

# PRE IB SUMMER PROGRAMMES

Formative summer experiences, in world-renowned universities, that are designed to bring students' knowledge and skills up to the level required for the IB Diploma Programme.



## Oxford UK & Boston USA

### Approaches to Teaching

Our teachers demystify the IB. Through subject-specific study, students learn the terminology, structure, and expected standard of their chosen subject. Interactive classes and seminars introduce students to the 'DP Core' - the Extended Essay, Theory of Knowledge, Creativity Activity and Service.

Across the week students are introduced to the skills and fundamental concepts that will underpin their next two years of study, before moving up to more complex topics based on the needs of each class. Understanding is assessed and nurtured through classroom discussion, activities, and practice.

Small class sizes allow teachers to provide individual attention, answering questions and reviewing material as required. Teachers prepare personalised reports which provide recommendations on how each student can progress further.

### Student Life

A summer spent with OSC will be full of fun, inspiring experiences, adventures in worldwide centres of culture and academia, and friendships formed with students from all over the world.

Our students love experiencing campus life and exploring their summer city through a range of activities, including: attending cultural attractions, playing sports, and visiting amusement parks.

Our Welfare and Social Activity Team are available 24 hours a day to handle any issues that arise and to help every individual get the most out of their summer.

There's also a unique opportunity for students to explore how the IB can support their future goals by attending the OSC University Fair.

## About Oxford Study Courses

OSC is trusted by IB schools and teachers across the world to provide supplementary support for their students. Founded in 1990 by an IB teacher, OSC is still run by the founder's daughter, Kim Polgreen, with the same commitment to quality, and to the IB philosophy itself. The OSC team is passionate about promoting international and community-mindedness through education.

## Our Teacher Facts

- › 200 IB teachers
- › 93% are IB examiners
- › 3000 years combined IB teaching experience
- › New teachers go through a stringent recruitment and mentoring process



“I have learned a huge amount in the past two weeks and feel extremely confident going into next year.”

OSC STUDENT, 2017



## Oxford Pre IB Summers

Located in St Antony's College, Oxford

June – August 2018

Beautiful Oxford is famous for its thousand-year-old university. For centuries, future leaders and visionary thinkers have been taught within the scholarly environment its colleges provide.

OSC students reside and study in one of the 38 colleges that comprise the University of Oxford. The enclosed campus provides a tranquil, intellectually stimulating environment in which to live and study.

The activity programme provides ample opportunity to explore the city, as well as take part in 'must-do' student activities such as punting along the River Thames. During the weekends, students participate in excursions to nearby attractions including trips to London, the Harry Potter Studios, and Bicester Village for shopping.

Oxford is only an hour's drive from London Heathrow Airport. The journey is made even easier through our Airport Meet and Greet service.

## Boston Pre IB Summers

Located in Harvard University and MIT, Boston

July 2018

Students have the unique opportunity to explore two of the world's top five universities in one summer.

They reside at Harvard University based in Cambridge, MA, just across the Charles River from Boston. Very much a cool college town, there is plenty to safely explore within easy walking distance of our residence.

Each morning the students are transported, in a yellow bus, to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) for their lessons.

On top of the daily sports and social programme, there are some wonderful day trip opportunities that include: whale watching, the Blue Man Group show, and a shopping trip to a popular outlet centre.

The Harvard residence halls are located a 30-minute drive from Logan International Airport where students usually jump into a waiting taxi.

**Available:** Specialist Pre IB programmes for Science enthusiasts and Humanities devotees.

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DIFFERENT  
NATIONALITIES

## All OSC Summers Include:

- › Teaching from experienced, trained, specialist, IB teachers
- › Small teaching groups (maximum of 12 in subject-specific classes)
- › Written reports for parents
- › On-site experienced IB Director
- › Daily cultural excursions, sports, and social activities
- › Experience of life at a world-renowned university
- › Supervised accommodation with a 24-hour Welfare and Social Activity Team
- › A focus on building students' confidence and encouraging personal development