Claremont Summer School

HANDBOOK
11 July - 22 August 2020

A UNIQUE LEARNING EXPERIENCE IN THE HEART OF THE ENGLISH COUNTRYSIDE
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## PAYMENT AND REGISTRATION

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AIMS AND MISSION

The aim of the Summer School is to provide a rich cultural, educational and social learning experience for all students.

We hope that everyone attending our courses will return home having experienced some outstanding English teaching; travelled to some exciting places in the UK; made friends with people from all around the world and, above all, returned home knowing more about themselves, having explored and developed their interests and skills, grown in confidence and had a lot of fun!

Programme Dates

COURSE 1: 11 July - 25 July
COURSE 2: 25 July - 8 August
COURSE 3: 8 August - 22 August

The Programme at a Glance

- Three, two-week residential programmes
- 30 hours of English Language Tuition - (Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced)
- 16 hours of specialist pathway classes every afternoon (STEM, Performing Arts, Sport)
- Daily evening activities programme
- Accommodation located in the heart of the historic market town of Battle, with close amenities, shops and a mainline railway station to London which is only 75 minutes away
- Typical bedrooms consist of two/three students per room
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner provided, seven days a week
- One full day trip to London with tours and site visits
- Three half day trips within local area (Brighton/Eastbourne/Hastings)
- Airport Transfers (arrivals and departures)
- Suitable for ages 11-17
- Class sizes up to 14
English Language Classes
Every weekday morning students will attend English lessons. The English language programme is our core component. We cater for all ability levels and help students become proficient in English, by stretching and challenging them and immersing them in an English speaking environment for two weeks. The programme is designed to accelerate skills through inspiring tuition, challenging teaching, interactive syllabus, classroom activities and project work. Classes will focus on core English skills - grammar, vocabulary, speaking, reading, writing and listening, in order to develop a command of English language in various subjects.

Each week, students will work on a relevant global issue that will be based around group work with a presentation at the end of the week. We aim to create a nurturing yet challenging atmosphere to help students experience amazing learning and develop the communication skills necessary to function efficiently and effectively, in both social and academic settings.

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES & SPECIALIST TUITION
Every weekday afternoon, students will participate in on-site activities. These activities will fall into three categories: Performing Arts, STEM and Sport. On the Registration Form there is an opportunity to let us know which one of the specialisms you would like your child to participate in.

Performing Arts
The Performing Arts specialism will give passionate young performers the opportunity to gain a real insight into performance practice, by attending specialist classes such as drama, movement, improvisation and ensemble. Classes will take place in the afternoons, four times a week and are designed to increase students’ knowledge, skills and techniques.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths)
Claremont School has four fully-equipped experimental laboratories, which will form an integral part of the STEM specialism. These afternoon activities will be based around fun science experiments and scientific exploration. This will give young aspiring scientists the opportunity to satisfy their curiosity and immerse themselves in applied science classes and lab work. Classes will take place in the afternoons, four times a week and are designed to increase students’ knowledge, skills and techniques.
Sport
The Sport specialism will give enthusiastic young players the opportunity to take part in various sporting activities. Claremont School provides exceptional facilities with access to well-maintained playing fields, pitches, a multi-purpose sports hall, swimming pools and a professional gym. Students will enjoy sporting activities such as football, swimming, tennis, volleyball, basketball, horse riding and badminton.

Evening Activities
The evening entertainment programme provides an opportunity for recreation and fun and is designed to immerse students in the English language and culture, in a stimulating and innovative way.

Activities are designed to cater for everyone and range from sporting activities to creative pursuits and include: movie nights, arts and craft, team building activities, talent shows, quiz nights, karaoke, various fun challenges, skill workshops and much more.

We encourage the socialising process through our welcome disco on the first day. In that way, students can start meeting their new friends. At the end of the Summer School, we hold a graduation ceremony, followed by a farewell party, where students have the chance to enjoy the last moments with the people they met during the summer.

Trips
All our trips are selected with the current students in mind, to make sure they get the most out of every trip.

Each of the two-week courses includes a day trip to London. During the trip students will not only see the famous and iconic London sights, but they will also visit places and have experiences, tailored to their chosen specialism.

Those who opt for Performing Arts will visit world-renowned attractions such as Shakespeare’s Globe/British Museum/Tate Modern/National Gallery and experience an evening performance of a West End musical.

STEM specialists will have a tour of London’s architectural and engineering highlights and will also visit the amazing Natural History and Science Museums.

For those specialising in Sport, part of the day will be spent visiting the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park that was home to the London Olympic Games and will incorporate a tour of a Premier League Stadium.

Sundays and Wednesdays are for fun, recreational, off-campus activities. We will make visits to towns such as Brighton and Eastbourne, with activities such as: a day at the beach with picnic and games, shopping, cinema, 10 pin bowling and visits to cultural attractions.
## A Typical Two-Week Programme

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**Afternoon activities** will be based on each student's chosen specialism:
PA - Performing Arts, S - Sport, STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths.
Claremont School is set over two magnificent sites in East Sussex, a beautiful area of the South of England, 50 miles south of London and next to the seaside town of Hastings. The School is a member of The International Schools Partnership (ISP) and is their flagship school in the UK. Claremont has two well-equipped boarding houses and a superb range of on-site facilities at the School, which will support the Claremont Summer School programmes.

**FACILITIES**

Those facilities include:

- State of the art classrooms (including new science laboratories, IT facilities and Art Department)
- New performing arts dance studio
- Two indoor sports halls (including badminton; table tennis; 5 aside football; basketball)
- 130 acres of playing fields and forest
- Two swimming pools (indoor and outside)
- Two all weather sports pitches
- Two specialist boarding houses
Transport

The School is not far from all London airports, which means travel arrangements can easily be arranged and all airport transfers will be coordinated by the School. Claremont has its own fleet of mini-buses and will cover transport arrangements for all aspects of the programme. This is included in the cost of the courses.

Travel Arrangements

Flights: need to be arranged by families themselves. Once flights have been booked we ask that you inform the Summer School office summerschool@claremontschool.co.uk with details about flight numbers, flight times, airport and terminal.

Train: Battle Station is on the main line from London and is situated a five minute walk from the boarding house. The journey time from central London is 75 mins.

Car: Some families will prefer to drop their child directly at the School. The address for arrivals and departures is: Pyke House, Upper Lake, Battle, East Sussex, TN33 0AN.

Arrivals and Departures happen on a Saturday, see below:

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Airport Transfers

All airport transfers for the dates above are included in the cost of the course and coordinated by the Summer School Team. A team of staff will be present to meet students at the airport and ensure that departures run smoothly. We will require all your flight details well in advance of the course, to ensure this is coordinated as smoothly as possible.

Chaperones

Different airlines have different policies regarding the chaperoning of young travellers. Some set the age limit at 14, others 13. The Summer School team at the airport will work directly with airlines, to ensure that this runs smoothly. Airlines will only hand over children to pre-authorised members of the Claremont team.

Travel insurance and visas need to be arranged by families.

Claremont is a UK day/boarding school and we have two fantastic boarding houses. For the Summer School we will be using Pyke House, which is situated in the small historic market town of Battle. Pyke House is situated 10 minutes from the main school campus. The house is beautifully furnished with twin, triple and four person bedrooms, many of which have en-suite bathroom facilities. The house has commercial kitchens where breakfast and evening meals will be prepared, as well as great social areas and gardens. Pyke House is situated a two minute walk from Battle Station, which is on the main line to London.

A team of residential staff will be in place to look after your child. The team will be based in the boarding house and will look after all aspects of residential care, student accommodation, health care and house-keeping.

Standards for residential care and accommodation in the UK are amongst the highest in the world. Claremont adheres to the highest standards of pastoral care and our policies and procedures, throughout our boarding houses, have recently been graded as ‘outstanding’ by government inspection teams.

Health and Medical Care

A fully qualified nurse will be on-hand throughout the duration of the course. Parents are required to fill in the Medical Form when registering their child for the course. Our medical staff are qualified to dispense medicine and parents must be careful to let us know about any medicine that needs to be dispensed to their child. All medicines must be handed over, upon arrival at Claremont.

All the members of the Claremont Summer School Team will be First Aid trained, prior to the start of the courses.

A member of our medical team will be in touch with the families of all students that require medication, ahead of the course starting.

In case of emergencies families will be contacted immediately. All campuses at the School are within a 15 minute drive of The Conquest Hospital, Hastings.

Claremont School medical policies and procedures will be adhered to at all times.

Safeguarding

All staff working at Claremont undergo DBS checks and will have been fully trained and inducted in the policies and procedures relevant to the Summer School operation.

All staff will receive safeguarding training prior to the start of the Summer School programme.
Contact with Home

Students will be allowed mobile phones, but they will not be allowed to use them during lesson times, or organised afternoon activities.

There are plenty of landline phones both on the School Campus and in the Pyke House, for students to use at anytime.

Parents may also contact their child at anytime, via the Summer School Office:
summerschool@claremontschool.co.uk
+44 (0)1580 830396

Pyke House and the School Campus have excellent wifi connectivity throughout.

Pocket Money

Students will need some pocket money. There will be a full day excursion to London, as well as three half day trips, during each course, to places such as Brighton, Canterbury etc. Pyke House is situated in the small town of Battle, so, for the older students, some limited access to the shops will be available each day. We ask that all pocket money is handed in to the residential team on arrival. The team will then distribute as required.

Food and Catering

All food and catering will be provided by Claremont School’s catering team. They are fantastic! Please indicate on the registration form if your child has any particular dietary requirements and we will be happy to ensure that these are met.

Length of Stay

The majority of students will sign up for one of the two-week courses, however they are very welcome to stay for more than one course.

Students may also come for one, three or five weeks. However for those students travelling outside of the start and end dates of the two-week courses there will be additional costs involved. Should you want to discuss this as an option, please email summerschool@claremontschool.co.uk or call +44 (0)1580 830396.