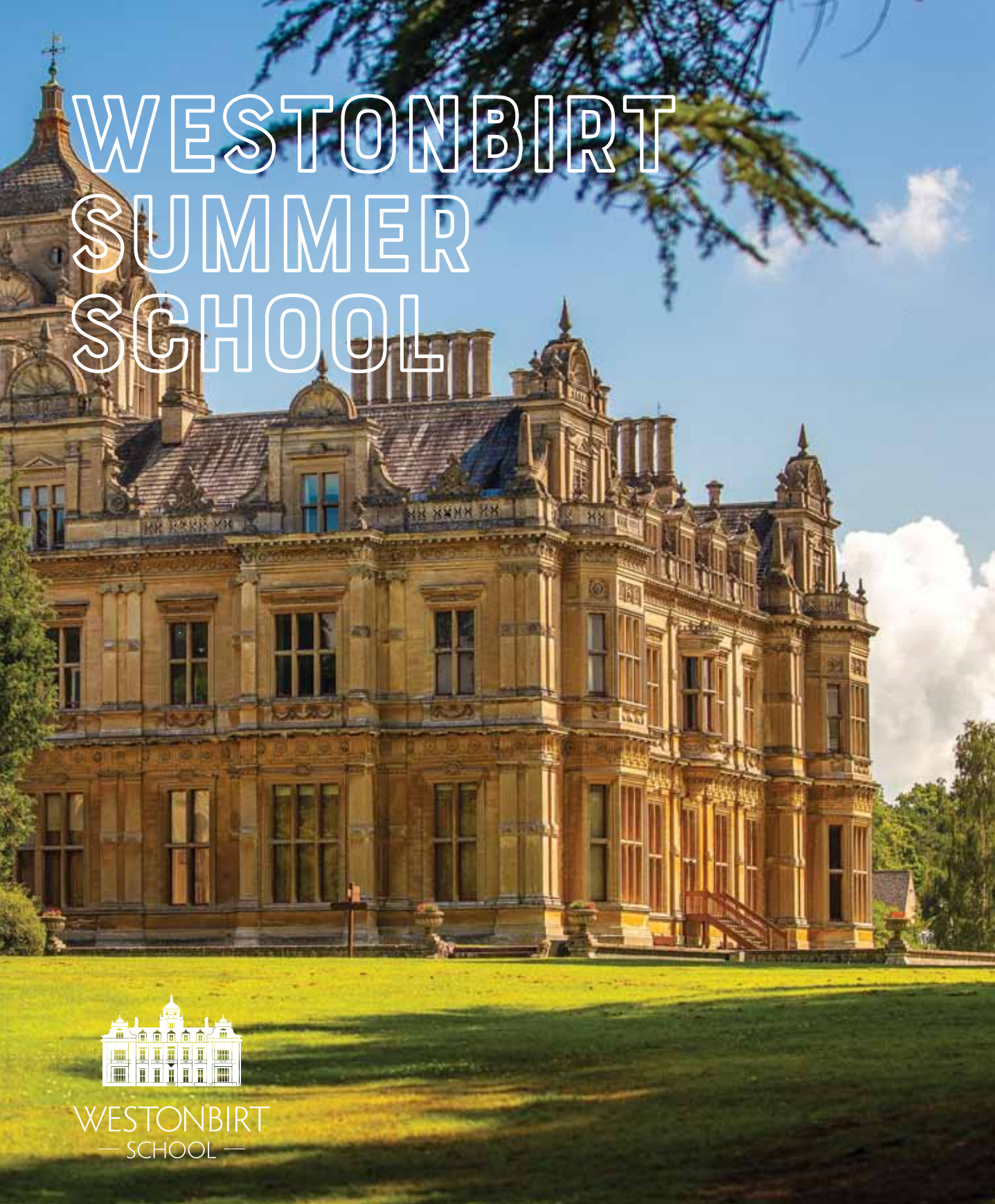


# WESTONBIRT SUMMER SCHOOL



WESTONBIRT  
— SCHOOL —



# WELCOME TO WESTONBIRT SUMMER SCHOOL

We provide high-quality summer courses for international students in English language and a variety of fun academic and co-curricular activities created by the school's enthusiastic and highly experienced staff. Set in one of England's most beautiful stately homes in the glorious Cotswolds, our students have the opportunity to build their language skills and apply them with confidence through conversations with UK host students. Westonbirt School's 90 years of welcoming overseas pupils, together with its ethos of tailoring education to the individual child, ensures that students at every level will be supported to develop and extend their English-language skills. Participants can choose from a range of exciting Academy options, including Horse Riding, Polo, Golf, Tennis, Football, Water Sports, and Performing Arts, or take part in our Multi-Activity Programme. We are confident that your child will have a fantastic summer holiday at Westonbirt.

**AGES** 10-16

**DATES** July 9 – August 6 2023

**PRICE** £1395 per week  
(minimum 2 weeks per student)

20 hours a week of classroom  
learning

Maximum of 12 students in  
English lessons

Integration with UK host  
students



# HISTORY OF WESTONBIRT

**Westonbirt House was built in the late 1800s by Robert Holford, one of the richest men in England, and was the most expensive and luxurious country house created in the whole of the Victorian era.**

A school for over 90 years, its stunning architecture and interior design, as well as extensive parkland, make Westonbirt House a dramatic and exciting environment in which to live and learn.

The Cotswolds region of England is considered one of the most beautiful parts of the UK. It is home to several members of the Royal family, with links to horse eventing and polo. With its rolling countryside and quintessentially English

villages, the Cotswolds is a popular holiday destination, and offers a huge variety of outdoor activities, from walking and riding, to sailing and other water sports. Set in a county steeped in history, with castles and palaces dating from Roman times, Westonbirt School is within half an hour of the World Heritage City of Bath, with its Roman Baths and great shopping opportunities, and is just 90 minutes from London.





# WHY CHOOSE WESTONBIRT SUMMER SCHOOL

Westonbirt is a long-established and well-regarded boarding school, with a reputation built on recognising and bringing out the best in every pupil.

- Integration with UK host students from Westonbirt and other Wishford schools, who are fully involved in the daytime programme, participating in the Team Project Challenge, Academies and other social activities
- Inspirational setting in a Victorian stately home in 210 acres of beautiful grounds
- Excellent facilities, including leisure centre with indoor swimming pool and golf course
- 90 years' experience in educating and supporting international students
- High-quality English learning provision and academic programmes created by Westonbirt School staff
- Exciting range of high-quality coaching academies to choose from
- Comfortable and attractive boarding facilities, with both single and 2-5 person dormitory rooms, and delicious catering with plenty of choice
- Class sizes limited to 12
- 3 excursions a week, including Bath, London, Oxford and Harry Potter Studios
- A great opportunity to experience life in a British boarding school





# WEEKLY TIMETABLE

A combination of high-quality, tailored English language classes, interesting real-world projects and academies alongside English host students, as well as exciting excursions to key English tourist sights, and fun evening and weekend activities, combine to make Westonbirt Summer School the perfect summer holiday.

## LEARNING

Students are placed into English language groups for morning lessons dependent on age and English ability. The ages, number and ability of students change week to week, with flexible groupings to meet their needs. We ensure that all students are happy, challenged and grow in confidence.

## THE WEEKLY TIMETABLE ALLOWS FOR:

- 15 hours of core English lessons
- 5 hours of conversational English during Team Project Challenge alongside their UK host students
- Up to 8 hours of Academy or Multi-Activity coaching

## EVENINGS

After a busy day of learning and fun, each day has time for relaxation before dinner, when students can enjoy the beautiful grounds, read in their attractive boarding room, or hang out with friends. They will also be able to make contact with family, to tell them about the day's adventures.

After dinner, children take part in social activities, including quizzes, discos, and karaoke or movie nights. As well as lots of fun, this down time is a perfect opportunity for students to continue to use their English in an unpressured environment. Bedtimes are staggered depending on age.

## TIMETABLE

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8.10-8.50		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
8.50-9.50	Mid Morning Brunch	Core English	Core English	Core English	Core English	Core English	FULL-DAY EXCURSION
9.50-10.10		Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	
10.10-11.10		Core English	Core English	Core English	Core English	Core English	
11.10-11.30		Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	
11.30-12.30	ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DAY GARDEN PARTY AND/OR EXCURSIONS TO TETBURY	Core English	Trip orientation	Core English	Core English	Trip orientation	
12.30-13.30		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
13.30-15.15		Team Project Challenge	Team Project Challenge	1/2 Day Trip	Team Project Challenge	Academies/Activities	
15.15-16.00		Tea	Tea		Tea	Tea	
16.00-18.00		Academies/Activities	Academies/Activities	1/2 Day Trip	Academies/Activities	Academies/Activities	
18.00-18.45		House time	House time		House time	House time	
18.45-19.30	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
19.30-21.30	Welcome activities	Evening activities	Evening activities	Evening activities	Evening activities	Evening activities	Evening activities

## TRIPS

There are 3 excursions each week. Full-day excursions take place on Saturdays, with half-day trips on Wednesdays and an optional short shopping trip to a local town on Sunday if the children aren't leaving that day.

The timetable is busy, but we are confident that the students will have a great balance of time in the classroom, outside activities and social events, ensuring that they have a fantastic experience during their summer holidays. At all times they will be cared for by experienced and friendly staff.



# ENGLISH LANGUAGE TUITION

## KEY FACTS

**Age:** 10-16 years old

**Hours per week:** 15 hours per week core English lessons

**Maximum class size:** Maximum of 12 students per class

**Course content:** General English lessons in the morning plus group conversation and communication practice in the afternoon Team Project Challenge lessons. Classes to include:

- Grammar in real-life contexts
- Pronunciation practice
- Written and spoken accuracy
- Skills: reading, writing, listening and speaking

**Course materials:** A mix of our General English text books and authentic materials



**On arrival:** Students will be tested to decide the best class level for their needs. We stream English Proficiency into groups of Beginner and Elementary, (A1) & (A2), Intermediate and Upper Intermediate (B1) & (B2) and Advanced and Proficiency English groups. (C1 & C2) Students at C1 & C2 level can be placed on to our fluent speaker programme.

## FLUENT SPEAKER PROGRAMME

Students who are proficient English speakers at C1 & C2 level or equivalent, will follow a classroom-based programme of engaging topic work in English as opposed to the programme of English language lessons that our other students will follow in the mornings.

## MONDAY-FRIDAY MORNING CLASSES

Morning classes start each day with reading, writing and listening skills. Focus on Fluency sessions are designed to encourage every student to speak with confidence and ease, and all tasks provide optimum speaking and pronunciation practice. Lastly, a daily Vocabulary Clinic will link with the functional language needed for the afternoon, working as an integrated group with UK host students on the Team Project Challenge.

## PLUS

2 x 1 hour per week on a research task, learning about up-and-coming cultural visits and developing local and historical knowledge of the UK.

## OVERVIEW

- Qualified and experienced teachers who will encourage and support students to succeed
- Continuous monitoring by your class tutors to check your progress
- End of stay English language report
- A balanced programme of communication and comprehension
- Westonbirt English Language Certificate on completion



# TEAM PROJECT CHALLENGE

On 3 afternoons each week, students take part in the Team Project Challenge. These fun and competitively orientated tasks encourage our students to use their growing language skills in group conversation alongside their UK host students. They are carefully designed to develop communication, problem-solving, critical thinking, listening, presentation and leadership skills. Examples of the possible challenges are given below. The challenges for the 10–13-year-olds will be more practical whereas for the 14–16-year-olds the challenges will involve more developed communication skills.

## ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

Putting their engineering skills to the test, this challenge could involve constructing a self-powered cart, possibly powered by elastic bands, or similar. Teams will compete to see whose cart can travel the furthest, fastest and complete a task.

## ENTREPRENEURIAL CHALLENGE

Students will research, develop and market a brand-new board game, finally pitching their idea to potential investors. They will explore budgets, market research and profit margins.

## DESIGN CHALLENGES

Whether designing clothes for a new school or sports team or the advertising for a new business, our students have the opportunity to put their creative skills to practical use.

## ECO CHALLENGE

Students explore the unique environment of Westonbirt and the Arboretum, working on environmental projects and could be challenged to assess the ecological impact of our Summer School and work out and present what actions are required to make it more eco-friendly.

## KNIGHTLY PURSUITS

Students experience a range of skills required to be a knight, and find out what life would be like in Medieval England. This is a fun course, with numerous practical activities, designed for enjoyment and to provide some unique experiences. For ages 10-13.



# ACADEMIES AND MULTI-ACTIVITY OPTIONS

Westonbirt's outstanding facilities, extensive grounds and specialist teaching staff allow us to offer professional tuition in a wide range of high-quality Academy opportunities on 4 afternoons each week. Students receive up to 8 hours of coaching in their chosen Academies per week and are joined by UK student hosts, who will provide lots of opportunities for conversation and extending English language skills.

Students can choose one Academy each week from those listed below. (Not all Academies are available each week.) Students who do not wish to specialise in 1 specific Academy each week can choose the Multi-Activity option where they will usually do 2 activities each afternoon - where

possible they will be able to choose their favoured activities. Students whose chosen Academy does not run each afternoon (e.g. Horse Riding) will participate in the Multi-Activity programme on the other days.



## POLO

Incredible polo ponies to suit all abilities of riders from complete beginners through to advanced. A chance to meet two of England's top International polo players and learn all about the sport, it's an opportunity not to be missed! Two x 2 hour sessions to be held at the prestigious Beaufort Polo Club. HPA qualified first class coaching using top-class facilities. From fine tuning techniques on wooden horses, learning to neck rein and stick and ball on polo ponies, the coaches will have students feeling comfortable under saddle, from stick and balling to playing slow chukkas in session 2. (£190 per week)

**WEEKS 2,4**

## GOLF

Westonbirt's very own 9-hole golf course is ideal for all abilities.

**What is involved:** Daily Lessons (4 x 2 hours) Whether you are a seasoned golfer or an inquisitive beginner, our Golf Academy will help you learn and improve your game. The course will concentrate on the core aspects of this increasingly popular sport, such as driving, iron play, chipping, putting and bunker shots. Loan clubs provided.

**WEEKS 1,2,3,4**



## WATER SPORTS

Students take to the Cotswold Lakes to hone their skills for paddle boarding and kayaking.

**What is involved:** There are 2 sessions, each lasting 1 ½ hours. The first session is on stand-up paddle boards (SUP's.) The second session is kayaking. Each session will have an element of instruction with plenty of time for fun games on the lake. Kit will be provided. Sessions are planned and delivered by qualified instructors. (£40 per week)

**WEEKS 2,4**

## HORSE RIDING

The Cotswolds is famous horse-riding country, and home to the internationally-renowned Badminton and Gatcombe Horse Trials.

**What is involved:** This Academy gives students the chance to develop their riding skills for 4 hours per week (2 x 2-hour sessions with a guaranteed 1 ½ hours riding in each session). Students will take lessons in the riding school, working on walking, trotting and cantering. In the second session students will enjoy a hack in the beautiful Gloucestershire countryside. All abilities welcome. (£120 per week)

**WEEKS 1,2,3**





### TENNIS

Expert coaching for players of all abilities in this hugely popular sport, using Westonbirt's hard courts.

**What is involved:** Students will learn all aspects of the sport, from understanding the grip, forward and backhand strokes, serving, volleying, and court positioning. At the end of the week, children will take part in the Westonbirt Summer School Open.

WEEKS 1,2,3,4

### COOKERY

Westonbirt School is a provider of highly regarded cookery courses, and our international students have access to our newly refurbished cookery room to enjoy a gastronomic Academy.

**What is involved:** Students will learn a range of classic cooking techniques, creating a different dish each day, so that by the end of the week, they have the skills to create a three-course meal.

WEEKS 1,2,3,4

### FOOTBALL

Our Football academy provides our students with the opportunity to develop their skills.

The academy will focus on individual and team development, including ball manipulation and performance training, small sided games 2v2's and 3v3's, positional and transitional scenarios, patterns of play and tactical awareness. 5v5's and 11v11's.

Training is delivered in two groups, 10 to 12's and 13 to 16's.

WEEKS 1,3

### PERFORMING ARTS

Westonbirt School boasts vibrant and exciting Music and Drama departments. This Academy is a creative combination of music, drama and dance, leading to a performance at the end of the week, using the school's performing arts facilities and expert tuition.

WEEKS 1,3

### MULTI-ACTIVITY OPTION

Those students not wishing to specialise can take part in this Multi-Activity opportunity, where they will have the chance to try a different activity every afternoon. Students will take part in up to 2 activities per day from the list below. Where possible a choice will be given. Options may include: Fencing, Basketball, Swimming, Archery, Survival skills, Football, Touch rugby, Badminton, Kwik cricket, Art/craft, Water polo, Softball/ Rounders and Volleyball.

WEEKS 1,2,3,4



# EVENINGS AND WEEKENDS

The Westonbirt evening activity and weekend programme embodies our spirit of fun and is central in helping our students to build friendships. UK host students join international students for a wide variety of activities, including:

- Talent shows
- Discos
- Karaoke evenings
- Film nights
- Capture the flag
- Camp fire and marshmallows
- Inflatable obstacle course
- Quiz night
- Mini Olympics



Saturday is when all our students enjoy an exciting full-day excursion to London, Oxford or Harry Potter Studios.

Sundays will either involve students getting ready to return home or spending a relaxing day at Westonbirt. This could involve a traditional English garden party including croquet on the lawn or a shopping trip to the nearby pretty town of Tetbury. The day starts with a late breakfast and staff will organise the students into activities depending on the level of energy and the wishes of the students.



**DISCOVERING THE BEST OF ENGLAND:**

# TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS

With Westonbirt as a base, students are able to access many of England's most popular sights. Within easy distance of the world-famous cities of Bath and Oxford, and just 90 minutes from London, we can offer our students experiences that they will remember all their lives.

## LONDON

**Dates:** weeks 2,4

England's exciting and vibrant capital city offers a thrilling day out for our students. Taking in iconic sights including the Tower of London, Buckingham Palace and the Houses of Parliament, this full-day trip is a highlight of our Summer School.

## OXFORD

**Dates:** week 1

The cosmopolitan and bustling city of Oxford is most famous for its 12th century university, still a world-leading place of learning and research. The beautiful medieval architecture, museums and shopping opportunities make this a popular option for our international students.

## TETBURY

**Dates:** weeks 1,2,3

Just up the road from Westonbirt School is the charming and quintessentially Cotswold town of Tetbury. Famous for its beautiful architecture, quirky shops and delicious places to eat, Tetbury is the perfect place to pick up gifts and souvenirs.

## BATH

**Dates:** week 2,4

The beautiful, historic World Heritage City of Bath is a fantastic day out. Famous for its beautifully preserved Roman Baths, stunning Abbey and beautiful Georgian architecture, the city closely associated with author Jane Austen also has wonderful shopping opportunities.



## BRISTOL

**Dates:** week 1,3

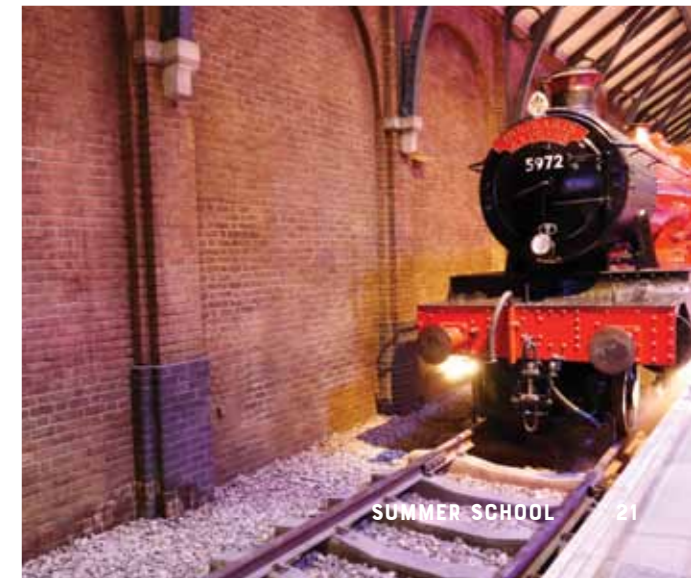
Bristol is an exciting and energetic city, and a historic port. It is famous for its music and theatre scene, suspension bridge, fantastic shops, and fascinating museums.

## HARRY POTTER STUDIOS

**Dates:** week 3

A brilliant opportunity to take a look behind the scenes of the hugely successful Harry Potter film series. The Studios house many of the backdrops and props that helped create the world of JK Rowling's series of books, and visitors find out about the creativity and engineering that went into turning her magical world into screen reality.

**(Limited to 60 places. If fully booked, students will attend an excursion to Oxford with a Harry Potter themed tour.)**





# STAYING WITH US

## ACCOMMODATION

Westonbirt House is a beautiful place to live. It reminds many of our pupils of Hogwarts, with its extraordinary architecture and amazing interior decoration. Our bright and cosy single rooms and 2-5 bed dorms provide a comfortable and reassuring space for students to relax and sleep.

Rooms are allocated depending on numbers, but in general older students have priority for the single rooms.

Students are fully supported and cared for by experienced and friendly house staff, who make sure that their stay is safe and fun, with medical support available if necessary.





# FOOD

Westonbirt School pupils all agree that meals here are absolutely delicious! They are provided by top school caterers Holroyd Howe, who serve up a varied and nutritious range of meals, with enough choice to meet a wide range of dietary requirements. Each day students will enjoy a hearty breakfast, morning snack, lunch, afternoon tea and an evening meal.

Meals are taken in the beautiful and ornate dining rooms at Westonbirt. An example weekly menu is shown opposite.



SAMPLE MENU							
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<b>BREAKFAST</b>	Freshly Baked Croissant Porridge, yoghurt & cereal station Toast & spreads Cut & whole fruit	Boiled eggs Baked beans Porridge, yoghurt & cereal station Toast & spreads Cut & whole fruit	Sliced Melon and Strawberries Porridge, yoghurt & cereal station Toast & spreads Cut & whole fruit	Pain au chocolate Porridge, yoghurt & cereal station Toast & spreads Cut & whole fruit	Pancakes with Yoghurt / Honey Porridge, yoghurt & cereal station Toast & spreads Cut & whole fruit	Scrambled Eggs Porridge, yoghurt & cereal station Toast & spreads Cut & whole fruit	<b>Sunday Brunch</b> Pork sausages Back bacon Fried eggs Baked beans Potato waffles Mushrooms Grilled tomatoes
<b>Soup</b>	Soup of the Day	Soup of the Day	Soup of the Day	Soup of the Day	Soup of the Day	Soup of the Day	
<b>LUNCH</b>	Sweet and Sour Chicken	Swedish Meatballs in rich tomato sauce with pasta	Roast Pork with Apple Sauce	Mild Butter Chicken Masala Chickpea & Spinach Curry	'Fry' Day Battered fish of the day with tartare sauce	<b>Packed Lunch</b>	
<b>Vegetarian</b>	Sweet and Sour Vegetables	Vegetable Meatballs	Vegetable Wellington	Jacket/ Sweet Potato	Cheese and onion pasty		
<b>Pasta Bar &amp; Jacket potato</b>	Jacket/ Sweet Potato Baked Beans Pasta & Sauce of the Day	Jacket/ Sweet Potato Baked Beans Pasta & Sauce of the Day	Jacket/ Sweet Potato Baked Beans Pasta & Sauce of the Day	Baked Beans Pasta & Sauce of the Day	Jacket/ Sweet Potato Baked Beans Pasta & Sauce of the Day		
<b>Side</b>	Prawn Crackers Noodles Green Beans White cabbage & Carrot	Garlic Bread Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Roast Potato Roast Carrots Savoy Cabbage & greens	Rice Mini Poppadum Naan Bread Shards Roasted Turmeric Cauliflower	Chips Garden Peas Baked Beans		
<b>Dessert</b>	Pear fudge brownie with Vanilla cream	Marmalade Sponge with Orange Juice	Lemon curd meringue pots	Apple flapjack	Fresh Cut Fruit with Toppings		
<b>AM &amp; PM Snack</b>	Cheese Bagels Flapjack	Sausage Roll Choc Chip Cookies	Croissant Jam Doughnuts	Cheese Pinwheels Rice Crispy Cake	Pizza Slices Fork Biscuits		Selection of Fresh Fruits
<b>SUPPER</b>	Chargrilled lamb kebab skewers, Mint yoghurt	Creamy Salmon, Prawn, Asparagus Pasta	Lamb & Mint Burger	Jerk Pork Roasted Crispy Kale Macho Peas	<b>BBQ</b>	Chicken pizza Quesadillas	<b>Traditional Roast</b> Roast Beef Yorkshire Pudding Roast Potatoes Broccoli Carrots Gravy
<b>Vegetarian</b>	Halloumi and vegetable kebab	Vegetarian Creamy Pasta with Asparagus, Rocket and Parmesan	Spicy bean burger	Avocado and poached egg open burger		Mexican bean pizza Quesadillas	
<b>Side</b>	Cheesy Deli Fries Spring Vegetables	Marinated Olives and Parmesan Shavings Tomato and Mozzarella Salad	Mint Mayonnaise Sweet Potato Fries Shredded Iceberg lettuce Sliced tomato	Paprika Wedges Steamed Corn Cobs		Cajun Sweet Potato Wedges	
<b>Dessert</b>	A range of chilled desserts, tray bakes, jellies, yoghurts and fresh fruits	A range of chilled desserts, tray bakes, jellies, yoghurts and fresh fruits	A range of chilled desserts, tray bakes, jellies, yoghurts and fresh fruits	A range of chilled desserts, tray bakes, jellies, yoghurts and fresh fruits	A range of chilled desserts, tray bakes, jellies, yoghurts and fresh fruits	A range of chilled desserts, tray bakes, jellies, yoghurts and fresh fruits	A range of chilled desserts, tray bakes, jellies, yoghurts and fresh fruits



# KEY INFORMATION

## DATES

- Week 1 09-16 July
- Week 2 16-23 July
- Week 3 23-30 July
- Week 4 30 July-6 August

Start dates either July 9th or 23rd and minimum of 2 week stay

## AGES

10-16 years

## COST

Westonbirt Summer School costs £1395 per week

## ADDITIONAL FEE

- £120 Horse riding (per week)
- £190 Polo (per week)
- £40 Water sports (per week)

## WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- Transfers from the airport between 09.00-18.00
- Holiday insurance
- Up to 20 hours of classroom lessons
- All Academies and activities (except Horse Riding, Polo and Water Sports)
- 3 meals a day and snacks
- 3 excursions a week
- Laundry twice a week
- Accommodation in comfortable single rooms or dormitories

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Flights
- Pocket money
- Horse Riding
- Polo
- Watersports
- Gatwick transfer £50

## TRANSFERS

Escorted transfers from London Heathrow and Bristol airports between 09:00 and 18:00 on Sundays are included in the price of the course. Transfers from London Gatwick will be £50 extra.

## ARRIVALS

Students will be met at their preferred airport. A member of the Westonbirt Summer School staff will be there, easily recognisable, ready to give students a warm welcome, and accompany them safely back to Westonbirt House.

## DEPARTURES

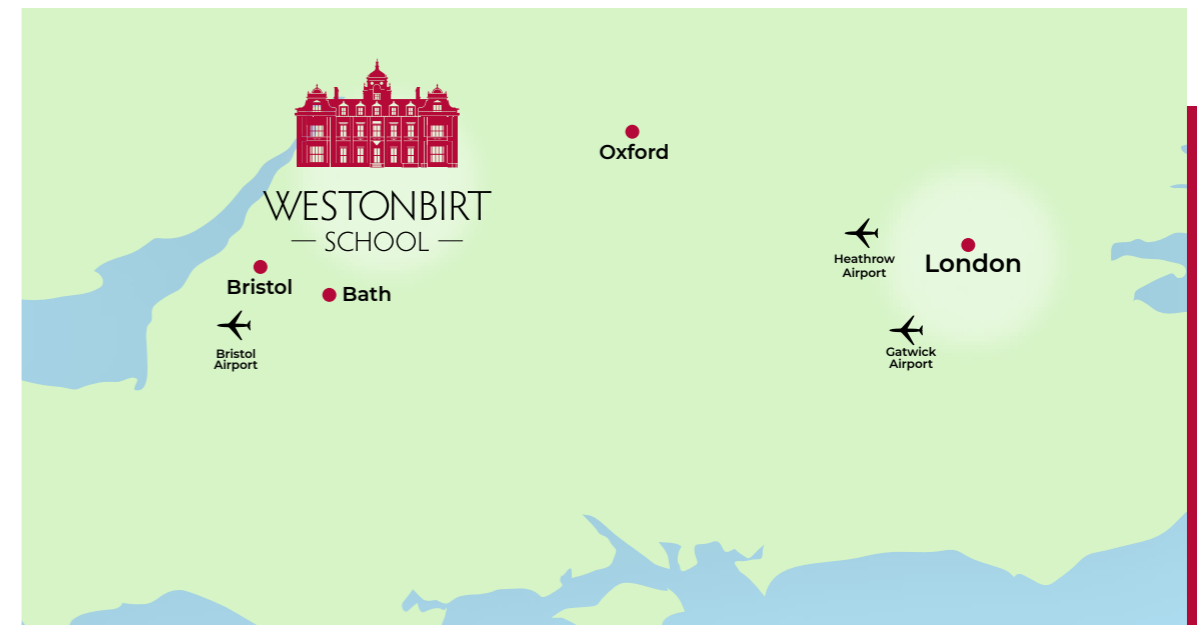
Students will be accompanied to the airport. One of our team will stay with them while they check in and accompany them safely to the security gate. If your child is travelling under an Accompanied Minors scheme, we are happy to assist with this.

## HOW TO BOOK

A deposit of £500 per student secures a place at the Westonbirt Summer School. The balance is due 6 weeks before the student arrives. Bookings can be made on the website by filling out our online form. We will then be in touch to confirm your booking, and arrange for payment of the deposit.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

If you require any further information, we would be delighted to help. Please email [summerschool@westonbirtschool.uk](mailto:summerschool@westonbirtschool.uk) or telephone +44 (0)1666 881414



1½ hours from London Heathrow Airport  
50 minutes from Bristol International Airport



WESTONBIRT  
SCHOOL

A photograph of an outdoor campsite on a green lawn. In the center is a large, tan canvas teepee. To its left, there is a wooden structure with several long wooden poles leaning against it, and a white cylindrical container. In front of the teepee, there is a wooden frame with a hammock strung across it. The background shows lush green trees and a stone building with a prominent tower and arches under a clear blue sky.

WESTONBIRT  
SUMMER SCHOOL

[WWW.WESTONBIRT.ORG/SUMMER-SCHOOL](http://WWW.WESTONBIRT.ORG/SUMMER-SCHOOL)  
WESTONBIRT SCHOOL, TETBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE, GL8 8QG