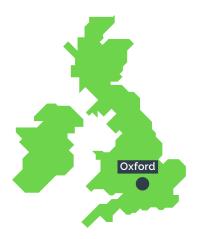




## **Explore Oxford**

With its historic buildings and beautiful parks, Oxford is one of England's most attractive cities. Its world-famous university puts students at the centre of Oxford life, which makes it a fantastic place to live and learn as an international student.



### **Key facts:**

Location: Central England, one hour from London by train

**Population: 155,000** 

Nearest airports: Heathrow Airport, Birmingham Airport, Luton

Airport

Nearest cities: London, Birmingham

Journey time to London: 1 hour

### Oxford highlights



Visit some of the university's world-famous colleges. The most famous is Christ Church, whose Great Hall inspired Hogwarts Hall in the Harry Potter films!



Have a go at the traditional Oxford activity of 'punting' on the River Cherwell. The perfect way to get to know the city from a new perspective.



Oxford is home to many stunning green spaces, from the sprawling 'University Parks' in the city centre, to secret gardens and courtyards across the city



Founded in 1683, the Ashmolean Museum is one of Britain's most important museums of art and archaeology.



Enjoy a visit to the UK's oldest botanic gardens. Take a stroll through 130 acres of woodland, or marvel at over 6,000 species of plant

### Food and drink

Oxford has hundreds of **cafes, restaurants, bars and pubs**, with options available to suit all budgets and tastes.

**Food from Asia, China, India, Italy, France, England** and many more countries is all widely available, and there are lots of international supermarkets located across the city if you'd prefer to prepare food at home.

For a modern twist on traditional British food, check out one of **Oxford's trendy gastropubs**.

For information about eating and drinking in Oxford, have a look at these websites:

- lonelyplanet.com/england/oxfordshire/oxford
- oxfordcity.co.uk/explore-oxford/food-and-drink
- bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/best-places-eat-oxford
- theculturetrip.com/england/oxford/food-and-drinks/



### Entertainment, arts and culture

There are many opportunities to enjoy arts, culture and entertainment in and around Oxford.

Visit <u>Modern Art Oxford</u> to see cutting-edge exhibitions featuring international contemporary artists. The gallery also organises live music events, discussions and film screenings.

The **New Theatre Oxford** hosts some of the biggest shows and well-known names, whilst alternative venues such as <u>The Old Fire Station</u> and <u>The North Wall</u> host more unusual performances.

**Local celebrations** — if you are in Oxford on the first of May, join in with the famous <u>May Morning</u> celebrations. In July, celebrate cultural diversity at the colourful <u>Cowley Road Carnival</u>.

Watch a film in one of **Oxford's cinemas**, with options including big multiplexes and small independent picture houses. The boutique **Curzon Cinema** is one of the city's most popular.



### Sports and leisure

**Local fitness centres** — there are plenty of leisure centres located around Oxford, with facilities such as gyms, swimming pools, squash courts, and more. Full details can be found at the <a href="Oxford City Council website">Oxford City Council website</a>.

Oxford University Sport also has a host of great sports facilities for public use, which are accessible from both Kings' campuses.

**Sports clubs** — Oxford has a huge number of sports clubs that you can join — a great way to make friends and practice your English. Options include martial arts, rowing, team sports or a range of others.

For information about sports and leisure options near to Kings London, have a look at these websites:

- Oxford United (football)
- Oxford Saints (American football)
- Oxford City Guide (American football)



### Day trips and excursions

**London** — trains into central London run 7 days a week from Oxford's main station, providing unlimited access to the UK's buzzing capital city

<u>Bicester Village</u> — a trip to Bicester Village for some shopping provides an alternative to Oxford's cultural highlights. It is home to over 160 designer outlet shops.

Blenheim Palace — this impressive British stately home and UNESCO World Heritage Site is set in beautiful grounds and parkland, and is easily accessible from Oxford.



### **Budget for your stay in Oxford**

You will need to pay for some of the activities and excursions described here. To find out more go to <u>our website</u> or follow this **QR code** 



# Explore Kings Oxford

Kings Oxford St. Michaels is where most of our English courses are taught. It is situated in a bright and colourful building in the city centre. There is also an annexe building with five extra classrooms around the corner on Alfred Street, and an art studio in King Edward Street, also located within 5 minutes' walk.

Our Super Intensive IELTS course is taught at the St. Josephs campus, in the student-friendly area of Cowley.

### Facilities at St. Michaels

10 light and spacious classrooms

Interactive white boards in all classrooms

Computer Learning Centre equipped with iPads

Stylish student lounge area

"Hot spot" computer access

Free wireless internet

### **Facilities at the Alfred Street annexe**

7 large, bright classrooms

Double size lecture room

Interactive whiteboards in every classroom

Student lounge area

Free wireless internet

### Facilities at St. Josephs

Large, well-equipped classrooms

2 Computer Learning Centres

Self-access Study Centre

Library

Science labs

Large cafeteria

Patio area for outside dining

Free wireless internet

Restaurants and shops within short walking distance

### **Facilities at the Art Department**

Four fully-equipped art studio spaces

Photography studio with backdrops and camera equipment

Printing press and screen printing facilities

Sewing machines and fashion mannequins

Computers with Adobe Creative Suite

Student lounge area

Free wireless internet



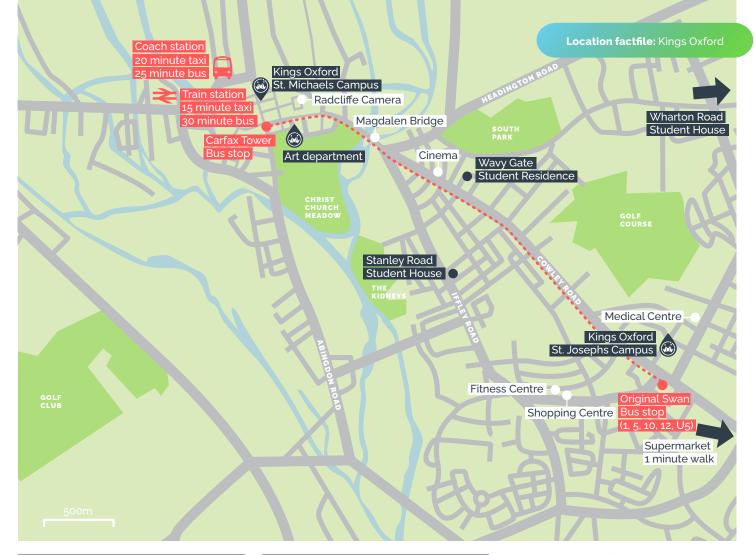












### College address and contact number

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### **School location**

Kings Oxford St. Michaels, where most of the English language courses are taught, is located in the heart of the bustling city centre, along with the Alred Street Annexe and the Kings Oxford Art Department

Cafes, restaurants, shops, parks, bars and other local amenities are right on your doorstep

The St Josephs campus, where the Super Intensive IELTS course is taught, is located in the relaxed, student-friendly area of Cowley, around 20 minutes by bus from the city centre

### **Courses offered**

**General English** 

**Intensive English** 

**Intensive English 25+** 

**IELTS Preparation** 

**Intensive IELTS Preparation** 

Super Intensive IELTS Preparation

Cambridge Exam Preparation (FCE)

**Cambridge Exam Preparation (CAE)** 

### Key dates

Kings Oxford is open all year except for the following public holiday dates:

### Public Holidays 2023

Monday 2 January

Friday 7 April

Monday 10th April

Monday 1 May

Monday 8 May

Monday 29 May

Monday 28 August

### Christmas holiday dates 2023 - 24

25 December 2023 - 7 January 2024 (school reopens 8 January 2024)



### Virtual tour and video

View Kings Oxford virtual tour here

or follow this QR code



### Kings Oxford on social media

**Kings Oxford on Facebook** 

Kings Oxford on Instagram

**Kings Oxford on Twitter** 









### Who you'll meet

# Marc Burgess Director of Studies, EFL

"My role is both to support students during their time at Kings Oxford and to support teachers to fulfil their role as well as possible. I very much enjoy working in a thriving international educational environment and the variety my position offers."



"I talk to students if they have any questions or problems. With longer term students, I help them plan their long term objectives, such as taking an exam. I may also be your teacher! During the summer I help out at the Summer School at our St Joseph's campus."

### **Accommodation options**



### **Student Houses**

Kings Oxford students can stay in our two student houses located in safe, friendly neighbourhoods, a short bus ride or walk from the school (up to 30 minutes)

This option is offered for students aged 18+ on a self-catering basis, with a fullyequipped shared kitchen and communal areas for relaxing

The rooms are single, with en suite bathrooms.

- Stanley Road Student House
- Wharton Road Student House



### **Wavy Gate Summer Residence**

<u>Wavy Gate Residence</u> features single en suite bedrooms for students aged 16+

It is available during the Summer and is offered on a self-catering basis

The residence is a 15-minute walk from St. Josephs and 25-minute walk to St. Michaels campus and the city centre

### **Homestay**

Homestay is a great way to experience day-to-day home life in the UK and practice your English

Every homestay is carefully inspected by our accommodation team and checked on a regular basis

Homestay accommodation offers single rooms with shared bathrooms

Half-board meals (breakfast and dinner 7 days per week) are included in the price

Download our Oxford accommodation factsheets and photo galleries on our website

Visit **kings-english.com/oxford** or follow this QR code





# School life and community

Take advantage of the wealth of extra-curricular opportunities available at Kings Oxford. These enrichment options are fantastic for both personal and professional development allow you to put your new language skills into practice outside class.

### Social programme

Our exciting and varied social programmes offer the opportunity to get involved in just about any activity you wish!

From sports to cultural activities, visits to museums, art galleries, concerts, or even trips to another city or country, your free time will always be full of fun, friendship, and adventure.

### **Career guidance opportunities**

All English language students also have the option to get involved in a range of career guidance opportunities.

This additional support is designed specifically for students who are preparing for their next steps in life, whether that be university progression, preparing to start a new job, or even entering the world of work for the first time.

Example options include — workshops or lectures; one-to-one university counselling; Special Interest Group (SIG) options

Sample activities calendar

### **Clubs and societies**

There is a wide range of clubs and societies available for all students to join. This is a great opportunity to make friends who have shared interests and develop your language skills within specific contexts or fields. Popular examples in Oxford include:

Guitar Club

**Engineering Club** 

Student Council

Basketball

Book Club

Kings Enterprise

Running Club

### Additional weekly lectures

We have a range of additional weekly afternoon lectures and workshops that are open to all students.

These lectures will be on a wide range of topics, from pronunciation and grammar, to exam preparation and local culture and customs

### Popular activities include:

Museum visits

Bowling

Pub tours

Punting

Football

Ice skating

Weekend full-day trips to other parts of the UK

# Fundraising, community engagement and volunteering

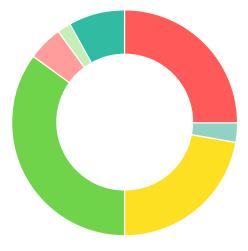
Kings is proud to support our official charity partner **United World Schools**.

Our students get involved in all kinds of exciting fundraising activities and events throughout the year.

There are also opportunities to get involved in volunteering outside of Kings in the local community, which can teach you a wide range of skills, as well as being hugely rewarding

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### **Nationality statistics**



- Western Europe 25%
- Eastern Europe 3%
- Middle East 22%
- Asia 35%
- China/Hong Kong/Macau 5%
- Former Soviet Union 2%
- Americas 8%

Nationality Statistics 2019