 late afternoon / evening activities per week (eg party & games)
Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential accommodation • Single study bedrooms • Shared bathrooms for students • Private bathrooms for Group Leaders • Breakfast, cooked lunch and cooked dinner at dining hall • Packed lunch on trip days or when activities require a different timeframe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homestay accommodation • Twin or triple rooms for students • Single rooms for Group Leaders • Bus pass • Breakfast in homestay • Packed lunch • Cooked dinner in homestay
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return airport transfers to/from London Heathrow or London Gatwick • Meet and greet service on arrival at airport • 24-hour welfare service • Enrolment fee included • 1 group leader free for every 15 students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return airport transfers to/from London Heathrow or London Gatwick • Meet and greet service on arrival at airport • 24-hour welfare service • Enrolment fee included • 1 group leader free for every 15 students

The above describes a typical programme. All programmes can also be tailor-made according to your needs.

Sample Timetable

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Morning	Arrival	Test / Induction / English Lessons	English Lessons	English Lessons	English Lessons	Full-Day Trip to London	Departure
	Meet & Greet	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Packed Lunch	
Afternoon	Transfer to Centre	City Tour (Entry Included*)	Team-Building / Problem- Solving Workshop	Half-Day Trip to (Entry Included**)	Student Presentations & Certificate Ceremony	Walking tour & Thames Cruise	Transfer to Airport
Late Afternoon / Evening							
	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	

*Winchester tour includes entry to the Great Hall or Cathedral; Southampton tour includes entry to SeaCity Museum

**Winchester students visit Southampton; Southampton students visit Winchester. Entries as above.

Programme Options



Cultural Week

We blend English tuition with culture-related project work. Students visit places of interest to conduct research, and then return to the classroom to consolidate their knowledge and develop language further.



Storytelling & Theatre

A fantastic mix of English lessons and performing arts workshops, developing students' confidence with English both inside and outside the classroom. At the end of the week your students will have a chance to showcase their work.



English for the Workplace (Business)

Students are guided through business-related project work, developing their language along the way. Teamwork, leadership and problem-solving are key as students launch a new product, devise a business plan or make a sales pitch.



Your Own Programme

Do you have particular lessons, activities and trips in mind? Contact us and we'll work with you to create a tailor-made programme to meet your needs.



Winchester - The City

A thousand years ago, beautiful Winchester was the capital city of England. Today, it's visited by 4 million people every year, and you'll soon see why. Here are some of its highlights.

At the heart of the city is Winchester Cathedral. This Gothic masterpiece was built in the 11th century and was used in the filming of *The Da Vinci Code*. Another attraction not to be missed is The Great Hall. This is the only surviving part of the old Winchester Castle. It is best known for the Round Table, which has hung in the hall for over 700 years. According to myth, the wizard Merlin created the original Round Table for King Arthur. This is an imitation believed to be made in the 13th century for King Edward I.

As you explore its charming historic streets, you'll find echoes of famous figures such as 19th century novelist Jane Austen, who lived in the city and is buried in the cathedral, and King Alfred, a celebrated saxon king.

With riverside walks, hilltop views and a buzzing centre with enticing shops and restaurants, you're sure to love this special city.



Winchester - The Campus

Our centre is based at the University of Winchester, whose origins go back to 1840 and which was granted university status in 2005. The university has recently undertaken a number of impressive development projects, so you'll find an attractive blend of historic and modern architecture on campus. It offers a safe and peaceful environment but is just a 15-minute walk from the city centre.



Photos show various campus views, the sports hall and a classroom. Please note that classroom facilities may differ from those shown.



Winchester - Residence



Residential accommodation arranged by Lewis School is provided on campus in halls with a 24/7 security service.

Residence Details

- Single rooms with washbasin
- Shared bathroom (private bathroom for Group Leaders)
- All meals taken at dining hall (packed lunch on trip days)
- Bed linen and towels provided (laundry of bed linen and towels included)
- For washing of clothes, there is a laundry operated by an app. Students are required to pay for use of laundry.
- Wi-Fi available in all bedrooms
- Campus shop and cafe within easy walking distance



Photos (top to bottom): King Alfred Campus residence, West Downs Campus residence, typical bedroom & en-suite bathroom, dining hall.

Southampton - The City

With cruise ships, Titanic history, beautiful parks and two universities, Southampton (population 250,000) is a great place to stay, and our school is right in the centre. London is only 75 minutes by train, and it's an easy journey to Oxford, Bath, the Isle of Wight and many more of England's treasures.

Southampton is best known for the Titanic, which sailed from here in 1912. The excellent SeaCity Museum explores Southampton's maritime past and features an exhibition on the Titanic. Today, the city is still the 'cruise ship capital' of England. Although modern and dynamic, Southampton has a rich history, and many of its medieval walls still stand today. The city also has an excellent shopping centre, a vibrant high street and over 50 parks and green spaces, making it one of the greenest cities in the UK. We can't wait to share our city with you!

Lots to see and do!

You'll love WestQuay Shopping Centre, Watermark (a fabulous new £85m restaurant and entertainment complex), the Titanic Exhibition in the Sea City Museum (see photo opposite) and the charming Tudor House Museum in the Old Town. But perhaps Southampton's biggest surprise are its big, beautiful parks right in the city centre.



Southampton's waterfront



Bargate & main shopping street



Park opposite Lewis School



Southampton - Our School

Established in 1976, the Lewis School welcomes students from over 40 countries every year to our school, and we look forward to welcoming you too! We're based in four 18th-century buildings with a garden at the back and a friendly atmosphere throughout. We're lucky enough to be right in the centre of Southampton, opposite a beautiful park. Everything you need is nearby - the city centre shops and the bus stops for homestay students are just a few minutes' walk from the school.



- ✓ 15 classrooms
- ✓ Computer room and free Wi-Fi
- ✓ Garden with table tennis
- ✓ Coffee room with snacks/drinks machine
- ✓ Prayer room
- ✓ Convenient city centre location

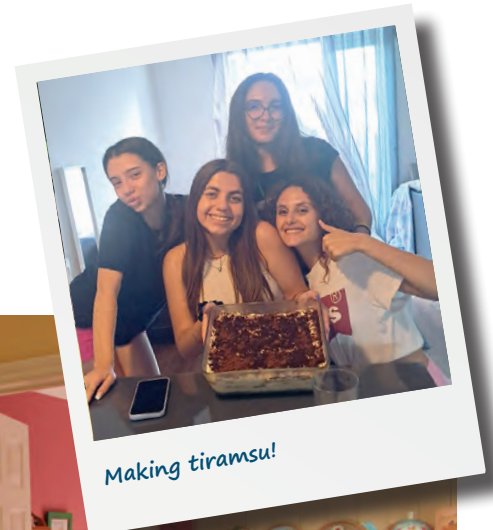
Above: table tennis, classroom, garden. Below: front of school.



Southampton - Homestay

Staying in a homestay can be a valuable part of your language course. Your host welcomes you into their home and gives you a comfortable and friendly base during your stay. You live as part of the household, taking meals together and sharing the common living areas. All homestay hosts have been personally approved by the school and are regularly inspected. Homestays are 10-35 minutes by bus from the junior centre. Our recommended minimum age for homestay accommodation is 13. All homestay accommodation is arranged by Lewis School.

- ✓ Hosts personally approved and inspected by Lewis School
- ✓ Twin rooms for students (single/twins for leaders as requested)
- ✓ Bus pass included
- ✓ Timetable includes certain evenings spent with your host



What can I expect in a homestay?

Your host will welcome you, provide you with a comfortable room where you can study and relax, and explain the household arrangements. They will give you a change of towel and bed linen every week, and will wash your clothes. However, please remember that it is a home and not a hotel, so we ask you to respect the house rules. Travel to school is by bus. Your host will show you the journey on your first morning.

We give you a bus pass and every day, after school has finished, we take you to your bus stop.

Homestay can be an extremely rewarding experience. Our hosts receive excellent feedback, and many students stay in touch with their hosts long after they return home.

*"My host family are very nice,
and I love my room."
Panna, Hungary*

Lessons and Activities



Our motto is 'let your English come to life!' and we aim to facilitate this in every aspect of our programme.

Lessons are project-based. We find this increases student motivation and encourages speaking, as students have a real reason to communicate as they work towards a end goal. Whether this is a presentation on the local culture, a video project, a theatre or storytelling performance, or a sales pitch for a new product, students come away feeling they have achieved something through their use of English. Many feel more confident in their language abilities as a result.

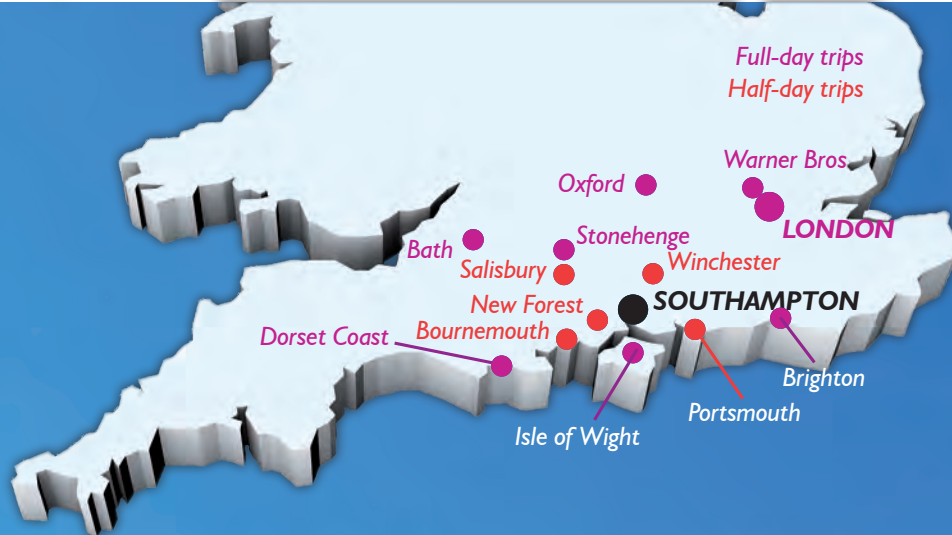
Activities link closely with lessons, reinforcing what has been learnt in the classroom and helping to bring to life the attractive trips and museum visits that are so often the highlights of the students' stay. A range of trip options are on offer - see page 11.

Our teachers and activity leaders combine knowledge and passion for their chosen field with a warm and personal approach. During our first day grammar and speaking test, we learn about each student's interests and language learning aims. We try to address these during the course as we build a positive atmosphere that promotes learning.

Photos: Bath trip, National Gallery (London), Sea City Museum, climbing inside a boat on our Southampton tour, lesson, Stonehenge trip.



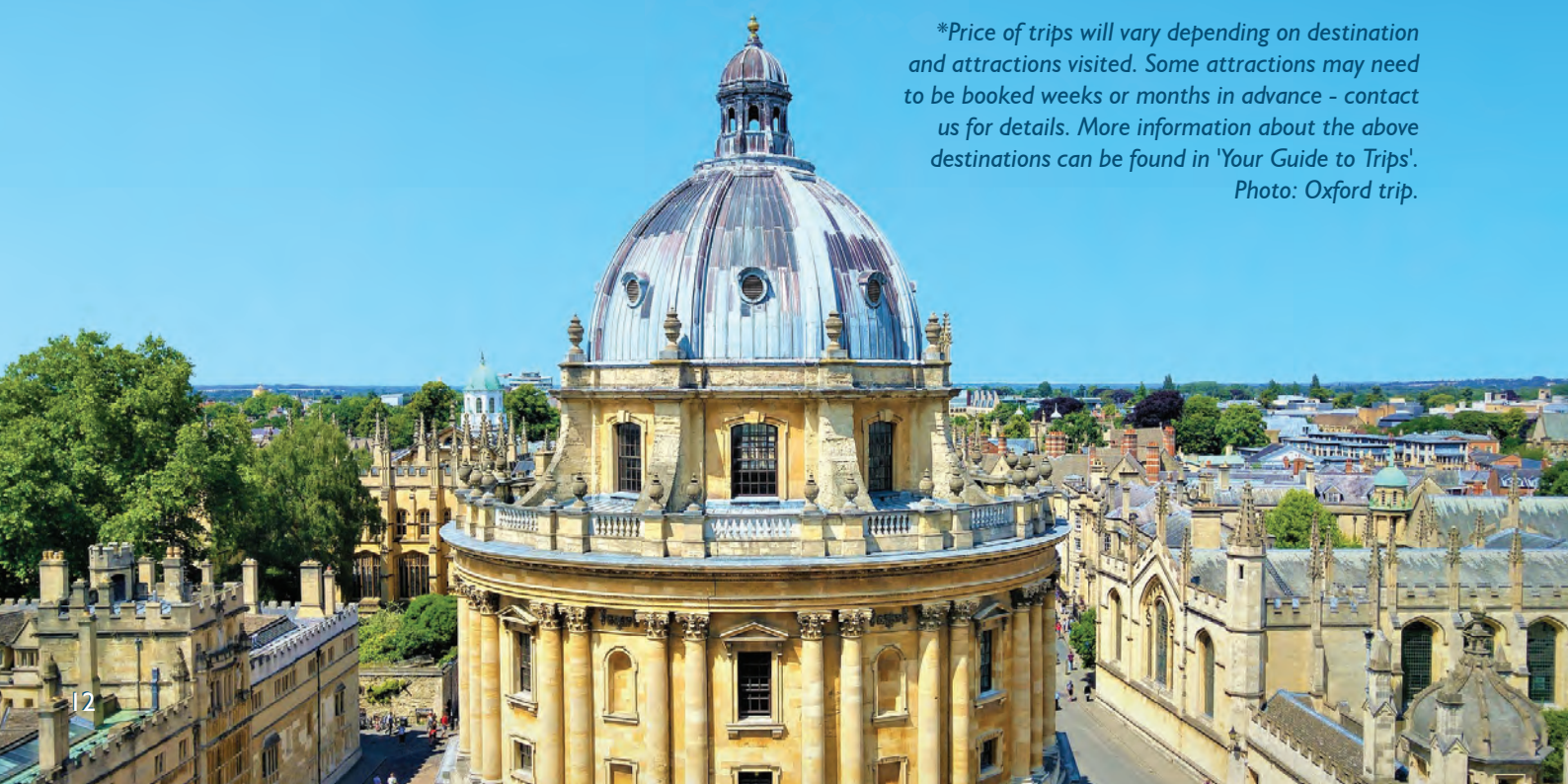
Trips



London Oxford Bath Dorset Coast Winchester Salisbury Portsmouth Bournemouth New Forest

	Destination	Suggested Activities*	Possible Learning Theme
Full-Day Trips	London	Walking tour and Thames Cruise, museum visit, ride on London Eye or entrance to other attraction	Famous attractions
	Oxford	Walking tour and entry to an Oxford College	University of Oxford
	Bath	Walking tour and entry to Roman Baths Museum	Roman Britain
	Dorset Coast	Walk at Lulworth Cove. Free time in Swanage.	The seaside
	Brighton	Walking tour, beach & Brighton Pier attractions	The seaside
	Isle of Wight (IOW)	Ferry ride, Osborne House or Needles Attraction	The seaside / Queen Victoria
	Stonehenge	Entry to Stonehenge, free time in Salisbury	Stonehenge
	Warner Bros	The Making of Harry Potter (Warner Bros Studio)	Harry Potter
Half-Day Trips	Winchester	Walking tour and entry to Great Hall (Round Table)	King Arthur & King Alfred
	Portsmouth	Walking tour and entry to Spinnaker Tower	Towers of the world
	Salisbury	Walking tour and entry to Salisbury Cathedral	Magna Carta / Cathedrals
	Bournemouth	Walking tour and games on the beach	The seaside
	New Forest	Exploration and games	Nature

**Price of trips will vary depending on destination and attractions visited. Some attractions may need to be booked weeks or months in advance - contact us for details. More information about the above destinations can be found in 'Your Guide to Trips'.
Photo: Oxford trip.*



Welfare

Your safety and well-being are our top priorities. Here's how we ensure this.

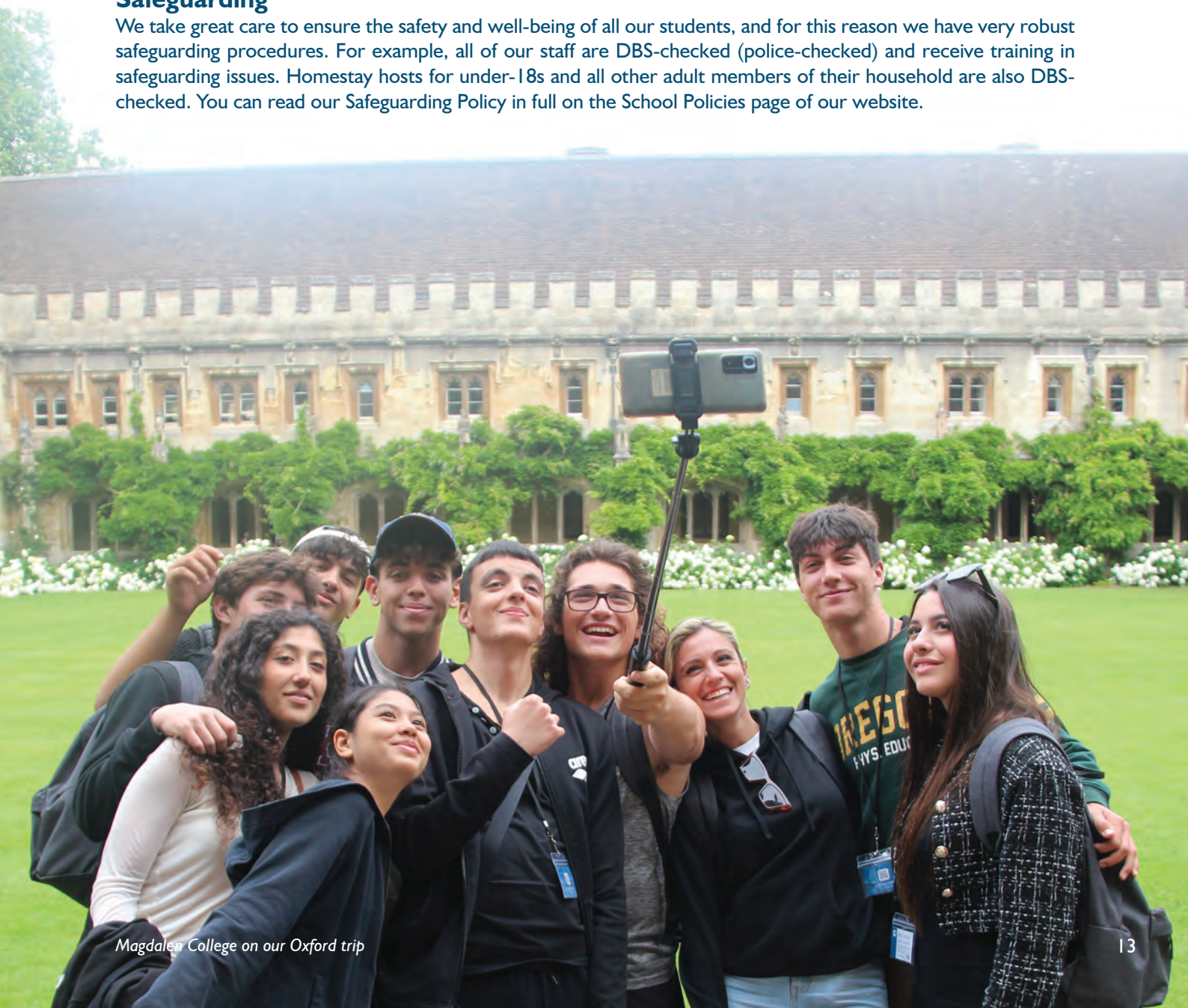
- ✓ Fully-supervised programme
- ✓ 24-hour emergency phone number
- ✓ All staff and hosts are DBS-checked and complete safeguarding training
- ✓ Regular meetings with group leaders

As part of our warm welcome, you'll be given an introductory talk, a welcome pack and a tour on your first day. You're also given a card with your accommodation address and the emergency phone number. We can also provide an optional 'meet and greet' service (additional fee) to welcome you on arrival at the airport and ensure a smooth transition to the centre.

We work closely with Group Leaders to ensure their students are happy and are getting the most from their stay. We are always available to discuss any issues, and we organise regular meetings between Group Leaders and key staff.

Safeguarding

We take great care to ensure the safety and well-being of all our students, and for this reason we have very robust safeguarding procedures. For example, all of our staff are DBS-checked (police-checked) and receive training in safeguarding issues. Homestay hosts for under-18s and all other adult members of their household are also DBS-checked. You can read our Safeguarding Policy in full on the School Policies page of our website.



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*Innovative language programmes for adults, juniors and teachers
Attractive locations within easy reach of London
Warm and welcoming atmosphere*



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