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# Goldsmiths University

Juniors Centre Guidebook

2026

# Welcome to Oxford International



Founders David Brown and Robert Darell meeting HM King Charles III again in May 2014

Dear Group Leader,

Thank you for joining us in the UK this year. At Oxford International Junior Programmes, we aim to provide young students from all over the world with a safe, fun, friendly, and structured environment to improve their knowledge of the English language.

We are one of the top providers of junior programmes in the UK, and a unique British Council-accredited education provider. Oxford International Junior Programmes is part of the Oxford International Education Group (OIEG), founded in 1991 as ISIS Education and Travel by David Brown and Robert Darell. Oxford International has grown to be one of the top 10 businesses sponsored by the Prince's Trust after it provided Oxford International Education Group a £5,000 loan.

Oxford International now offers a wide range of university pathways, spring, summer, and year-round academic programmes and educational tours, and vocational training. Our Junior programmes have grown steadily in size and popularity, and we now run 15 centres in the UK; 11 Residential and 4 year-round schools, plus 11 centres in North America and 1 centre in Australia, in total welcoming over 10,000 students each year.

We create life-changing learning experiences that help students worldwide to develop personally and professionally and that enrich their future opportunities.

# Goldsmiths, University of London



## DID YOU KNOW?

The University is famous for creativity, having produced multiple Turner Prize-winning artists and famous alumni, including filmmaker Steve McQueen and author Bernardine Evaristo!

Goldsmiths, University of London is a research-led institution internationally recognised for its innovative and interdisciplinary approach to education in the arts, humanities, social sciences, and creative technologies. Founded in 1891 and a member of the University of London since 1904, the university combines academic excellence with creative experimentation.

Located in New Cross, South East London, Goldsmiths offers a close-knit campus environment within one of the world's most culturally vibrant cities.

Goldsmiths is respected for its strengths in art and design, media and communications, sociology, anthropology, psychology, computing, and cultural studies, as well as for its internationally recognised research.



# About Goldsmiths

Goldsmiths, University of London  
8 Lewisham Way, New Cross  
London SE14 6NW



## Wi-Fi Access

Wi-Fi is available across campus including in halls of residence. Please refer to your Centre Manager for Wi-Fi access codes.



## Shop/Café

The Students' Union shop is open from 09:00 - 14:00. The on-site Café Thirty Five is open from 09:00 - 16:00. It is recommended that students bring cards to use in the shop & cafe.



## Security

There is 24h security on campus and around the accommodation block. An access fob, a key and a lanyard are supplied to students.



## Curfew

Evening curfew is 22:30. All students must be in their accommodation by this time. It is both Oxford Staff and Group Leaders responsible for ensuring this happens.



## Meal Times

Breakfast: 07:30 - 09:00  
Lunch: 12:30 - 14:00  
Dinner: 18:00 - 19:30



## Laundry

There is a laundry room located on site. It uses a phone app, or it could be via TAP. It is approximately £5 for a wash and £5 for a dry. Open 07:00 - 22:00.



## Local Transport

A train from New Cross Gate to London Bridge is a 10-15 min journey. The Overground rail from New Cross Gate station is also available.



## Deposit

A £30 cash deposit per student will be collected upon arrival, which will be returned at the end of the programme if there is no damage to the rooms, loss of keys, etc.

# Staff at Your Centre



## Centre Manager (CM)

The **Centre Manager** is responsible for the smooth running of the centre. Our Centre Managers are chosen for their experience, professionalism, and personalities, and you will have daily contact with them.

## Activity Manager (AM)

The **Activity Manager** oversees the delivery of the activity programme. You will meet with them regularly to discuss your excursion plans.

## Assistant Activity Manager (AAM)

The **Assistant Activity Manager** assists the AM in delivering the activity programme. They will assist with excursions but take a lead on ensuring the onsite activities are inspiring, dynamic focused and enjoyable.

## Student Support Manager (SSM)

The **Student Support Manager** looks after all safeguarding and welfare of people on-site, including you. They are First Aid trained and have knowledge of local medical services. You will meet with them a few times a week to discuss any concerns.

## Activity Leaders (AL)

The **Activity Leaders** are responsible for running everything outside the lessons! This includes on-site activities, meal duty supervision, and airport transfers.

## Director of Studies (DoS)

The **Director of Studies** is responsible for the academic management of the centre and ensuring the teaching and learning component of the programme is delivered to the highest possible standards.

## EFL Teacher

**Teaching staff** are responsible for planning and delivering lessons from the OI syllabus. Some centres will also have 1-2 Senior Teachers who teach 50% of the time and spend the remainder providing academic support to the teachers and DoS.



# London Excursions



**During a two-week programme, your group will visit London five times!** One visit will be an afternoon and evening trip, allowing you to enjoy London later, with return to the centre at 22:00.

When you are in London, you will have travel cards, which can be used on buses as well as the Underground, also known as the Tube. This is valid for zones 1-6, which covers all of central London.

## London Visit 1

Students visit **Battersea Park** and the iconic **Battersea Power Station**, exploring this vibrant riverside area that blends green spaces, history, and modern culture. The day will conclude with a **free evening in London**, giving students the opportunity to explore the city, shop, and enjoy its famous atmosphere at their own pace.

## London Visit 2

The group will be taken to **Kensington Museums**. You and the Activity Manager will arrange which of the three museums you would like to go to. The museum options are the Natural History Museum, Science Museum, and the V&A. In the afternoon, you will visit Hyde Park and see the famous Serpentine. Near Hyde Park is access to Oxford Street as well as the Mayfair area.

*\*The order of these visits may vary based on your programme.*



# London Excursions



## London Visit 3

On this excursion, you will visit **Camden and explore the markets**. There are many vendors and stalls that sell a wide range of goods. In the afternoon, you will be taken to the **British Museum**. Full of artefacts from all over the globe, you could spend hours here and not see everything they have on display - it's that big!

## London Visit 4

Enjoy a **Thameside Photo Tour & the Tower of London!** Students will explore the Thames riverside, snapping photos of its famous sights with guidance from their leader. An interactive session the day before ensures students know the stories behind the landmarks, so they can fully enjoy the experience. The day finishes with a visit to the **Tower of London**, where students will discover centuries of royal history, legends, and the dazzling Crown Jewels!

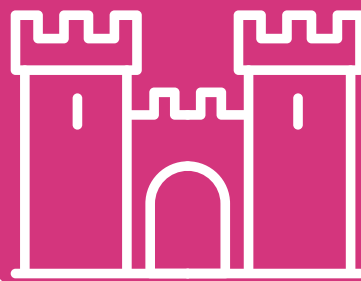
## London Visit 5

The group will be taken on a photo tour of the Westminster area, commonly known as the **Politics & Royalty Tour**. At the end of the tour, there will be an entrance to the National Gallery, allowing students to take in some of the most famous artworks in the world.

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# Cultural Excursions



From Goldsmiths, you will visit Brighton and Cambridge. During these excursions you will be given time to explore the city centre after either an entrance or walking tour. For both excursions, you will leave centre by 9:00 and return for 18:00. Brighton is by train and Cambridge is by coach.

## Lunch on Excursions



At Goldsmiths University, you will receive packed lunches during the excursions to Brighton, Cambridge, and the Optional Day. On the extended London day you will have a Packed Lunch and £10 meal voucher for dinner. On the full London day you will have a £5 meal voucher for lunch.



## Cambridge

Your excursion to Cambridge includes a **professional walking tour** of the city. Here, the tour guide will show you round the city, highlighting its **unique history**. After the walking tour, groups will have free time to explore at their own pace. You might choose to relax in one of Cambridge's beautiful parks, enjoy lunch at a local café, or shop for souvenirs. This excursion will be by coach.

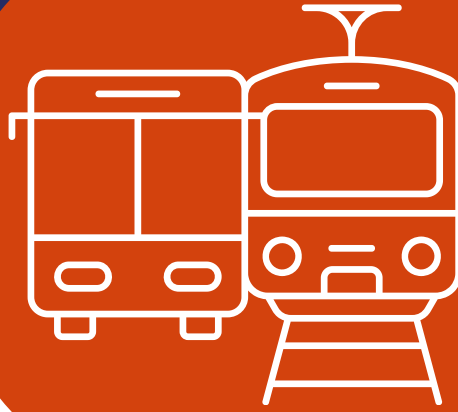


## Brighton

Students will immerse themselves in the **vibrant atmosphere of Brighton** on a guided walking tour, discovering its bustling streets, colourful architecture, and seaside charm. The adventure continues with a trip up the **i360**, where students can enjoy **breath-taking panoramic views** of the city and the coastline. This excursion will be by train.



# Optional Excursions



## England

Optional Excursions 2026/27



Oxford International Juniors



Whilst we love our summer programmes and think they are brilliant as they are, we also know that for some students, it's a long journey to travel to the UK, and they want to see more! **Our Optional Excursions booklet contains information about destinations across the UK and key attractions you can visit.** If you would like to supplement your programme by purchasing one of these entrances or excursions, and haven't organised this prior to arriving in the UK, please speak to your Activity Manager.

You should have received the Optional Booklet in your Welcome Pack. If not, please also refer to your Activity Manager for more information. We highly recommend booking in advance to guarantee access to the excursions!



London Eye



Wembley Stadium

# On-Site Activities



On-site activity sessions are compulsory and if your students do not wish to take part, then you must sign them out to say you are taking responsibility for them during that time.

During these sessions, we encourage students to challenge themselves individually, as well as work as part of a team in a fun and friendly way. The on-site activities are divided into six categories that will allow your students to explore different skills, techniques, and talents throughout the programme.

## On-Site Activity Categories



Icebreakers



Workshops



Relaxing activities



Whole-campus activities



Sports



Challenges



## Timings of Activities

For the evening sessions, these are 2 hours long. Many of the whole campus events take place in the evening so we know students will enjoy the full 2 hours on them.

## Talent Show

'**Goldsmiths Got Talent**' is new for 2026! If your students have talent they would like to share, then this is the time to do it. Information on how to sign up will be provided by centre staff during the programme.

## Discos

The highlight of the activity programme are the Disco nights! With music pumping, lights flashing, props, and activity leaders showing off their dance moves, what more do the students need? Each disco we run has a theme attached to it. This could be Neon or UK themed as examples. Themes for the discos will be planned by the centre staff and will be advertised before each disco, so your students can prepare.



# Group Leader Programme



As a Group Leader, you are invited to join us for special activities while your students are in lessons or in activities. We appreciate the pressure you are under from parents of the students, so it's important that you have time to socialise with other Group Leaders during your stay with us. We have designed an activity programme that allows you to do this!



**Afternoon Tea**



**Pub Night**



**Movie Night**



**Game Nights**

## **Group Leader Meetings**

During this meeting, further meeting details will be scheduled, and it's important that you attend all meetings with senior staff. Information we will give you at this meeting include:

- Centre-specific contact details
- Meeting times and points
- Group Leader programme details
- Lunch and dinner rota
- Lesson and excursions procedures

## **Group Leader Responsibilities**

- ✓ Attend all meetings with the staff.
- ✓ Ensure your students are punctual and attend all lessons, excursions, and on-site activities.
- ✓ Supervise students on excursions, in their accommodation, and during mealtimes.
- ✓ Report any allergies/medical issues to the Centre Manager on arrival at the centre.
- ✓ Maintain a lively, courteous, and friendly atmosphere throughout the programme.
- ✓ Report any issues with the programme/campus whilst in the UK rather than waiting until the group is home. That way, the staff can fix the issue ASAP.
- ✓ Have fun!



# Group Leader Checklist



## Group Leader Programme

Activity	Date	Time	Venue

## Excursion Plans

Excursion	Date	Time	Meeting Point	Notes

## Optional Day

Option	Activity/Location	Cost Per Student
OPTION 1		
OPTION 2		
OPTION 3		

# We Want Your Feedback!



Your feedback gives us an opportunity to know and understand your opinions about the programme, the service provided, and what can be improved in the future.

## First Day Feedback

Please scan this QR code with your phone and fill the feedback form on **Day 4** of the programme



## End of Programme Feedback

Please scan this QR code with your phone and fill the feedback form **at the end of the programme**



## Excursions Feedback

Please scan this QR code with your phone and fill the feedback form **after each excursion**



## Safeguarding Concerns?

Please scan this QR code and report any **Safeguarding concerns** you may have seen while with us.



# FAQs



## Do you have any questions?

Contact the admissions team or our OI staff if you are on campus!



### What happens if someone loses their passport?

We strongly advise that passports are stored safely in the accommodation and remain there. If a passport is lost, the Group Leader will need to accompany the student to the embassy of their home country, where they will be issued a temporary replacement or a permit to travel. The CM will be able to help locate the embassy and print any forms that might be helpful. We recommend that you have a photocopy of every student's passport as a backup



### What happens if a student is lost on an excursion?

The first thing to do is contact the student on their mobile. If this is possible, then a member of the staff will collect the student whilst you wait with the rest of the group. If they are uncontactable, the Activity Leader will contact the CM, who will in turn, contact Head Office. Every student is issued with an Emergency Number lanyard and ID Card. Students should call this number if lost, and it will be answered by a member of Head Office.



### Can students lock their rooms?

Yes! At Goldsmiths, students will be supplied with an orange Goldsmiths lanyard, a key and a card for their rooms. Students must keep the key and card safe or attached to their lanyard. A replacement key is £30, a replacement card is £20, and a replacement lanyard is £5.



### Is there a deposit?

A £30 cash deposit per student will be collected upon arrival, which will be returned at the end of the programme if there is no damage to the rooms, loss of keys/fobs, etc.



### What should we do if there is a problem with a bedroom?

All accommodation blocks are checked prior to the students' arrival. However, if you do notice a problem when you get to the centre, it is essential you report this to the Centre Manager straight away.



### What happens on departure day?

Prior to your departure day, Group Leaders will be invited to attend a departure meeting, where the full procedure is explained. During this meeting, Centre Managers will provide important details including check-out time, departure time from the centre, and arrangements for meals on your final day.

# Meet the Head Office Team

Say hello to us when we visit your centre!



**Gary**  
OIDI & EL UK  
Managing Director



**Paul**  
Head of EL UK



**Bob**  
Operations Director  
EL UK



**Kamila**  
Academic Director  
EL UK



**Jamie**  
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Ops Manager



**Nicole**  
EL UK Global Sales &  
Operations Manager



**Berta**  
EL UK Programmes  
Manager



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EL UK Academic  
Manager



**Guy**  
EL UK Marketing  
Manager



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Coordinator



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Coordinator



**Josh**  
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Coordinator



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