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An Introduction

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King's College Chapel took over 100 years to build and was completed in the year 1547

Welcome

The Cambridge English Scholastic Programme is your gateway to learn English in the most enriching manner in the University of Cambridge. This exciting and inspiring experience will expose you to the university's breath-taking sights, medieval surroundings and remarkable heritage.

The Cambridge ESP is both challenging and engaging, and will provide the first steps in your journey to become proficient in English. The learning experience will be completely different from your school back home. It will encourage you to learn by doing, through hands-on activities and primary sources, springing life into the subject.

The Cambridge ESP will be an experience of a lifetime. It can be so formative and beneficial in terms of development and self-confidence as you prepare the challenges in the next stage of your life. I hope you will take a moment to browse through our website. If you come to join us in Cambridge, you will immediately realise how truly rewarding this Programme can offer.

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Programme Director

Cambridge Summer School Programme

The Cambridge English Scholastic Programme

The Cambridge English Scholastic Programme is a three-week programme that will introduce the language of English to students (16 – 25 years old) and working adults from Asia. The Cambridge ESP will set the stage for students not only to learn English but also to enrich their student experience in one of the most prestigious learning institutions in the world.

The green lawns and towering trees of Cambridge is the ideal background for study and reflection. ESP courses meet in or near the University buildings, libraries, museums, and athletic facilities within easy walking distance of residences and classrooms.

The programme will be taught by members of the university. Out-of-class

activities will also be organised and supervised by undergraduates and post-graduates of the university.

Apart from class-based education, students' education experiences will be further enriched through field trips to London and other parts of the UK including Stonehenge, London National Gallery, Tate Modern, Buckingham Palace, Hyde Park, British Museum, Natural History Museum and the historical city of Bath.

Students will live together in Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge. All academic and non-academic activities, both in Cambridge and during excursions out of Cambridge will be fully supervised by the organisers.



Punting along the River Cam



University of Cambridge

As far back as Neolithic times, the lowest reliable fording point on the River Cam or Granta – near Castle Hill – was an important strategic site. Over the centuries it was successively developed by the Romans, Saxons and Normans into the prosperous town of Cambridge, a busy trading centre on the route between eastern and central England. It was in this thriving market town that a group of students, fleeing riots in Oxford, arrived in 1209. Cambridge soon became a teaching centre for scholars from the monasteries in the area, and was well established by the end of the 13th century.

In 1284 the first college was established in the south of the city, to house and support a few scholars. During the next 700 years, the other 30 colleges were founded by bishops and businessmen, kings and queens.

The shape of the city changed considerably during the 14th and 15th centuries, and the physical impact of the university was felt as more land was used for the new buildings, particularly when the Tudor kings appropriated a large area of

medieval Cambridge to found their city centre colleges. Not surprisingly, disputes between townspeople and town and University authorities were many and occasionally led to violence.

Today the serenity of the immaculate lawns and gardens makes such a state of affairs difficult to imagine although the tranquillity of the cloistered courts still provides a welcome refuge from the hectic pace of life in any expanding city.

Famous people from all walks of life have studied and researched at Cambridge, including religious leaders such as Cranmer, Latimer and Ridley; writers such as Samuel Pepys, Charles Kingsley and the poets John Milton, Lord Byron, William Wordsworth and Sylvia Plath; and brilliant scientists such as Isaac Newton, Charles Darwin, Ernest Rutherford and Dorothy Hodgkin. With a long history of illustrious names and surroundings of such stunning beauty, it is hardly surprising that Cambridge makes a deep impression on all who come to this ancient centre of learning.

The University and the Colleges

Many visitors to Cambridge find the relationship between the University and the colleges confusing. A Cambridge college plays a far more significant part in an undergraduate's life than a hall of residence in a non-collegiate university.

The college provides a 'community of scholars' in which the students live, work and study during their years at Cambridge. A student must be admitted to a college before he or she can become a member of the University.

The 31 colleges contribute funds to the University, which provides the central resources for promoting research and teaching – such as lecture theatres, faculty libraries and laboratories; sets the curriculum; conducts the examinations and confers the degrees; and meets a major part of the bill for academic salaries. The University has its own central administration, whilst every college has a governing body which runs the organisation and decides on policy. Each college is, therefore a self-governing community with its own way of life, providing opportunities for students and fellows of many disciplines to intermingle. As each individual college operates independently and chooses its own members, this very much sets the character of the college.



In the past college life revolved around the three great communal areas – the chapel, the library and the dining hall – and these are still an essential parts of even the most recent colleges. Access to the colleges is usually restricted, and so conference delegates may find themselves in the privileged position of being able to enjoy facilities not normally open to the general public.

Cambridge Today

In recent years Cambridge has become an internationally acknowledged centre of excellence for technology and science. The growth of the city's science and innovation parks has been so rapid that the area around the city is now affectionately known as 'Silicon Fen' and

has a reputation that rivals that of America's Silicon Valley.

Despite its ultra modern image however, the city has retained its picturesque charm and continues to delight visitors from all over the world.



Sidney Sussex College

Located at the heart of Cambridge, Sidney Sussex College is a small, historic college founded in 1596. Sidney offers an unpretentious, diverse and welcoming community. It is encircled by supermarkets, shops, pubs and restaurants. Sussex Street, one of Cambridge's prettiest shopping areas, runs between the two halves of the main site. Despite its locality, once inside the compounds of the college, it transforms into a place of welcome tranquillity with its

harmonious gardens, courts, and gracious buildings of many styles and periods. Students will have a chance to venture farther from campus; the countryside is very close with pleasant walking and cycle routes from City Centre to villages like Coton and Madingley, and along the river to the pubs and Orchard tea gardens at Grantchester. Further afield, it is possible to visit Ely to see the magnificent Ely Cathedral and to absorb the unique and mysterious atmosphere of the Fens.



Mong Hall, Sidney Sussex College

Fitzwilliam College

The Past

Fitzwilliam started life in 1869, when Cambridge was very different from today. It was created as a non-collegiate institution, to provide undergraduates unable to afford membership of a college with a base from which to study at Cambridge. It organised teaching from a handsome house opposite the Fitzwilliam Museum.



The Present

Fitzwilliam College is one of the more modern colleges within the University of Cambridge, situated away from the busy town centre at the top of Castle Hill. It is a fairly large community, but a very friendly one, with around 450 undergraduates and 150 graduate students, and over 60 Fellows.

The college enjoys a large and peaceful site, off the tourist routes but within ten minutes' cycle ride of all the major Faculties and Departments. The college was built in the 1960s in the grounds of the Grove, a splendid Regency house which is now part of the college. The first student buildings were designed by Sir Denys Lasdun and completed in 1966; these were followed by New Court and

In the second half of the twentieth century the need for a separate body of non-collegiate undergraduates disappeared as Cambridge became more accessible, and the system of student grants allowed everyone to belong to a college. Fitzwilliam House, as it was then called, became Fitzwilliam College, and received its royal charter in 1966.

But the college remains true to its roots. Facilitating access to Cambridge remains at the heart of the college's perception of its role within the modern university. The proportion of applicants to Fitzwilliam from maintained schools remains significantly higher than to most colleges and this is reflected in the composition of the student body. Students from all backgrounds settle happily into the Fitzwilliam community, but the college is particularly proud of its success in making welcome candidates who thought that Cambridge was elitist and not for them.

Wilson Court, and the award-winning chapel designed by Richard MacCormac. The College presents a rather austere face to the Huntingdon Road, from which most visitors to the town approach it, and its beautiful gardens enclosed by student accommodation are one of Cambridge's best-kept secrets.

But Fitzwilliam College is more than a collection of attractive buildings. Welcoming and unstuffy, it is known throughout the University for its friendliness. It looks for intellectual achievement and commitment among its members, but seeks to foster academic success within a relaxed and supportive atmosphere.

Faculty

Dr Gerard Barrett

- Academic Director



Gerard Barrett is Director of Studies for English at St Edmund's College Cambridge. He studied for his B.A. degree at University College Galway, Ireland, where he

graduated with a degree in English and Philosophy. He went on to take a Higher Diploma in Education at the same institution and also a MA in English Literature, for which he wrote a dissertation on the English novelist, Henry Green (1905-1973). He then studied for a Doctorate in Literature at St Edmund's College, Cambridge, where he worked on the American novelist, John Hawkes (1925-1998). He lectured for two years in English and American literature in Plymouth before returning to Cambridge to take up the position of Director of Studies at St Edmund's College. His publications include essays on Joseph Conrad, Henry Green and Albert Camus. He organizes an annual symposium on twentieth century fiction at Jesus College, Cambridge.



Bridge of Sigh, St John's College



Course Syllabus

Week One

Lesson 1

- Alphabets and Phonetics of alphabets
- Numbers
- Exercises: Oral and Written

Lesson 2

- Personal Pronouns and Verb "to be"
- Introductions: Informal, Intermediate and Formal
- Exercises: Oral and Written

Lesson 3

- Possessive Pronouns
- Time: Asking for and telling the time
- Exercises: Oral and Written

Lesson 4

- Advanced Personal Pronouns
- Directions: Asking for and giving directions
- Colours
- Exercises: Oral and Written

Lesson 5

- Questions
- Appointments, Invitations and Suggestions: in person and over the telephone
- Countries and People
- Exercises: Oral and Written



Week Two

Lesson 6

- Nouns
- Giving and understanding instructions
- Office vocabulary
- Exercises: Oral and Written

Lesson 7

- Adjectives
- Describing a business and presenting products/ services I
- Vocabulary related to products and services
- Exercises: Oral and Written

Lesson 8

- Verb Tenses I
- Describing a business and presenting products/ services II
- Business Vocabulary and Buzzwords
- Exercises: Oral and Written

Lesson 9

- Verb Tenses II
- Negotiation and Making deals
- Negotiation vocabulary
- Exercises: Oral and Written

Lesson 10

- Adverbs and Prepositions
- Holding Your Own
- Small talk, basic etiquette, cross-cultural communication
- Exercises: Oral and Written



Evening Activities

Evening activities are designed for students to explore Cambridge outside of school hours. Below is a list of activities that will be organised by the Programme.

River Cam activities

- Punting
- Rowing
- Kayaking

Other sports activities

- Swimming (bring your suit)
- Running
- Gym
- Tennis
- Badminton

General Activities

- Ballroom dancing
- Plays and musicals in local theatres
- Movies

- Visits to the university planetarium – one of the oldest working telescope in the world
- Casual activities such as having coffee in Starbucks, going to the bookstore, internet cafes, or even going out for dinner with a group of friends

You need to sign up for the supervised activities which will be announced and posted on a daily basis. You may remain in college if you wish to.

You are required to sign out at the Programme office if you are to leave the college compound after 9.00pm. No students are allowed to be in the city after 11.00pm. You will need to inform your Supervisors if you have family or any adult friends of the family visiting you during the Programme. You are to REMAIN within City limits at all times.



Application

The comprehensive fee for the program is £2700. This fee includes: all tuition and instruction; accommodation; breakfast, lunch and dinner daily; transportation to and from the airport; academic materials; guest presentations; workshops; field trips; and all cultural and social activities organized by the programme, including sports, excursions, museum and gallery admissions and theatre tickets. It does not include airfare or personal expenditures such as snacks, laundry, souvenirs, and so forth.

Application and Payment

This English Scholastic Programme is open to students (16 – 25 years old) and working adults from Asia.

Application DEADLINE for the English Scholastic Programme 2004 is 14th May 2004.

Early application is encouraged because enrolment is limited.

- The Admissions Board must receive all applications before the stated deadline. Admission decisions are made within six

weeks of receipt. Applicants are only considered for admission to the programme once all of their necessary documentation – completed and signed application form, deposit and transcript – have been received.

- The balance of payment for tuition is due by Friday, 18th June 2004.

Refund Policy

- Deposits are made on a non-refundable basis.
- Prior to 25th June 2004, all payments are refundable except the deposit.
- From 25th June 2004 (inclusive), no payments are refundable.

Please send all applications to

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Travel Arrangements

We believe that the students will have personal preference regarding their flight arrangements to the UK. Furthermore, some parents might be accompanying them. As such, we will leave the flight arrangements of the students at their discretion.

However, it is essential that students inform the Programme Director with regards to their flight arrangement in order for us to arrange the necessary transport from the airport to Cambridge.

Please book flights that arrive in the UK on Wednesday, 4th August (between 6:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.). Every student arriving at London Heathrow, Gatwick or Stansted Airport on that day ONLY will be met by our staff and accompanied back to Cambridge in a private bus.

Please note: Most airlines schedule overnight flights from China and elsewhere to London. To arrive on 4th

August, it is therefore likely that you will need to book your flight for Tuesday, 3rd August. Flights home should be booked for Tuesday, 24th August, preferably early afternoon departures.

Airport transfers are free of charge on the scheduled arrival and departure days. For students who arrive/depart outside our free transfer times, or at other airports, we can arrange escorted taxi transfer at extra cost.

If you are travelling by other routes, please make arrangements to arrive in Cambridge any time after 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday 4th August 2004.

Please note also that we do not have access to college rooms either before or after the actual dates of our program. Students who arrive before the first day or who need to stay after must inform the Programme Director to make special arrangements.

Upon Arrival

The flight to the UK will take about 13 hours from China, Taiwan or Korea. Students who are flying with Cathay Pacific or China Airlines will arrive at Heathrow Terminal 3. Students flying with British Airways will arrive at Heathrow Terminal 4.



Visa Information

All overseas nationals who wish to enter the UK must satisfy the immigration office at the port of arrival that they meet the requirements of the UK Immigration Rules. If you are from China, Taiwan, Thailand, Philippines and Vietnam, you must have a valid UK visa on each that you enter the UK.

You will need to complete forms VAF1 – Non-settlement for your visa application. These can be obtained from the nearest British Mission offering an entry clearance service, or can be downloaded from the Foreign and Commonwealth website at: <http://www.ukvisas.gov.uk/>

After disembarking from the plane, students are to join the queue for foreigners entering the UK. A few routine questions will be asked. Remember to

have in hand the following items at the immigration desk:

- Valid passport
- Visa Letter (if applicable)
- Letter of acceptance for the Cambridge English Scholastic Programme

Before leaving the immigration desk, please make sure it is the correct stamp on the passport (if applicable). The immigration officer may keep some of the documents, so it is useful if you can provide him/her with a copy.

Upon entering the airport Arrivals Lounge, look out for signs saying CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH SCHOLASTIC PROGRAMME. They are your Supervisors who will be escorting you to the coaches to Cambridge.

Arrival in Cambridge

Upon reaching Cambridge, Supervisors of Cambridge ESP will be escorting the students to their respective college accommodation. Students will be required to sign in at the Porter's Lodge of the college. Room keys together with an information pack will be given. Students will also be issued a student identity card.

Some students may wish to call home upon arrival at Cambridge. It is cheaper to do so using an international calling card purchased either back home or in the UK. Please do not hesitate to inform your Supervisor should you require assistance

on purchasing an international calling card in the UK.

There are a number of internet cafes in the City Centre should the students require internet access.

The timetable of the Programme is very packed, in order for the students to learn as much as possible during their tenure here in Cambridge. Hence, we strongly advise students to get plenty of rest before the formal commencement of the Programme.



Things to Bring

This might be the first time for some of the students to be living away from home. The next section will provide the necessary information for your three-week stay in Cambridge.

Important Documents

- A valid passport with at least 6 months left before date of expiry
- Letter of acceptance for the Cambridge English Scholastic Programme

Insurance

- Students are advised to purchase their own travel insurance

Medical Clearance

- Immunisation against meningitis is advised

Clothing

- An overcoat is optional but it can be quite cold during the evening
- The college provides coin operated laundry service and there are plenty of launderettes near the college compound should the students require dry cleaning service.

Stationery, Photographic Film

- Stationery is considerably more expensive in the UK, with the exception of paper
- While film development in the UK is cheap, photographic film is

relatively more expensive. Hence, it is advisable that students bring enough photographic film

Toiletries

- Contact lenses and solutions are expensive in the UK. It is advisable for students to bring enough supplies for the two week duration
- As the weather can be pretty dry, lip balm and moisturiser can be quite useful

Food

- Although there will be cooking facilities in college, most of the meals are provided. Nevertheless, instant noodle can prove useful as a light snack

Miscellaneous

- Bringing along an alarm clock is strongly advised

The English weather can be quite fickle. Hence, bringing along a small umbrella that will fit nicely in either a bag pack or handbag can prove useful in times of need.



Disciplinary Policies

The rules and regulations of the Programme are designed for the safety and security of the students. Students are not to take them lightly as these rules and regulations will be strictly enforced. The following will outline some of the major offences and the subsequent actions that will be taken by the Director of the Cambridge Winter School Programme.

Actions leading to immediate dismissal

1. Drinking alcohol – students are not allowed to consume alcohol drinks under any circumstances during the course of the Programme. Parents will be notified immediately to make the necessary flight arrangements. The student will then be grounded until departure to the airport via taxi or coach
2. Students are not to engage in any inappropriate activities/relationship with students from the opposite sex
3. Students are not to get involved in the use of drugs. Should this occur, the local police will be notified

Actions leading to Grounding

The following are some of the major disciplinary actions leading to grounding (severity depending on nature of offences)

1. Smoking – students are not to smoke or have in their possession any form of tobacco
2. Unexcused absence from lectures – students who are unable to attend lectures due to sickness or any other approved reasons are to notify the Supervisor
3. Engage in unsupervised activities outside college compounds after 8.30pm
4. Unsupervised deviation from excursion sites during trips out of Cambridge

Students are reminded not to engage in unsociable behaviour or interfere with the safety of other students. Refer to the Supervisors if the students are unsure of what behaviour is unacceptable. Moreover, students are to keep in good order the condition of their college room. Chairs, tables, bed, pillows etc. are not to be removed from the students' room. For the safety of the college, no candles or incense are allowed.



Contact Us

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