

WESTONBIRT SUMMER SCHOOL



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WELCOME TO WESTONBIRT SUMMER SCHOOL

We provide high-quality summer courses for international students in English and a variety of relevant and fun academic and co-curricular activities created by the school's enthusiastic and highly experienced staff. Set in one of England's most beautiful stately homes in the glorious Cotswolds, our students have the opportunity to build their language skills and apply them with confidence through conversations with UK host students. Westonbirt School's 90 years of welcoming overseas pupils, together with its ethos of tailoring education to the individual child, ensures that students at every level will be supported to develop and extend their English-language skills. Participants will choose from a range of exciting academy options, including Horse Riding, Polo, Golf, Tennis and Performing Arts. We are confident that your child will have a fantastic summer holiday at Westonbirt

AGES:10-16,

DATES:July 10-August 7 2022

PRICE:£1260 a week (minimum
2 weeks per student)

22 hours a week of classroom
learning

Maximum of 12 students in
English lessons

Integration with UK host
students



HISTORY OF WESTONBIRT

Westonbirt House was built in the late 1800s by Robert Holford, one of the richest men in England, and was the most expensive and luxurious country house created in the whole of the Victorian era.

A school for over 90 years, its stunning architecture and interior design, as well as extensive parkland, make Westonbirt House a dramatic and exciting environment in which to live and learn.

The Cotswolds region of England is considered one of the most beautiful parts of the UK. It is home to several members of the Royal family, with links to horse eventing and polo. With its rolling countryside and quintessentially English

villages, the Cotswolds is a popular holiday destination, and offers a huge variety of outdoor activities, from walking and riding, to sailing and other water sports. Set in a county steeped in history, with castles and palaces dating from Roman times. Westonbirt School is within half an hour of the World Heritage City of Bath, with its Roman Baths and great shopping opportunities, and is just 90 minutes from London.

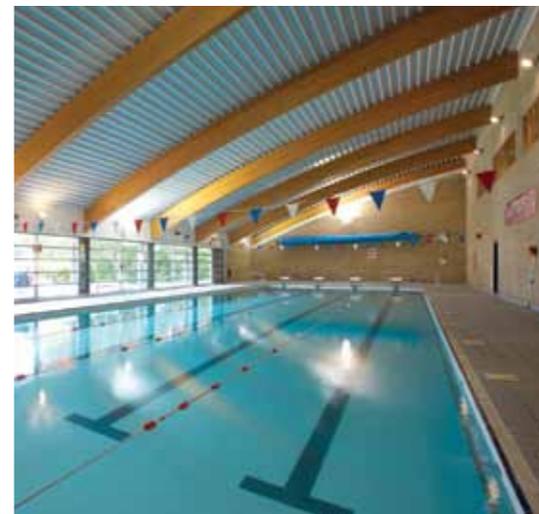




WHY CHOOSE WESTONBIRT SUMMER SCHOOL

Westonbirt is a long-established and well-regarded boarding school, with a reputation built on recognising and bringing out the best in every pupil.

- Inspirational setting in a Victorian stately home in 210 acres of beautiful grounds
- Excellent facilities, including leisure centre with indoor swimming pool and golf course
- Integration with UK host students from Westonbirt and other Wishford schools, who are fully involved in the daytime programme, participating in the Team Project Challenge, Academies and other social activities
- 90 years' experience in educating and supporting international students
- High-quality English learning provision and academic programmes created by Westonbirt School staff
- Exciting range of high-quality coaching academies to choose from
- Comfortable and attractive boarding facilities, with both single and 2-5 person dormitory rooms, and delicious catering with plenty of choice
- Class sizes limited to 12
- 3 excursions a week, including Bath, London, Oxford and Harry Potter Studios
- A great opportunity to experience life in a British boarding school





WEEKLY TIMETABLE

A combination of high-quality, tailored English language classes, interesting real-world projects and academies alongside English students, as well as exciting excursions to key English tourist sights, and fun evening and weekend activities, combine to make Westonbirt Summer School the perfect summer holiday.

LEARNING

Students are placed into English language groups for morning lessons dependent on age and English ability. The ages, number and ability of students change week to week, with flexible groupings to meet their needs. We ensure that all students are happy, challenged and grow in confidence.

THE WEEKLY TIMETABLE ALLOWS FOR:

- 15 hours of core English lessons
- 7 hours of Team Project Challenge alongside their UK host students
- Up to 8 hours of Academy or Multi Activity coaching

EVENINGS

After a busy day of learning and fun, each day has time for relaxation before dinner, when students can enjoy the beautiful grounds, read in their attractive boarding room, or hang out with friends. They will also be able to make contact with family, to tell them about the day's adventures.

After dinner, children take part in social activities, including quizzes, discos, and karaoke or movie nights. As well as lots of fun, this down time is a perfect opportunity for students to continue to use their English in an unpressured environment. Bedtimes are staggered depending on age.

TIMETABLE							
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8.10-8.50		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
8.50-9.50	Mid Morning Brunch	Core English	Core English	Core English	Core English	Core English	FULL-DAY EXCURSION
9.50-10.10		Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	
10.10-11.10		Core English	Core English	Core English	Core English	Core English	
11.10-11.30		Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	
11.30-12.30	ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DAY GARDEN PARTY AND/OR EXCURSIONS TO TETBURY	Core English	Trip orientation	Core English	Core English	Trip orientation	
12.30-13.30		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
13.30-15.30		Team Project Challenge	Team Project Challenge		Team Project Challenge	Team Project Challenge	
15.30-16.00		Tea	Tea		Tea	Tea	
16.00-18.00		Academies/Activities	Academies/Activities	1/2 Day Trip	Academies/Activities	Academies/Activities	
18.00-18.45		House time	House time		House time	House time	
18.45-19.30	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
19.30-21.30	Welcome activities	Evening activities	Evening activities	Evening activities	Evening activities	Evening activities	Evening activities

TRIPS

There are 3 excursions each week. Full-day excursions take place on Saturdays, with half-day trips on Wednesdays and an optional short shopping trip to a local town on Sunday if the children aren't leaving that day.

The timetable is busy, but we are confident that the students will have a great balance of time in the classroom, outside activities and social events, ensuring that they have a fantastic experience during their summer holidays. At all times they will be cared for by experienced and friendly staff.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE TUITION

KEY FACTS

Age: 10-16 years old

Hours per week: 15 hours per week core English lessons

Maximum class size: Maximum of 12 students per class

What you need: We welcome students of all English levels

Course content: General English lessons in the morning plus group conversation and communication practice in the afternoon Team Project Challenge

Course materials: A mix of our General English text books and authentic materials

On arrival: You will be tested to decide the best class level for your needs. We stream English Proficiency in to groups of Beginner, Elementary, Pre-Intermediate and Intermediate groups. Depending on age you will also be allocated to the Juniors or Teens section of the programme.



MONDAY-FRIDAY MORNING CLASSES

90 minutes: Focus on a mix of Reading, Writing and Listening skills

30 minutes: Break

60 minutes: Focus on Fluency. These sessions will develop every student to speak with confidence and ease. All tasks will be given for optimum Speaking and Pronunciation practice.

30 minutes: Vocabulary Clinic. This will link with the functional language needed for the afternoon working as an integrated group on the Team Project Challenge.

COURSE CONTENT

English using set course books and authentic materials.

- Grammar in real-life contexts
- Pronunciation practice
- Written and spoken accuracy
- Skills: reading, writing, listening and speaking

PLUS

2 x 1 hour per week on a research task, learning about up-and-coming cultural visits and developing local and historical knowledge of the UK.

OVERVIEW

- Qualified and experienced teachers who will do their best to help you succeed
- Continuous monitoring by your class tutors to check your progress
- Mid-stay Report
- A balanced programme of communication and comprehension
- Prestigious Westonbirt certificate on completion



TEAM PROJECT CHALLENGE

On 4 afternoons each week, students take part in the Team Project Challenge. These fun and competitively orientated tasks encourage our students to use their growing language skills in group conversation alongside their UK host students. They are carefully designed to develop communication, problem-solving, critical thinking, listening, presentation and leadership skills. Examples of the possible challenges are given below. The challenges for the 10–13-year-olds will be more practical whereas for the 14–16-year-olds the challenges will involve more developed communication skills.

ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

Putting their engineering skills to the test, this challenge could involve constructing a self-powered cart, possibly powered by elastic bands, or similar. Teams will compete to see whose cart can travel the furthest, fastest and complete a task.

ENTREPRENEURIAL CHALLENGE

Students will research, develop and market a brand-new board game, finally pitching their idea to potential investors. They will explore budgets, market research and profit margins.

DESIGN CHALLENGES

Whether designing clothes for a new school or sports team or the advertising for a new business, our students have the opportunity to put their creative skills to practical use.

ECO CHALLENGE

Students explore the unique environment of Westonbirt and the Arboretum, working on environmental projects and could be challenged to assess the ecological impact of our Summer School and work out and present what actions are required to make it more eco-friendly.

POLITICAL/GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Exploring the ever changing world of current affairs in the globalised world and perhaps debating a new fairer political model, based on students' views, for the next 100 years.

KNIGHTLY PURSUITS

Students experience a range of skills required to be a knight, and find out what life would be like in Medieval England. This is a fun course, with numerous practical activities, designed for enjoyment and to provide some unique experiences.



ACADEMIES AND MULTI-ACTIVITY OPTIONS

Westonbirt's outstanding facilities, extensive grounds and specialist teaching staff allow us to offer professional tuition in a wide range of high-quality Academy opportunities on 4 afternoons each week. Students receive up to 8 hours of coaching in their chosen Academies per week and are joined by UK student hosts, who will provide lots of opportunities for chatting and extending English language skills.

Students can choose one Academy each week from those listed below. (Not all Academies are available each week.) Students who do not wish to specialise in 1 specific Academy each week can choose the Multi-Activity option where they will usually do 2 activities each afternoon - where

possible they will be able to choose their favoured activities. Students whose chosen academy does not run each afternoon (e.g. Horse Riding) will participate in the Multi-Activity programme on the other days.



GOLF

Westonbirt's very own 9-hole golf course is ideal for all young beginner or developing golfers.

What is involved: Daily lessons (4 x 2 hours) to master the basics of this popular sport, including developing their swing, using different clubs, driving, putting and getting out of bunkers. At the end of the week, students will be given a handicap and take part in the Westonbirt Summer School Cup.

WEEKS 1-3



HORSE RIDING

The Cotswolds is famous horse-riding country, and home to the internationally-renowned Badminton and Gatcombe Horse Trials.

What is involved: This academy gives students the chance to develop their riding skills for 4 hours per week (2 x 2 hours). Students will take lessons in the riding school, working on walking, trotting and cantering. Depending on ability, there will also be an option for jumping. Students will also enjoy a hack in the beautiful Gloucestershire countryside. All abilities welcome. Additional charge (£100 a week)

WEEKS 1,2,3,4

POLO

Students with good horse riding experience have the unique opportunity to try polo, the exciting and fast-paced sport of kings.

What is involved: Starting on a wooden horse before progressing to ponies, the course will teach techniques including turning, stick control, ball control and goal scoring. At the end of the week, students will try playing chukkas. This academy is available for competent riders only. 4 hours per week. Additional charge (£100 a week)

WEEKS 2,4



TENNIS

Expert coaching for players of all abilities in this hugely popular sport, using Westonbirt's hard courts.

What is involved: Students will learn all aspects of the sport, from understanding the grip, forward and backhand strokes, serving, volleying, and court positioning. At the end of the week, children will take part in the Westonbirt Summer School Open.

WEEKS 1,3,4

COOKERY

Westonbirt school is a provider of highly regarded cookery courses, and our international students have access to our kitchen facilities to enjoy a gastronomic Academy.

What is involved: Students will learn a range of classic cooking techniques, creating a different dish each day, so that by the end of the week, they have the skills to create a three-course meal.

WEEKS 2,4

PERFORMING ARTS

A creative combination of music, drama and dance, leading to a performance at the end of the week, using the school's performing arts facilities and expert tuition.

WEEKS 1,3,4



MULTI-ACTIVITY OPTION

Those students not wishing to specialise can take part in this multi-activity opportunity, where they will have the chance to try a different activity every afternoon. Students will take part in up to 2 activities per day from the list below. Where possible a choice will be given. Options include: Fencing, Basketball, Swimming, Archery, Survival skills, Football, Touch rugby, Badminton, Kwik cricket, Cookery, Art/craft, Water polo, Softball/Rounders, Volleyball.

WEEKS 1,2,3,4

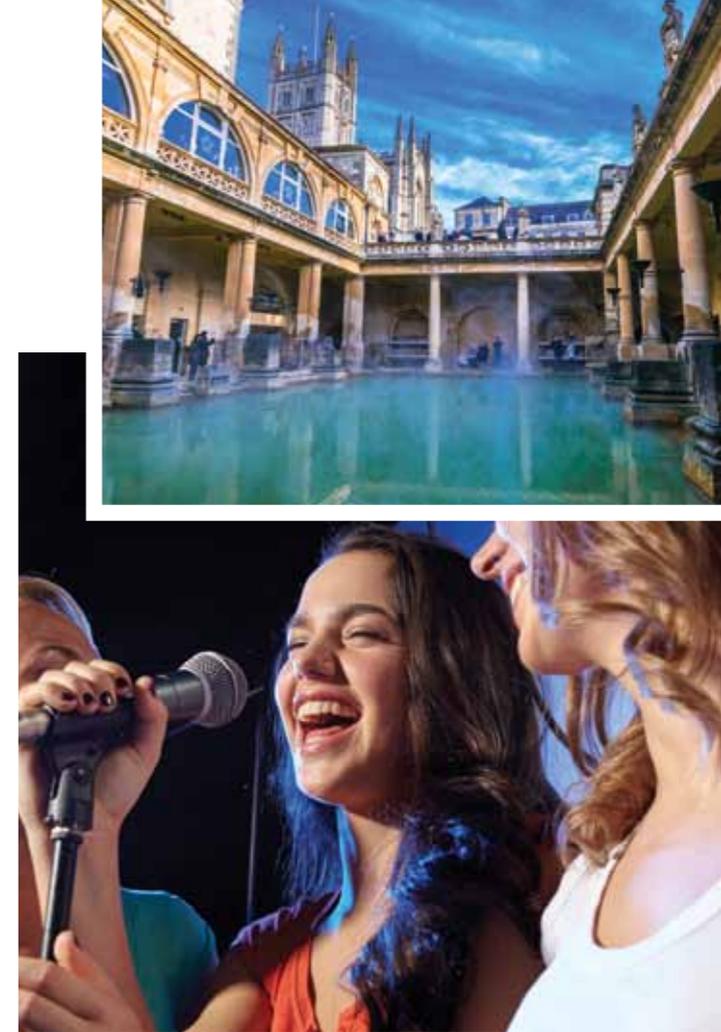




EVENINGS AND WEEKENDS

The Westonbirt evening activity and weekend programme embodies our spirit of fun and is central in helping our students to build friendships. UK host students join international students for a wide variety of activities, including

- Talent Shows
- Discos
- Karaoke Evenings
- Film nights
- Capture the Flag
- Camp fire and marshmallows
- Inflatable obstacle course
- Quiz night
- Mini Olympics



Saturday is when all our students enjoy an exciting full-day excursion to London, Oxford or Harry Potter Studios.

Sundays will either involve students getting ready to return home or spending a relaxing day at Westonbirt. This could involve a traditional English garden party including croquet on the lawn or a shopping trip to the nearby pretty town of Tetbury. The day starts with a late breakfast and staff will organise the students into activities depending on the level of energy and the wishes of the students.





DISCOVERING THE BEST OF ENGLAND:

TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS

With Westonbirt as a base, students are able to access many of England's most popular sights. Within easy distance of the world-famous cities of Bath and Oxford, and just 90 minutes from London, we can offer our students experiences that they will remember all their lives.

LONDON

Dates: week 2 and 4

England's exciting and vibrant capital city offers a thrilling day out for our students. Taking in iconic sights including the Tower of London, Buckingham Palace and the Houses of Parliament, this full-day trip is a highlight of our Summer School.

OXFORD

Dates: week 1

The cosmopolitan and bustling city of Oxford is most famous for its 12th century university, still a world-leading place of learning and research. The beautiful medieval architecture, museums and shopping opportunities make this a popular option for our international students.

TETBURY

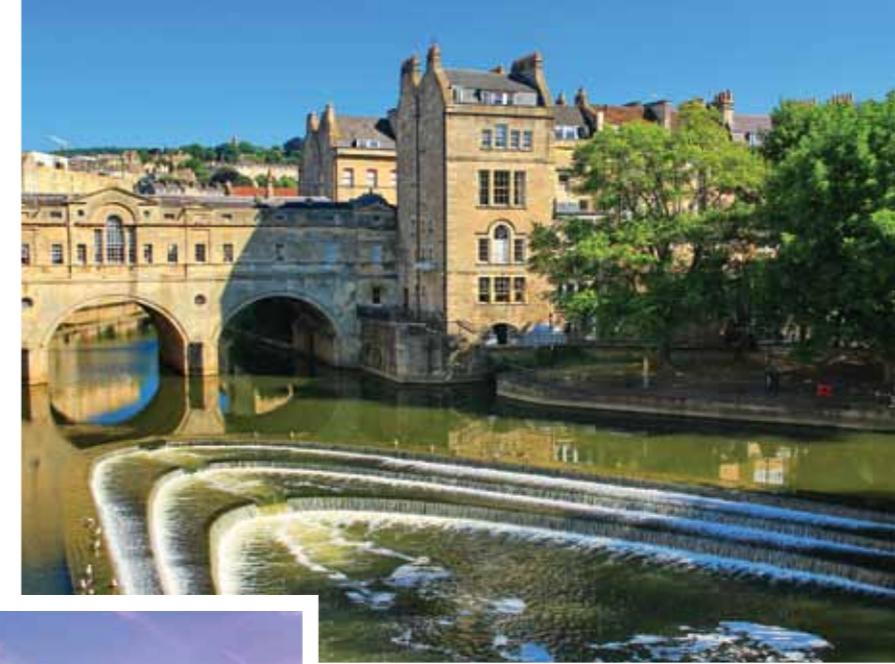
Dates: weeks 1,2,3,4

Just up the road from Westonbirt School is the charming and quintessentially Cotswold town of Tetbury. Famous for its beautiful architecture, quirky shops and delicious places to eat, Tetbury is the perfect place to pick up gifts and souvenirs.

BATH

Dates: week 1 and 3

The beautiful, historic World Heritage City of Bath is a fantastic day out. Famous for its beautifully preserved Roman Baths, stunning Abbey and beautiful Georgian architecture, the city closely associated with author Jane Austen also has wonderful shopping opportunities.



BRISTOL

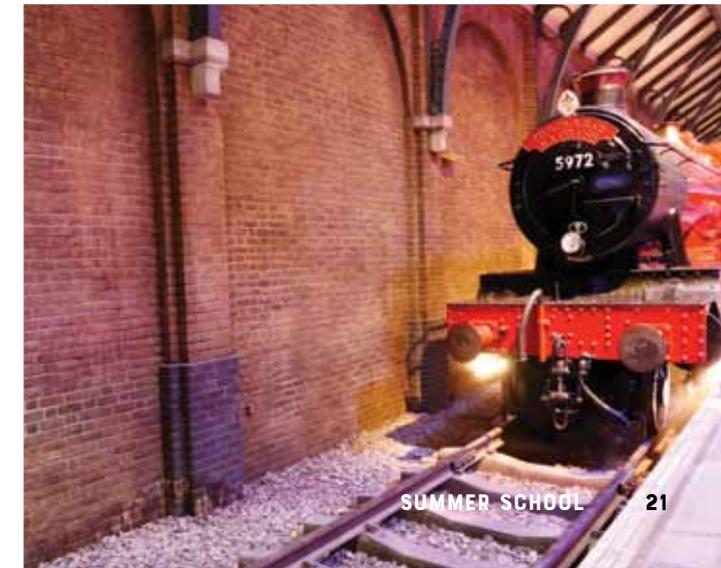
Dates: week 2 and 4

Bristol is an exciting and energetic city, and a historic port. It is famous for its music and theatre scene, suspension bridge, fantastic shops, and fascinating museums.

HARRY POTTER STUDIOS

Dates: week 3

A brilliant opportunity to take a look behind the scenes of the hugely successful Harry Potter film series. The Studios house many of the backdrops and props that helped create the world of JK Rowling's series of books, and visitors find out about the creativity and engineering that went into turning her magical world into screen reality.





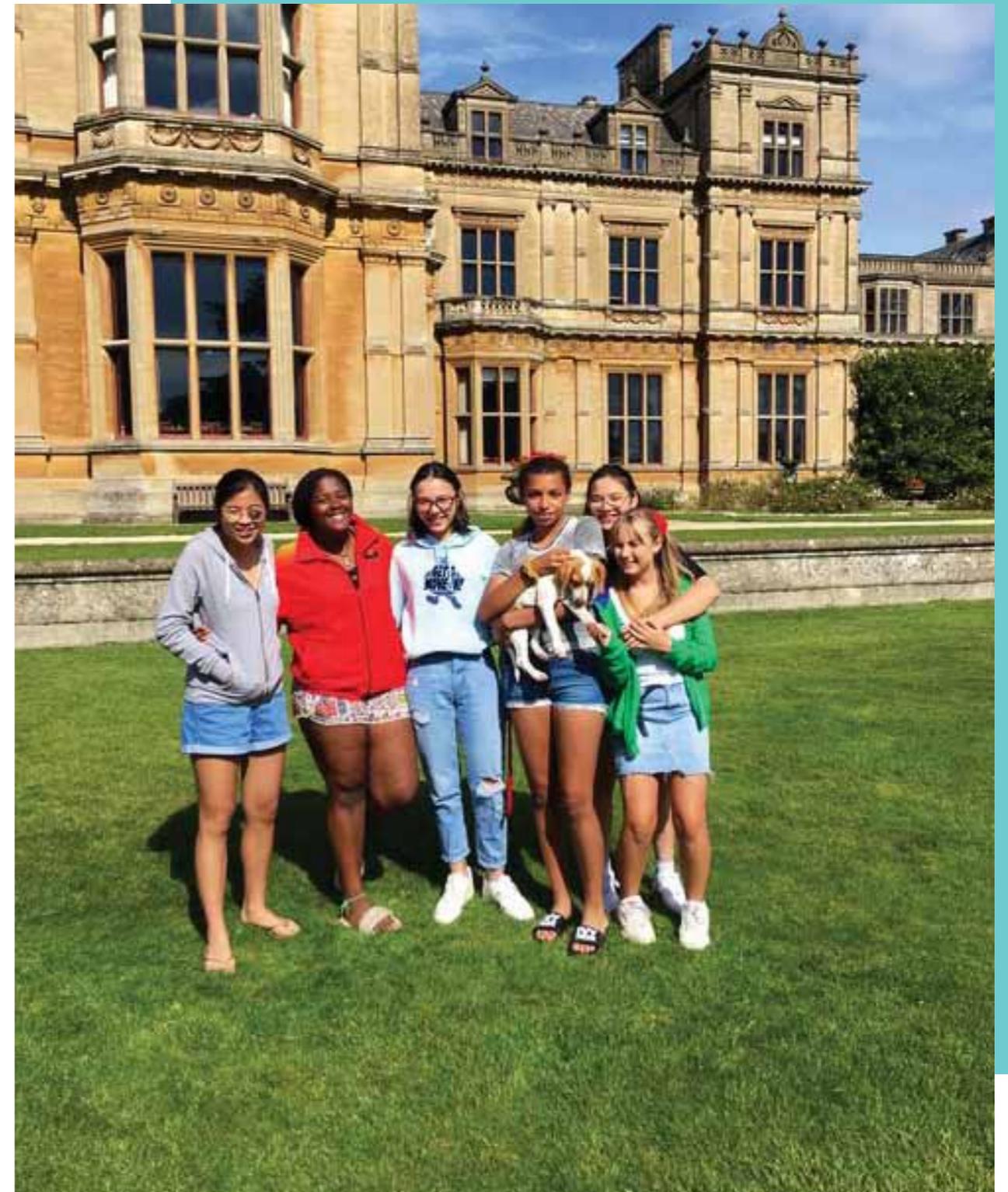
STAYING WITH US

ACCOMMODATION

Westonbirt House is a beautiful place to live. It reminds many of our pupils of Hogwarts, with its extraordinary architecture and amazing interior decoration. Our bright and cosy single rooms and 2-5 bed dorms provide a comfortable and reassuring space for students to relax and sleep.

Rooms are allocated depending on numbers, but in general older students have priority for the single rooms.

Students are fully supported and cared for by experienced and friendly house parents, who make sure that their stay is safe and fun, with medical support available if necessary.



FOOD

Westonbirt School pupils all agree that meals here are absolutely delicious! They are provided by top school caterers Holroyd Howe, who serve up a varied and nutritious range of meals, with enough choice to meet a wide range of dietary requirements. Each day students will enjoy a hearty breakfast, morning snack, lunch, afternoon tea and an evening meal.

Meals are taken in the beautiful and ornate dining rooms at Westonbirt.



SAMPLE MENU							
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
BREAKFAST	Freshly Baked Croissant Porridge, yoghurt & cereal station Toast & spreads Cut & whole fruit	Boiled eggs Baked beans Porridge, yoghurt & cereal station Toast & spreads Cut & whole fruit	Sliced Melon and Strawberries Porridge, yoghurt & cereal station Toast & spreads Cut & whole fruit	Pain au chocolate Porridge, yoghurt & cereal station Toast & spreads Cut & whole fruit	Pancakes with Yoghurt / Honey Porridge, yoghurt & cereal station Toast & spreads Cut & whole fruit	Scrambled Eggs Porridge, yoghurt & cereal station Toast & spreads Cut & whole fruit	Sunday Brunch Pork Sausages Back Bacon Fried Eggs Baked Beans Potato waffles Mushrooms Grilled Tomatoes
Soup	Soup of the Day	Soup of the Day	Soup of the Day	Soup of the Day	Soup of the Day	Soup of the Day	
LUNCH	Sweet and Sour Chicken	Swedish Meatballs in rich tomato sauce with pasta	Roast Pork with Apple Sauce	Mild Butter Chicken Masala Chickpea & Spinach Curry	'Fry' Day Battered fish of the day with tartare sauce	Pasta (3 Variety of Sauces)	
Vegetarian	Sweet and Sour Vegetables	Vegetable Meatballs	Vegetable Wellington	Jacket/ Sweet Potato	Cheese and onion pasty	Cheesy Garlic Bread	
Pasta Bar & Jacket potato	Jacket/ Sweet Potato Baked Beans Pasta & Sauce of the Day	Jacket/ Sweet Potato Baked Beans Pasta & Sauce of the Day	Jacket/ Sweet Potato Baked Beans Pasta & Sauce of the Day	Baked Beans Pasta & Sauce of the Day	Jacket/ Sweet Potato Baked Beans Pasta & Sauce of the Day		
Side	Prawn Crackers Noodles Green Beans White cabbage & Carrot	Garlic Bread Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Roast Potato Roast Carrots Savoy Cabbage & greens	Rice Mini Poppadum Naan Bread Shards Roasted Turmeric Cauliflower	Chips Garden Peas Baked Beans	Steamed Vegetables	
Dessert	Pear fudge brownie with Vanilla cream	Marmalade Sponge with Orange Juice	Lemon curd meringue pots	Apple flapjack	Fresh Cut Fruit with Toppings	Vanilla sponge fingers	
AM & PM Snack	Cheese Bagels Flapjack	Sausage Roll Choc Chip Cookies	Croissant Jam Doughnuts	Cheese Pinwheels Rice Crispy Cake	Pizza Slices Fork Biscuits	Selection of Fresh Fruits	Selection of Fresh Fruits
SUPPER	Chargrilled lamb kebab skewers, Mint yoghurt	Creamy Salmon, Prawn, Asparagus Pasta	Lamb & Mint Burger	Jerk Pork Roasted Crispy Kale Macho Peas	Panini Bar BBQ Chicken	Chicken pizza Quesadillas	Traditional Roast Roast Beef Yorkshire Pudding Roast Potatoes Broccoli Carrots Gravy
Vegetarian	Halloumi and vegetable kebab	Vegetarian Creamy Pasta with Asparagus, Rocket and Parmesan	Spicy bean burger	Avocado and poached egg open burger	Tuna and Cheese melt Brie & Cranberry	Mexican bean pizza Quesadillas	
Side	Cheesy Deli Fries Spring Vegetables	Marinated Olives and Parmesan Shavings Tomato and Mozzarella Salad	Mint Mayonnaise Sweet Potato Fries Shredded Iceberg lettuce Sliced tomato	Paprika Wedges Steamed Corn Cobs	Curly Fries Italian Salad	Cajun Sweet Potato Wedges	
Dessert	A range of chilled desserts, tray bakes, jellies, yoghurts and fresh fruits	A range of chilled desserts, tray bakes, jellies, yoghurts and fresh fruits	A range of chilled desserts, tray bakes, jellies, yoghurts and fresh fruits	A range of chilled desserts, tray bakes, jellies, yoghurts and fresh fruits	A range of chilled desserts, tray bakes, jellies, yoghurts and fresh fruits	A range of chilled desserts, tray bakes, jellies, yoghurts and fresh fruits	A range of chilled desserts, tray bakes, jellies, yoghurts and fresh fruits



KEY INFORMATION

DATES:

- Week 1 10-17 July
- Week 2 17-24 July
- Week 3 24-31 July
- Week 4 31 July-7 August

AGES:

10-16 years

COST:

Westonbirt Summer School costs £1260 per week – minimum of two weeks.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE PRICE:

- Transfers from the airport between 09.00-18.00
- Up to 22 hours of classroom lessons
- All Academies and activities (except Horse Riding and Polo)
- 3 meals a day and snacks
- 3 excursions a week
- Laundry twice a week
- Accommodation in comfortable single rooms or dormitories

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Flights
- Holiday Insurance
- Pocket money
- Horse Riding and Polo Academies (£100 extra per week for each)

TRAVEL

Escorted transfers from London Gatwick, Heathrow, and Bristol airports between 09:00 and 18:00 on Sundays are included in the price of the course. We can provide price quotations for other destinations upon request. Where parents are accompanying their children, we can organise personal tours of the school.

ARRIVALS

Students will be met at their preferred airport. A member of the Westonbirt Summer School staff will be there, easily recognisable, ready to give students a warm welcome, and accompany them safely back to Westonbirt House in one of our smart branded buses.

DEPARTURES

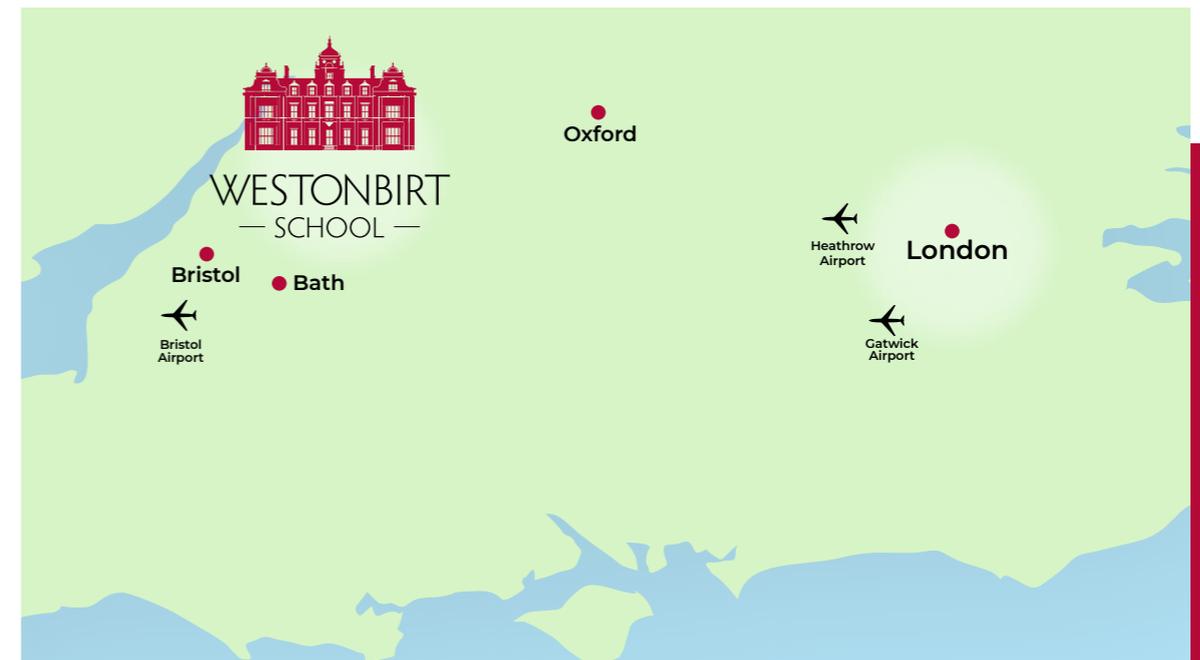
Students will be accompanied to the airport. One of our team will stay with them while they check in and accompany them safely to the security gate. If your child is travelling under an Accompanied Minors scheme, we are happy to assist with this.

HOW TO BOOK

A deposit of £500 per student secures a place at the Westonbirt Summer School. The balance is due 6 weeks before the student arrives. Bookings can be made on the website by filling out our online form. We will then be in touch to confirm your booking, and arrange for payment of the deposit.

If you require any further information, we would be delighted to help.

Please email summerschool@westonbirtschool.uk or telephone +44 1666 881340



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 50 minutes by car from Bristol International Airport
 1 hour by direct local rail links to London



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