



# 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 School founded in 1860, is a traditional boarding school, located near Oxford and the picture-perfect Cotswolds. You will be accommodated in one of the school's homely boarding houses with other students and our staff.

The whole school has breakfast, lunch and dinner in the dining room and there is a light evening snack in your boarding house. Lessons are held in the modern classroom block. Bloxham has fantastic sports facilities; including tennis courts, astro turf football pitches, netball courts, a 23-metre heated pool, and lots of outdoor playing fields. There are also excellent facilities for theatre, art and activities, as well as an IT suite and food technology room.

There are lots of places for our students to relax and make new friends, including a modern café and homely common rooms in all the boarding houses. All boarding houses are within a 5-minute walk of the facilities.

## The Programme

- You will have 27 lessons/30 hours of English language tuition each two-week course. This includes General English, British Culture and Project classes taught by our friendly, supportive teachers. You will be allocated to an international project team while at ISC and you can win points for good work, behaviour and participation.
- When not in lessons, we offer a choice of activities including sports, swimming, circus skills, dance, tie dyeing t-shirts, jewellery making, yoga, team competitions, British games and much more. Evening activities include discos, karaoke, a pub quiz, drama games, a murder mystery, cinema nights and a barbecue. We go to visit local places of interest, for example vibrant London, the university city of Oxford, and Birmingham. You will be accompanied by our trained staff on all activities and trips.
- Your project lessons lead to the project show, which takes place in the Great Hall 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 take part in our International Talent Show. You could dance, sing share interesting information about your country and showcase a talent!
- On the first Sunday of each course, you can go on an optional excursion for an extra charge. If you want to go on an optional excursion, please bring enough pocket money to cover the cost, which is £70 - £100 per trip. Otherwise, there are activities on campus.
- WiFi is available at certain times throughout the day.
- Please see our website for details of the ISC programme.





## What should I bring?

- Stationery for lessons
- Water bottle to refill around campus
- 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
- International Evening - any items you will need
- 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 is available mid-course
- Padlock for your suitcase or lockable cupboard
- Spending money - students usually bring between £60-£150 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.
  - Your travel tickets, passports and spending money must be kept in our safe. Please make sure your insurance covers you for loss or theft of your belongings, 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 or lockable cupboard.
- Any students found drinking alcohol, taking drugs or committing an act of gross misconduct (e.g. bullying, repeated rudeness, racist, sexist or homophobic behaviour) is liable to be removed from the campus immediately and sent home at their parents' expense.**