

SEVENOAKS SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAMMES





WELCOME

Sevenoaks School Summer Programmes are transformational.

You will have the opportunity to meet students from all corners of the globe who have come together to take part in exclusive summer programmes which have been planned, organised and delivered by teachers from Sevenoaks School.



Here at Sevenoaks, academic excellence is achieved by bright, motivated students, inspired by expert and dedicated teachers. State-of-the-art facilities, together with high level instruction, provide a wealth of opportunities for students to learn, as well as to participate in a wide variety of sporting and creative activities.

Each year, we welcome students from over 40 different countries but the most amazing thing is the incredible strength of the bond that the students form in their two-week stays with us. It truly is inspiring.

As a former Sevenoaks student, I know that every student here is encouraged to be ambitious, inquisitive and internationally minded. All the staff cultivate in our students the habit of reflecting on their learning and on the way they interact with others. Students leave Sevenoaks with a heightened capacity for independent thought and intellectual risk-taking, equipped with the skills and personal qualities necessary for a happy and successful life.

I very much look forward to welcoming you to Sevenoaks to experience this wonderful school for yourself

Ed Gibson, Director of Summer Programmes





SEVENOAKS SCHOOL

Founded in 1432, Sevenoaks enjoys a global reputation as a centre of academic excellence and a flagship school for the International Baccalaureate. A co-educational day and boarding school, it offers a stimulating, intellectually demanding and balanced education for pupils from the age of 11 to 18.

Inspiring facilities, together with expert, enthusiastic and imaginative teaching, provide rich opportunities for students participating in lessons and a wide variety of sports and the performing and visual arts.

The school's international student body and outlook promote the principles of tolerance and open-mindedness. About 390 pupils board in the seven boarding houses, and students originate from over 50 countries worldwide.

Sevenoaks is one of the world's most successful IB schools, and is the top-performing fully co-educational IB school in the UK. In 2018 Sevenoaks was, for the second time in ten years, named The Sunday Times Independent Secondary School of the Year.

In 2022, 227 students took the IB Diploma, one of the largest among global IB schools. The average Diploma score for 2022 was 40.3 points, eight points above the world average. Fourteen students achieved the maximum 45 points, with 25 securing 44 points and another 29 securing 43 points. Sixty-four per cent of the cohort achieved 40 points or more.



BOARDING




Sevenoaks School Summer Programmes aim to furnish its students with a structured, relaxed, consistent and friendly home in which to develop into young adults, full of self-esteem, with a developed sense of responsibility. It is our belief that young people thrive on high expectations and plenty of justified praise. Our many boarding staff are genuinely conscientious, committed, caring and approachable.

Each house has a Housemaster or Housemistress and two Houseparents. In each house, there are always two members of the boarding team on duty, 24 hours per day. Their role is a wide one, although a key part is to look after the health and welfare needs of the students. If a student is unwell, they will make sure that they are looked after in the house, and that medical attention is sought when necessary. All of the house staff live in the boarding houses for the duration of the summer, so they can be contacted at any time by students, whether it's at lunch for a quick chat or at 3am if a student feels unwell or unhappy.

For students who are interested in potentially studying at Sevenoaks or another top UK boarding school in the future, this is the ideal way to get a taste for it before applying.

Sevenoaks School has eight boarding houses in total, all with first-class facilities and different characteristics. Boys and girls are separated into different houses, with older students placed in single and double bedrooms while younger students live in larger dormitories.





ACADEMIC

Sevenoaks School is one of the world's leading academic institutions and Sevenoaks School Summer Programmes offer a selection of challenging academic courses, aimed at bright, ambitious students aged 11-17.


Our flagship course is The Summer Programme, a two-week academic enrichment programme teaching four modules: Critical Thinking, Social Leadership, Creativity and Digital Skills. Each module is a ten-hour course and the variety on offer is designed to develop soft skills and produce broad students, who are capable in a variety of fields, while giving a taste of what academic life is like at Sevenoaks School.

We also offer a first-class English Language Course, designed by Sevenoaks School's own specialist language teachers. These courses are aimed at students looking to improve their general English skills and those who want to focus on academic English, to help prepare for exams or further study. The courses are bespoke and will ensure students leave us with an enhanced level of confidence and aptitude in using English, both formally and informally.

The Summer Programme classes are separated by age, while the English Language Course classes are divided by English level. For both courses, parents receive a detailed report from their child's teachers at the end of their stay at the school.



THE SUMMER PROGRAMME



The Summer Programme is an academic enrichment course for bright, ambitious students aged 11-17 with a strong level of English. The academic side of the course involves four modules: Critical Thinking, Social Leadership, Creativity and Digital Skills. Each module is a 10-hour course and the variety on offer gives students a taste of what academic life is like at Sevenoaks School. Classes are separated by age and parents receive a detailed report from their child's teachers at the end of their stay at the school.

CRITICAL THINKING

It has never been more important for students to possess the critical skills they need to tell good arguments from bad, to learn how to discriminate between information and propaganda and to be able to balance different perspectives with their own views.

This module is designed to teach students about a range of real world political and cultural issues, and to develop the skills of critical interrogation. Topics covered include, but are not limited to, bias, fallacies and 'Fake News', while each two-day course ends with a fiery debate.

SOCIAL LEADERSHIP

This module enables students to appreciate the role of social leaders in creating social change.

On the first day of the course, we aim to deepen students' understanding of the world around them through the close examination of different social problems and reflecting upon their impact on particular communities. We examine different paths towards effective social change, assessing and advancing students' own entrepreneurial skills in the process. On the second day, students have the

opportunity to work on a practical challenge in which they apply their leadership abilities to a current social issue which they care deeply about, creating innovative solutions. Students leave empowered with the leadership tools and mindset to enable them to make a positive impact on the lives of others, and create the world they wish to see.

CREATIVITY

Too easily, young students can become so immersed in their critical reactions to, and appreciation of creative works that their own creativity can become stifled. Keeping a young person's passion for creation and self-expression burning is a key responsibility of a progressive education and is one that we at Sevenoaks School take extremely seriously. This module encourages students to think about what is meant by 'creativity' and delves into its various forms including creative writing, drama, theatrical technology and film. It is a crucial message to learn that a creative approach across the board will be perhaps the most important characteristic to set the next generation of graduates apart from their peers.

DIGITAL SKILLS

The ongoing digital revolution has brought us deep and powerful tools and resources to push human knowledge and understanding further forwards. The digital revolution has also brought challenging and disruptive elements which threaten to distract and subvert our assumptions about education and society. Soft skills such as team-work, problem-solving and patience are cultured in this challenging module which utilises the world-class technology that we have access to at Sevenoaks School.

This module involves coding, design and robotics while equipping students with the skills they need to develop as independent learners in an ever-changing world.





ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSE

English language courses at Sevenoaks School are carefully designed by Sevenoaks School teachers to ensure students leave with an enhanced level of spoken and academic English, while learning in a dynamic and collaborative way.

GENERAL ENGLISH

The General English course is designed to improve students' skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening, deepen their understanding of grammar in order to improve accuracy in speaking and writing, and develop their confidence and knowledge of English vocabulary, in order to use it in genuine circumstances.

ACADEMIC ENGLISH

Academic English is aimed at those students with specific academic goals. Whether it is entry to a UK boarding school, formal English exams or preparation for the workplace, this module helps students achieve those goals, through carefully structured lessons working on formal use of the English language.

In both General English and Academic English, British pupils from Sevenoaks School come in each day and spend afternoons with the international students, working collaboratively on projects, and allowing the international students to put their learnings into practice, in real-life situations.



CO—CURRICULAR

AFTERNOONS AND EVENINGS

Sevenoaks School prides itself not only on being a centre for academic excellence, but also for its rich and varied educational atmosphere. Our aim is that students should become well-rounded individuals, and the key to this is participation in co-curricular activities. There are a large number of interesting, useful and challenging activities happening in the afternoons and evenings as part of Sevenoaks School Summer Programmes. All activities are planned and delivered by trained staff and coaches. Students choose one activity per week and they take part in a total of 12 hours of activities during the two-week session.

Afternoon activities

WEEK 1	WEEK 2
Athletics	Art
Badminton	Basketball
Baking	Board Games
Explore Sevenoaks	Cooking
Football	Dance
Golf	Fitness
Photography & Videography	Introduction to British Sports
Swimming	Survival Skills
Volleyball	Tennis

Evenings

After a busy day of lessons and co-curricular pursuits, the evenings are a chance for students to get to know one other in more informal circumstances. Our team of dynamic and enthusiastic Activity Leaders organise a variety of evening activities, ranging from Mindfulness to Karaoke, Futsal to a late-night shopping trip to Bluewater. The course ends with the eagerly anticipated Leavers' Ball.



EXCURSIONS

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We make the most of our enviable location by going on three excursions in each session. Whether it is an action-packed day at Thorpe Park, the UK's premier theme park, a visit to a world-famous London attraction or a day in one of the world's leading university cities, the excursions are a chance for students to take in some of the UK's top attractions while continuing to bond with their friends.

SUNDAYS

Sundays start with a late wake-up, something very popular after such an action-packed week. This is followed by brunch and an afternoon to explore Sevenoaks and beyond. It is important that students recharge their batteries in preparation for the coming week as well as have time to reflect on what they have learned and achieved so far. On Sundays, there are a number of optional activities organised by boarding house staff and discreet supervision for those who do leave the school campus.

TIMETABLE

DAY	07:45–08:30	08:30–12:00	12:00–13:00	13:00–15:15	15:30–17:00	17:45–18:30	18:30–20:15	20:15–21:45	21:45–22:30	
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Thursday	Breakfast	Lessons	Lunch	Lessons	Co-curricular	Dinner	Free Time	Options Night	Quiet Time	
Friday	Breakfast	Lessons	Lunch	Lessons	Co-curricular	Dinner	Free Time	Disco	Quiet Time	
Saturday	Breakfast	FULL DAY EXCURSION						Takeaway Dinner	Free Evening	Quiet Time
Sunday	Quiet Morning and Brunch			Free Afternoon		Dinner	Free Time	Free Evening	Quiet Time	
Monday	Breakfast	Lessons	Lunch	Lessons	Co-curricular	Bluewater Shopping			Quiet Time	
Tuesday	Breakfast	Lessons	Lunch	Lessons	Co-curricular	Dinner	Old Sennockian speakers / Casino Night		Quiet Time	
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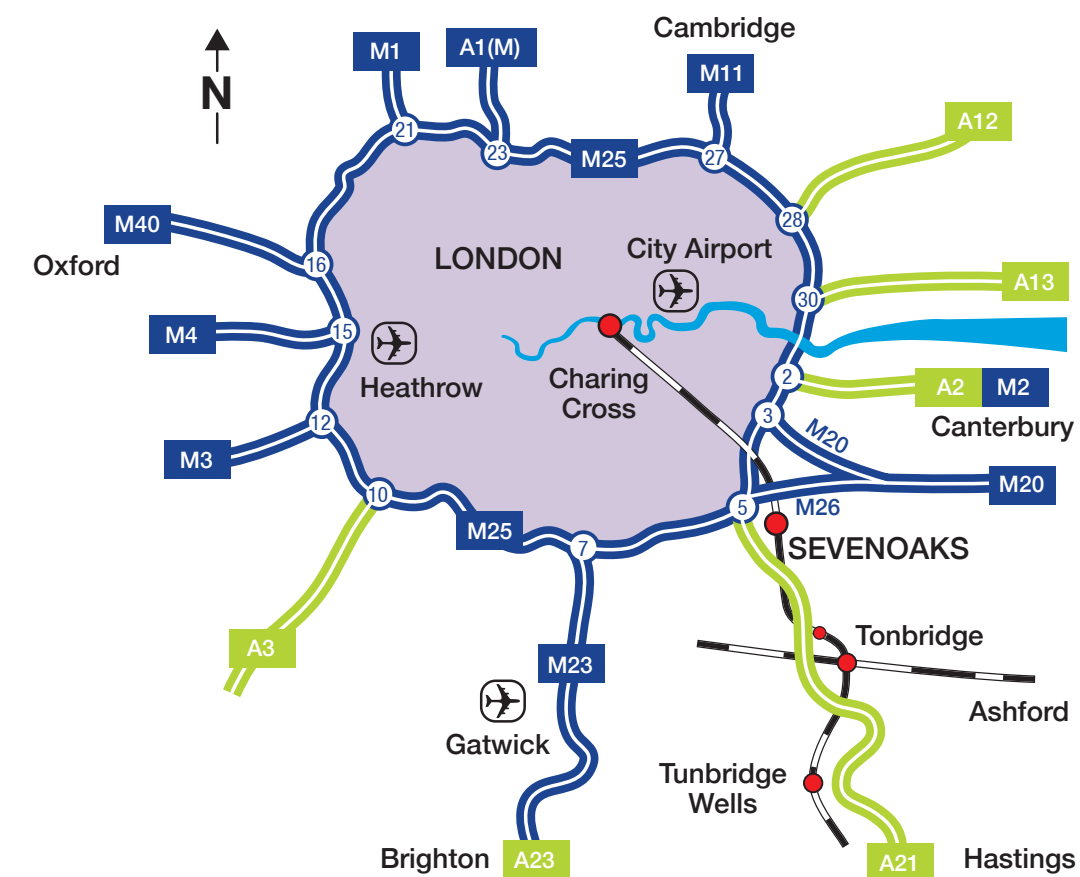
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LOCATION



The school is situated in the Kent town of Sevenoaks, and has an excellent and most admirable location at the top of the High Street. The 40-hectare site, which includes a number of listed buildings, is beautifully landscaped and adjoins the medieval deer park of Knole. Sevenoaks School is just 30 minutes away from Central London and Gatwick Airport, and one hour's drive from Heathrow Airport and City Airport.

Airport transfers between Heathrow Airport, Gatwick Airport, St Pancras International Station and the school are included in the fees.





STAFF

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Sevenoaks School Summer Programmes are written, designed and taught by Sevenoaks School teachers. All academic staff at Sevenoaks have excellent professional experience of teaching international students to a very high level, as attested by the school's spectacular IB results. This experience, allied with unparalleled passion and knowledge, means we are extremely proud of all the staff involved in Sevenoaks School Summer Programmes.



SEVENOAKS SCHOOL PUPILS

A number of Sevenoaks School day pupils play a full part in the academic and co-curricular aspect of life on the Sevenoaks School Summer Programmes. Living and learning alongside these Sevenoaks pupils adds real meaning to the experience for our Summer Programmes students and long-lasting friendships are formed all the time.

For students interested in studying at Sevenoaks or in the UK in general, it is invaluable to be able to learn first-hand from the opinions and experience of Sevenoaks pupils.



TESTIMONIALS



"HOW WOULD I DESCRIBE SEVENOAKS SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAMMES? LIFE CHANGING."
Audrey, 14, Indonesia



"IT WAS A PLEASURE LEARNING FROM SO MANY DEDICATED AND SPECTACULAR PEOPLE."
Arish, 16, Bangladesh



"I WOULD SELL MY SOUL TO REPEAT THIS EXPERIENCE"
Lizzy, 12, Germany

"WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEART FOR TAKING LOVING CARE OF OUR DAUGHTER THROUGHOUT HER STAY, RIGHT FROM THE TIME SHE LANDED IN THE UK."
Parent, India



"I AM NOW MORE INDEPENDENT BECAUSE OF THE SUMMER PROGRAMME"
Carolina, 14, Philippines



"I WOULD DESCRIBE THIS PROGRAMME AS ACADEMICALLY RIGOROUS BUT INSANELY FUN"
Brycent, 14, USA



"EVERY CLASS WAS ENGAGING. OFTEN, PEOPLE WOULD STAY IN THE CLASS DURING BREAKS BECAUSE THE TEACHING WAS SO INSPIRING"
Sofia, 15, Spain

"OUR DAUGHTER HAS FALLEN IN LOVE WITH SEVENOAKS SCHOOL"
Parent, Russia



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