

Downe House
Summer School

AN ADVENTURE FOR GIRLS

YOUR SUMMER OF

Discovery

new experiences • new friendships • new confidence

A WELCOME FROM

Our Headmistress



At Downe House, we believe that every girl has the potential to achieve great things. Our Summer School provides an inspiring and supportive environment where your daughter can build confidence, discover new strengths and develop a greater sense of independence.

Our Summer School offers the opportunity to learn at a top British school for girls. Your daughter will benefit from outstanding facilities, exceptional teaching and a welcoming community that encourages her to explore new interests and embrace challenges. She will return home with valuable skills, new friendships and memories which will last long after the summer ends.

Mrs Emma McKendrick
Headmistress

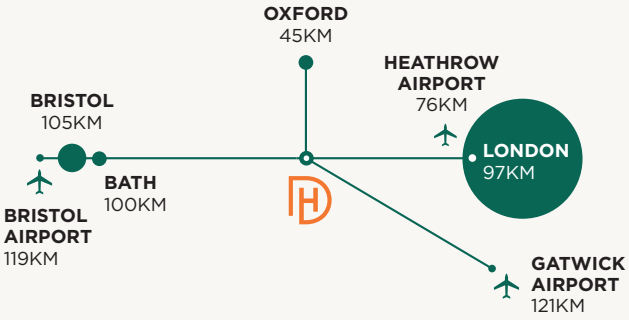
EXPERIENCE LIFE AT A TOP BRITISH BOARDING SCHOOL



DISCOVER...

Our School

- **Established in 1907,** Downe House combines a rich history with a forward-looking vision.
- Renowned for delivering a **world-class education** that inspires girls to aim high and achieve their ambitions.
- **Outstanding academic results** and an impressive record of students progressing to leading universities worldwide.
- A **globally minded community** that encourages confidence, leadership and curiosity.
- A place where girls have **no ceiling to their aspirations** and are empowered to succeed in whatever they choose to pursue.













OUR CAMPUS

Set within 110 acres of beautiful countryside, Downe House enjoys a peaceful and picturesque setting in the heart of the Royal County of Berkshire, conveniently located within reach of London, Oxford and Bath.

Our extensive campus combines historic architecture with outstanding modern facilities, creating an inspiring environment for learning, sport and the arts.

At the heart of our Summer School is the impressive Murray Centre, a modern hub featuring a contemporary auditorium, extensive library and flexible learning spaces.

STUDENTS CAN ENJOY ACCESS TO AN EXCEPTIONAL RANGE OF FACILITIES;

- Comfortable boarding accommodation
- Library
- Creative studios
- Tennis courts
- 25-metre indoor swimming pool
- Woodland walk
- Extensive playing fields
- Large sports hall

DISCOVER...

Our World of Learning

Learning is at the heart of our Summer School programme. Morning lessons are delivered by our experienced Downe House teachers through interactive workshops, collaborative projects, team activities and hands-on experiments, all designed to engage, challenge and inspire.

Academic
Programme with a Global Focus

Ability focussed
English Language
Lessons

Inspiring and
Experienced
Downe House teachers

Bespoke courses
designed to encourage curiosity



ENGLISH

English Language lessons are carefully structured according to age and ability, ensuring every student is appropriately supported and challenged.

Our inspiring programme, led by the Downe House Director of Studies, also includes STEM, Global Solutions, and English Literature, where students explore poetry and Shakespeare through innovative and engaging teaching approaches.









ENRICHMENT

Alongside our core academic programme, girls can choose optional enrichment workshops in Debating, Leadership and History.

These fun and interactive sessions allow our students to try something new, develop their skills and expand their knowledge. Everyone is encouraged to share ideas, ask questions and work together - building confidence, sparking curiosity and developing leadership skills.

DISCOVER...

Our Action-Packed Activity Programme

Summer should be fun, which is why we carefully balance our morning academic programme with a wide range of exciting activities for girls to relax, socialise and try something new.

PRIVATE
ONE-TO-ONE
TENNIS COACHING
AVAILABLE





GET CREATIVE

Students can enjoy a range of creative activities, including arts and crafts, baking, drama, 3D jewellery design and more.

As well as developing their existing skills, students are encouraged to also try new things. These sessions encourage creativity, teamwork and confidence, while also helping students, make friends and create lasting summer memories.

GET ACTIVE

Students make the most of our excellent sports facilities, with activities including swimming, football, basketball, badminton, table tennis and more.

They can also experience traditional Downe House sports through our **'Sport Taster Sessions'**, featuring lacrosse, netball, hockey, athletics and tennis. Private one-to-one tennis coaching is available with a Downe House tennis coach (additional charge).



EVENINGS

In the evenings, students can relax in their boarding houses alongside our student hosts.

Whether practising their English, joining in with games and creative activities, enjoying a film night, or simply spending time with friends, the boarding houses provide a relaxed and homely environment.







DISCOVER...

Our Exciting Excursions

Located within easy reach of both London and Oxford, Downe House provides the perfect base from which to explore some of England's most iconic destinations.

Our exciting programme of excursions gives students a truly British experience. Students enjoy four carefully planned day trips during their stay.

From historic cities and world-famous landmarks to exciting attractions and local culture, our excursion programme offers students the opportunity to discover the very **'Best of Britain'** during their summer at Downe House.







HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE...



OXFORD

Students visit Oxford, one of the world's most renowned academic cities, to take part in a Symposium at the University of Oxford. This inspirational experience encourages students to explore global challenges, share ideas and develop critical thinking skills.



LONDON

Students enjoy a sightseeing visit to London, discovering famous landmarks and iconic attractions. From historic sights to bustling streets, they experience the unique atmosphere of the capital while learning about British culture and creating unforgettable memories.



NEWBURY

On Sunday, after a leisurely breakfast, students can relax in their boarding houses before visiting the local market town of Newbury. Here, they can enjoy an afternoon of shopping and free time with friends in a safe, welcoming environment.



THEME PARK ADVENTURE

Experience an unforgettable day of excitement and adventure at a leading UK theme park. From thrilling roller coasters and high-speed rides to family attractions, there is something for everyone. This action-packed day is always a summer school favourite.

DISCOVER...

Our Living Spaces

ACCOMMODATION

Our comfortable boarding houses offer Summer School students a welcoming home from home, providing the perfect place to relax, make friends and experience the unique atmosphere of a traditional British boarding school.

The bedrooms are comfortable and spacious and there are large common areas where students can relax in the evenings. We also have plenty of outdoor areas available for girls to play games with their friends. Each bedroom is shared by 2, 3 or 4 students (of a similar age) and there are plenty of bathrooms available nearby.



GIRLS FEEL AT HOME IN OUR

2, 3 OR 4 BED DORMS















FOOD

The food at Downe House is delicious!

Students will enjoy three hot meals a day - breakfast, lunch and supper and a range of snacks is also available. We offer a varied menu of international cuisines. All food is fresh, healthy and nutritious and is prepared every day in our kitchens by our catering staff. We can cater to all dietary requirements.

DISCOVER...

Our Success

Our Summer School concludes with a special Graduation and Celebration Evening, recognising the achievements of every student.

Each student receives a certificate from the Headmistress, with special prizes awarded for outstanding effort and progress. The evening includes refreshments, sweet treats and a final disco, giving students the opportunity to celebrate together and reflect on the friendships and memories made throughout their stay.











DISCOVER...

Our People

INSPIRING & EXPERIENCED **DOWNE HOUSE TEACHERS**



STAFF TEAM

At Downe House Summer School, our experienced staff are at the heart of everything we do. From our teachers and boarding staff to our activity leaders and support teams, everyone is committed to helping students feel safe, happy and inspired throughout their time with us.

Our teaching team is made up of passionate and highly experienced professionals who specialise in working with international students. Their expertise, enthusiasm and care help every student achieve their full potential.

FRIENDSHIPS

One of the most special aspects of our Summer School is how quickly friendships flourish. Students from different countries and cultures come together from day one, creating their own warm and welcoming community.

These meaningful connections help build confidence, encourage kindness and broaden perspectives. As students share experiences, learn from one another and support each other, they develop lasting friendships and a deeper appreciation of the diverse, globally connected world around them.



DISCOVER...

Our Programme

EXAMPLE WEEK 1





	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
7:00-8:30am	Arrivals	Wake Up & Breakfast					
8:30-9:30am		Induction	Lessons		London	Lessons	
9:30-10:30am							
10:30-11:00am		Morning Break				Morning Break	
11:00am-12:00pm		Induction	Lessons			Lessons	
12:00-1:00pm		Lunch				Lunch	
1:00-2:00pm		Formal Induction & Team Building	Free Time			Free Time	
2:00-5:00pm			Activities			Activities	
6:00-7:00pm	Supper	BBQ Supper	Supper				
7:00-8:30pm	Welcome	Evening Activities/Free Time					
8:30-9:30pm	Check-in & House Welcome	Boarding House					
9:30-10:30pm	Quiet time						











EXAMPLE WEEK 2

SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Wake Up & Breakfast	Late Wake Up & House Breakfast	Wake Up & Breakfast					
Theme Park		Lessons			Oxford	Lessons	Departures
	Free Time	Morning Break				Morning Break	
		Lessons				Lessons	
		Lunch				Lunch	
	Newbury Shopping	Free Time	Feature Activity Afternoon	Free Time		Free Time	
		Activities		Activities		Activities	
Supper						BBQ Supper	
Evening Activities/Free Time						Celebration Evening & Disco	
Boarding House							
Quiet time							









What People Say

STUDENT FEEDBACK



"I would like to thank the Downe House staff for the amazing camp. It was fun, well organised and the food was very tasty!"

Romy *aged 14 from Germany*



"The best things were getting to stay on the gorgeous campus and meeting some very kind people. I loved the teachers!"

Ebun *aged 15 from Nigeria*



"It was perfect, I loved this camp, it's the best one I have been to"

Anya *aged 11 from Singapore*



"I loved making lots of friends and learning new things"

Lydia *aged 12 from London*

PARENT FEEDBACK

"Audrey had a truly wonderful experience. She was delighted to receive the Overall Award, which was voted for by all the teachers and personally presented to her by the Headmistress. This made the experience especially memorable for her."

Parent, *USA*

"Shylah enjoyed her experience at Downe House Summer school so much that she is now enrolled as a full-time student, this two-week experience gave her the confidence to become a Downe House girl, thank you!"

Parent, *India*

What's Included:

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

- Expert tuition in English Language and engaging academic subjects.
- Global Solutions Symposium at the University of Oxford.

EXCITING ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

- A packed programme of sports, creative activities and evening entertainment.
- Excursions to London, Oxford, Newbury and a leading UK theme park.
- Enrichment workshops designed to inspire and challenge.

OUTSTANDING ACCOMMODATION & FACILITIES

- Comfortable boarding accommodation in shared rooms (2,3 and 4 beds).
- Access to exceptional sports, swimming and learning facilities.
- Free Wi-Fi access across campus.
- All meals, selected snacks and a traditional British High Tea.
- Sports equipment, course materials, bedding and a weekly laundry service.

CARE & SUPPORT

- 24-hour pastoral care and on-call medical support.
- Airport transfers to/from London airports on designated arrival and departure days

WELCOME PACK & GRADUATION

- Exclusive Summer School welcome pack and branded merchandise.
- Formal graduation and Prize-giving ceremony.
- Completion certificate and end-of-course report for every student.

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FROM THE UK AND AROUND THE WORLD

Downe House

GET IN TOUCH

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