

Bath (Downside)

Our Bath Residential Summer Centre is based at Downside School. This classic “Harry Potter” style English boarding school is one of the oldest and most prestigious private schools in the country. Downside occupies a beautiful 500-acre estate at the foot of the Mendip Hills and offers excellent facilities. The centre is ideally situated just 25 minutes south of the city of Bath in Somerset and two and a half hours from London.

Courses offered

Summer Course

This course is specially designed for juniors and teenagers and offers a perfect balance of lessons, sports, activities and excursions.

Tennis: Summer Course + 6 hours of professional tennis coaching (coaching will take place on site)

Horse riding: Summer Course + 6 hours of horse riding at approved local riding stables

Harry Potter: Summer Course + 6 hours of magic, wizardry and Potter related fun.



Key information

Course length: 2 - 4 weeks

Start dates: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 July; 5, 12 August

The standard arrival/departure day is Wednesday.

1 week bookings are accepted for 29 July; 5, 12

August only

**29 July - 12 August: Harry Potter only*

Course ends: 19 August

Lessons: 15 hours of English lessons per week

Minimum age - maximum age: 8 - 12, 13 - 17

(There are separate classes and activities for the two age groups)

Maximum class size: 16

Minimum entry level: Beginner

Included in the price of all courses

Full-board residential accommodation

Full-day excursions every Monday and Wednesday

At least one half-day excursion per week

At least one excursion entrance fee per week

Placement test

Internet access

End-of-course certificate

24-hour supervision

Weekly laundry service

School bank service

Included in the price of Summer Course + Tennis and + Horse riding

15 hours of English lessons per week

6 hours of professional tuition/coaching in tennis or horse riding

Day-time sports and activities programme

Full programme of evening activities

Included in the price of Summer Course + Harry Potter

15 hours of English lessons per week

6 hours of Harry Potter related activities

Visit to the WB Studios in London and more dedicated attractions in Oxford

Centre facilities

100 acres of sports fields for football, rugby, cricket and other games

Volleyball, basketball and tennis courts

Large sports hall

Indoor heated swimming pool (25 metre)

Art room and 600-seat theatre

Student café

Large, historic dining room

Internet access with wifi in most areas

Accommodation

On-campus residential accommodation

Mainly single with some twin rooms with modern communal bathrooms and a number of dormitories for 4 - 8 students. Mix of traditional accommodation embedded in the stunning main quad in addition to separate and self-contained boarding houses.

The student:bathroom ratio is approximately 6:1 in each boarding house; boys and girls are housed in different accommodation areas / boarding houses and each area is supervised by

Kings residential staff. Please note a deposit of £50 per student is required on arrival, in case of damages. Towels are not included.

Meal plan

Breakfast, lunch and dinner every day.

Lunch and dinner are usually hot (with packed lunches on excursion days) and there is usually a choice of at least two main courses. We can cater for vegetarian and other dietary requirements on request.



Airports and distances

Bristol	18 Miles / 29 KM
Heathrow	103 Miles / 165 Km
Gatwick	129 Miles / 207 Km
Stansted	164 Miles / 264 Km

Provisional Excursions 2020

Week 1

Bath River Cruise	Half-day
Bristol walking tour and shopping	Half-day
Portsmouth and HMS Victory	Full-day

Week 2

Oxford including walking tour and shopping	Full-day
Bath walking tour and shopping	Half-day
Cheddar Gorge Caves	Half-day
London with Covent Garden and Westminster walking tour	Full-day
2-day London Stay	Optional 2-day

Week 3

Cardiff including walking tour and shopping	Full-day
Bath with Roman Baths	Half-day
Bristol walking tour and shopping	Half-day
Crealy Adventure Park	Full-day

All excursions include a tour segment and some allocated shopping time. Excursion entrances are included where shown on the timetable above. All excursions are led by Kings members of staff. Alternative excursions and entrances may be available upon request – contact Kings Summer for details.

Week 4

Bournemouth including beach and shopping	Full-day
Bath walking tour and shopping	Half-day
Wookey Hole Caves	Half-day
London with Kensington Area Museum and Hyde Park	Full-day
2-day London Stay	Optional 2-day

Week 5

Longleat Safari Park	Full-day
Bath with Roman Baths	Half-day
Bristol with 'We The Curious'	Half-day
Portsmouth and HMS Victory	Full-day

Week 6

Oxford including walking tour and shopping	Full-day
Bath walking tour and shopping	Half-day
Salisbury walking tour and shopping	Extended Half-day
London with Covent Garden and Westminster walking tour	Full-day
2-day London Stay	Optional 2-day

Week 7

Cardiff including walking tour and shopping	Full-day
Bath River Cruise	Half-day
Bristol Zoo	Half-day
Crealy Adventure Park	Full-day

Sample timetables

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
Morning	Arrivals/Departures or Oxford Tour and Shopping	Book-based lesson	Book-based lesson	Book-based lesson	Football, tennis*, horse riding*, Harry Potter*	Portsmouth with HMS Victory or WB Studios Tour*	Arts and crafts, hockey, tennis*	
		Project-based lesson	Project-based lesson	Project-based lesson	Basketball, dance, horse riding*		Cookery, ultimate frisbee, tennis*	
		Lunch						Lunch
Afternoon		Cookery, swimming, horse riding*, Harry Potter*, Tennis*	Bath and Roman Baths	Bristol walking tour and shopping	Book-based lesson		Book-based lesson	
	Digital photography, rounders, horse riding*, Harry Potter*, Tennis*				Excursion-based lesson		Group project lesson and certificate presentation	
		Dinner						
Evening	Games night	Fancy dress night	Quiz night	Catapult scavenger hunt	Movie night, Harry Potter*	Disco	Talent show	

*These activities are only available to Summer Course + students and must be pre-booked for a supplement