

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



Key information

Course length: 1 – 4 weeks

Start dates: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 July; 7, 14 August

The standard arrival/departure day is Wednesday.

1 week bookings are accepted for 31 July; 7, 14

August only

Course ends: 21 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: 15

Minimum entry level: Beginner

Intensive Academic

This course provides students with the opportunity to study a range of academic subjects and gain valuable experience of life in a top UK boarding school. Subjects include Maths, Science, History and Geography. It consists of 15 hours general English and 12 hours of academic subjects.



Key information

Course length: 2 - 7 weeks

Start dates: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 July; 7, 14 August.

The standard arrival/departure day is Wednesday.

Course ends: 21 August

Lessons: 15 hours of English lessons per week,

12 hours of academic lessons per week

Minimum age - maximum age: 13 - 17

Maximum class size: 12

Minimum entry level: Intermediate

Included in the price of all courses

Full-board residential accommodation

Full-day excursions every Monday and Wednesday

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

1 additional half-day excursion every two weeks

Included in the price of Intensive Academic

27 hours per week of lessons in English and academic subjects

6 evening activities per week and 1 Study Club evening

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	45 minutes
Heathrow	2 hours
Gatwick	2½ hours
Stansted	3¼ hours

Travel times stated are average times based on a transfer by taxi.

Provisional Excursions 2019	
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
Bristol Zoo	Half-day
London with National Gallery 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
Salisbury and Stonehenge	Full-day

Week 4	
Bournemouth including beach and shopping	Full-day
Bath walking tour and shopping*	Half-day
Wookey Hole Caves	Half-day
London with Natural History Museum and Harrods	Full-day
2-day London Stay	Optional 2-day
Week 5	
Oxford including walking tour and shopping	Full-day
Bath with Roman Baths*	Half-day
Bristol with 'We The Curious'	Half-day
Portsmouth and HMS Victory	Full-day
Week 6	
Longleat Safari Park	Full-day
Bristol walking tour and shopping	Half-day
Bath walking tour and shopping*	Half-day
London with National Gallery and Westminster walking tour	Full-day
2-day London Stay	Optional 2-day
Week 7	
Cardiff Bay	Full-day
Bath River Cruise*	Half-day
Cheddar Gorge and Caves	Half-day
Salisbury and Stonehenge	Full-day

*These activities are only available to Summer Course and Summer Course Plus students

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.

Sample timetables

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Morning	● ● Oxford Tour and Shopping	● ● Book-based lesson	● ● Book-based lesson	● ● Book-based lesson	● ● Football, tennis*, horse riding*, Academic lessons	● ● Portsmouth with HMS Victory	● ● Arts and crafts, hockey, tennis* ● ● Academic lessons
		● ● Project-based lesson	● ● Project-based lesson	● ● Project-based lesson	● ● Basketball, dance, horse riding* ● ● Academic lessons		● ● Cookery, ultimate frisbee, tennis* ● ● Academic lessons
		Lunch					
Afternoon	● ● Cookery, swimming, horse riding* ● ● Academic lessons	● ● Arts and crafts, basketball, tennis* ● ● Academic lessons	● ● Football, zumba, tennis* ● ● Academic lessons	● ● Bath and Roman Baths	● ● Book-based lesson		● ● Book-based lesson
	● ● Digital photography, rounders, horse riding* ● ● Academic lessons				● ● Excursion-based lesson		● ● Group project lesson and certificate presentation
							Dinner
Evening	● ● Games night	● ● Fancy dress night	● ● Quiz night	● ● Catapult scavenger hunt	● ● Movie night ● ● Study club	● ● Disco	● ● Talent show

○ Summer Course ● Intensive Academic *These activities are only available to Summer Course students and must be pre-booked for a supplement