



# COBIS International Summer School

**UNIVERSITY PREPARATION,  
STUDY AND SOCIAL PROGRAMME  
FOR STUDENTS AGED 15 - 17**



**SUMMER BOARDING  
COURSES**

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# Q Course Overview

COBIS has partnered with Summer Boarding Courses to offer a high quality summer school experience which will bring together students from around the world. Through the structure of the Academic Programme, the university campus setting and the Social Programme designed for teenagers aged 15 - 17, the course is designed to develop a student's confidence, communication skills and ready them for their future studies.



## The College

COBIS International Summer School is located at Clare College, one of the private colleges that makes up the University of Cambridge. Clare College is just a few minutes' walk from the centre of Cambridge, which provides a perfect environment for international students to spend their summer. COBIS students will be able to experience one of England's great university cities, be inspired by its stunning architecture and rich history and enjoy discovering what the city of Cambridge has to offer, whilst in the care of our dedicated staff and management team.

COBIS International Summer School is operated by Summer Boarding Courses, which contracts with Clare College for the use of the facilities, but which has no formal connection with The University of Cambridge.



# Academic Programme

Our engaging Academic Programme will develop a wide range of academic skills that will prepare students for their future studies at university: lecture skills (active listening and note-taking), developing effective communication techniques and presentation skills, the ability to think critically and form critical responses to a variety of issues and debates; as well as improving research and teamwork skills. Alongside this, students will broaden their subject knowledge in the areas of business and global citizenship.

**19 hours of classroom tuition each week.**

## Morning: Practical Academic Skills

In the morning, students will develop practical skills in independent learning, and take part in a series of lectures, workshops and debates in which they will broaden and utilise their critical thinking skills. These practical academic skills will greatly improve the students' readiness for real academic life in a university context.

Students will also explore the practical side of setting up a business, and will learn about topics such as marketing, leadership and finance, carrying out a real world business project at the end of their two week stay.

## Afternoon: Practical Academic Knowledge

In the afternoon, the course will provide students with expert advice on how best to tackle the admissions process for the UK's top universities, including Oxbridge and the Russell Group. Students will take part in a series of lectures, workshops and individual tutorials. Each week, Guest Lecturers will be invited to deliver a talk or workshop to students to enhance their existing studies and broaden their understanding of university applications in the UK. Guest Lecturers will include education consultants from Oxbridge Applications, the market leader in supporting students with admissions to Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

## Academic Excursions

In addition, students will also benefit from an academic excursion in their second week. During their academic excursion, students will attend a workshop in London that is closely linked to the Academic Programme, allowing them to actively apply their skills in a fun and dynamic way. Students will then have dinner at a London restaurant, before finishing the day off with a trip to the West End to see one of London's top-selling shows.



# Social Programme

## Afternoons

Students will have two afternoons per week enjoying all that Cambridge has to offer as part of the Social Programme. This includes trips to the museums or the historic Cambridge University colleges, sports games in the beautiful St. John's College grounds and free time with their friends shopping in the city, which is only a 5 minute walk from the college.

## Evenings

Students will have social evenings on-site at the college, where they can socialise in a relaxed and engaging atmosphere during activities such as Talent Night, House Evening and Film-making Night.

COBIS students will also benefit from Cambridge evenings to enjoy more of what Cambridge has to offer, such as trips to the cinema or bowling, dinner in a Cambridge restaurant followed by punting along the River Cam or a trip to one of the beautiful university college gardens, to see an outdoor Shakespeare performance.

At the end of their stay, students will attend a Formal Dinner and Leavers' Ceremony, located in the picturesque grounds of the college.



# Excursion Programme

## Warwick

After enjoying a performance at the Cambridge Shakespeare Festival, students can take a trip to one of England's most beautiful castles, full of medieval history, myth and adventure. Afterwards, explore the picturesque streets of Stratford-Upon-Avon, the birthplace of William Shakespeare.

## Thorpe Park

With over thirty extreme rides and attractions, including one of the world's most terrifying roller coasters, enjoy an exhilarating day out at one of the nation's most popular theme parks!

## London

Students will see famous tourist attractions such as Big Ben, Trafalgar Square and the Tate Modern during a walking tour of the city. Throughout the tour students will have periods of free time for shopping or visiting attractions. The day will be complete with a meal together at a London restaurant before the perfect ending to the day - seeing the London skyline at dusk from the very impressive Shard.





# Our Team

The welfare of students is our main priority at all times and COBIS International Summer School offers a safe and secure environment that is staffed by our friendly and experienced team, 24 hours a day. Our dedicated Managers, Teachers and College Mentors specialise in the pastoral care of older teenagers and we pride ourselves on the level of care we offer.

Summer Boarding Courses is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We have a comprehensive Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and procedures in place which all employees, volunteers and contractors are expected to adhere to.

## Management

Our Management team is headed by the College Principal, who takes responsibility for the daily running of the college. We also have our own Director of Studies who supervises the Academic Programme and our Social & Welfare Manager who takes charge of the excursions and the Social Programme. Working together, all of our Managers ensure that every aspect of the college runs smoothly, safely and offers every student the chance to participate fully in the programme.



## College Mentors

Our College Mentors are key members of COBIS International Summer School staff. Their main duty is to support and assist our students within the boarding houses, as well as throughout the Social Programme. The team of College Mentors work with our Social & Welfare Manager to organise the college's social events and excursions, accompany students into Cambridge and lead them during excursions. They are approachable, friendly and caring and ensure that all students get involved in life at COBIS International Summer School, while encouraging them to practice their English as much as possible outside of the classroom.

## Teachers

All classes are taught by our professional teaching team, who are all qualified to British Council standards and are passionate about the subjects they teach. Teachers also assist with the social events and excursions, as well as ensuring the general welfare of the students throughout their stay.



# Travel Information

Students' travel to and from England must be booked and paid for independently.

Once your booking with us has been confirmed, we will ask you to provide us with students' travel information as early as possible. This is very important so that we can arrange airport transfers, if required.

## Airport Transfer Service

We offer an Airport Transfer Service between COBIS International Summer School and Heathrow Airport on the published arrival and departure dates. Transfers from Heathrow between the published times are included in the course price. We recommend that students arrive at Heathrow Airport between 9.00am and 5.00pm on the arrival days and depart after 10.30am on the departure days. We can arrange a Taxi Transfer Service to students arriving at other airports or stations at an additional cost. On arrival at the airport all students are met by a member of staff, who will be wearing a bright yellow SBC t-shirt.

Please note that students who are not using our Airport Transfer Service must be accompanied to the college by a parent or guardian on their arrival day and collected by a named person on their departure day.

## Parent Transfer

Parents or guardians who would like to accompany students to the college are asked to arrive between 11.00am and 2.00pm. On departure days parents are asked to collect students between 09.00am and 11.00am.



# Prices & Dates

Please find below course arrival and departure dates for COBIS International Summer School 2016:

**Dates:** Monday 8th August to Monday 22nd August 2016 (2 weeks)

**Course Price:** £3000

## Booking and Payment

We recommend booking early to avoid disappointment, as there are a limited number of places at COBIS international Summer School and most places may be taken by April. COBIS international Summer School is operated by Summer Boarding Courses Ltd who will handle all payments and enquiries. See booking form for details of how to pay.

## Location

Cambridge College Summer School  
Clare College  
Trinity Lane  
Cambridge, CB2 1TL  
United Kingdom

## Contact

To make an enquiry or reserve a place on the COBIS International Summer School, please send us an email: [cobis@summerboardingcourses.co.uk](mailto:cobis@summerboardingcourses.co.uk) or call us on: +44 (0)1943 878518.

## About COBIS

The Council of British International Schools (COBIS) serves British International Schools, representing over 250 member organisations worldwide.

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## About Summer Boarding Courses

Summer Boarding Courses operates high quality residential English summer courses for international students at some of the UK's most prestigious boarding schools and universities.

The courses provide a truly international learning environment in fantastic locations, with English language and activity programmes that ensure students return home after an experience they will never forget.

Summer Boarding Courses uniquely combine the history and tradition of our partner boarding schools and universities, with over 20 years of summer school management experience from the Directors of Summer Boarding Courses.

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