Student Information Sheet

Welcome!

We are very happy you will be part of ISC this summer and we are looking forward to meeting you. Please read the following information carefully, so that you are well prepared for your trip to England.

The School

Bloxham School founded in 1860, is a traditional boarding school, located near Oxford and the picture-perfect Cotswolds. You will stay in one of the school's comfortable boarding houses with other international students and our friendly ISC team.

The whole school has breakfast, lunch and dinner in the dining room. There are also breaktime snacks and a light evening snack in your boarding house. Lessons are held in the modern classroom block. Bloxham has fantastic sports facilities; including tennis courts, AstroTurf football pitches, netball courts, a 23-metre heated pool, and lots of outdoor playing fields. There are also excellent facilities for drama, arts, leisure activities, as well as a well-stocked library and food technology room. Wifi is available across campus at certain times.

There are lots of places for our students to relax and make new friends, including a modern café and homely common rooms in the boarding houses.

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 such as football, lacrosse, touch rugby, dance, yoga, tennis, volleyball, outdoor adventure skills and swimming. There are creative activities - circus skills, tie dyeing t-shirts, jewellery making, baking and also team competitions, chess, British games and much more. Evening activities include discos, quizzes, cinema nights, drama games, international talent show, team games and a murder mystery.
- During the course, there are 3 full-day trips to London, the university city of Oxford, and the UK's multicultural second-city Birmingham. You will be accompanied by ISC's friendly team on trips and learn all about the UK's famous sights.
- 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 lots of international students 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 can dance, sing share interesting information about your country or showcase a talent!
- On the first Sunday of the course, there are optional trips for an extra charge of £70-£120 to lots of exciting destinations, There is also a full day of relaxed activities on campus. Please see the ISC website for more details on our school and programme.

What should I bring?

- Stationery for lessons
- *IMPORTANT* Water bottle to refill around campus
- Towels for showering and swimming
- Sun cream, shower gel and any personal toiletries
- Travel bottle of hand sanitiser
- Sports clothes and 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 - for all types of weather. A £5 laundry service is available mid-course
- Padlock for your suitcase or lockable cupboard
- A damage deposit of £40/€40. This will be returned at the end of your stay, if you have not caused any damage.
- Spending money - students usually bring between £80-£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. Racist, violent, sexist, homophobic, bullying behaviour or harassment will not be tolerated. If students do not abide by the rules, they may be asked to leave the school at their parents' expense.
- Please note our mobile phone policy. Students are not allowed their phones at certain times of day and they must be left in bedrooms.
- As you are sharing your accommodation with others, we ask you to respect their space and not be noisy, 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 available for £5.
- Please keep bedrooms tidy and do not cause any damage.
- On arrival, you will be asked to pay a damage 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.

Safe travels! We're looking forward to welcoming you to ISC!