

LONDON ACADEMIC EXPLORER PROGRAMME – BLOOMSBURY CENTRE



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SUMMARY

This is a demanding academic programme, focussing on intercultural communicative success in English, with outcomes focused on the successful communication of group work objectives through the acquisition of presentation skills. The course takes place at CATS College London, on Bloomsbury Square. Half-day activities are tied in to learning objectives enabling learning outside the classroom to combine with exploring the great city of London. Evening activities and weekend excursions are pure fun and excitement. On the London Academic Explorer Programme we work hard and we play hard!

CATS College London is a modern, well-equipped boarding school located in the heart of Central London in the district of Bloomsbury. The school boasts some of the finest teaching facilities in the capital city, whilst being within easy reach of all of the exciting attractions London has to offer. Residential accommodation is in a refurbished, modern, townhouse with single and twin room bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms. There are common rooms, study facilities and WiFi throughout.

LESSONS AND GROUP WORK

The Academic Programme is designed to have a dramatic effect on the student’s performance in English. Features of the programme are:

- Project based format where students work in groups exclusively in English from breakfast to bed-time
- Focus on academic note-taking to prepare them for Higher Education in English
- Focus on spoken performance - skills to deliver success in later academic and professional life
- Focus on successful communication across cultures - making communication effective
- Students will leave with confidence about what they can achieve in English and a video record of their final presentation to take home to their families and schools.
- Minimum A2/B1 Pre-Intermediate Level required.



14-17 YEARS – INDIVIDUALS ONLY

2 WEEKS: SUNDAY TO SATURDAY ONLY

START DATES: 28 JUN / 12 JUL / 26 JUL

ENGLISH LEVEL: ELEMENTARY TO ADVANCED

QUICK INFO



WHAT'S INCLUDED?



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ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

The Academic Explorer Programme is designed to squeeze in as much culture, learning and fun as possible in a 2 week period, focussing on the best of what London has to offer. Features:

- Half-day excursions that have academic and cultural **learning objectives** that will **inform** and **inspire** the academic programme as well as familiarising students with one of the world’s greatest cities
- Evening activities are **energetic**, social and **pure fun** - highlights are a West End Musical, Disco and “Freejumping” Trampoline event
- Weekend Excursions are **stimulating** with Saturday mix of **exploration and learning** whereas Sunday is more **relaxing and fun**.

SAMPLE TIMETABLE

	Morning		Afternoon	Evening
Sunday	Arrivals/ check in		Getting to know you and speaking assessments	Orientation & Welcome party
Monday	Project Set Up and Course Goals	Academic Note Taking and Project Team Creation	British Museum and the University of London	Oxygen Freejumping - trampoline park
Tuesday	Team Meetings: Functional Language and Role Plays	Conflict Resolution: Roleplays and Language Development	Imperial War Museum and the Holocaust Exhibition	Bowling
Wednesday	Presentation Skills: Aristotle’s 7 Rules of Rhetoric	Mini Presentations and Project Development	The London Eye and Southbank Walking Tour	Free evening
Thursday	Academic Research: Skills & Writing with Impact	Being Persuasive: Functional Language and Debating	Scientific Curiosities Tour - The Wellcome Collection and the British Library	Welcome Disco
Friday	Review of the week & note taking test	Presenting Project Progress: Content & language review & development	Westminster Walking Tour - including entrance to Westminster Abbey	Ukelele workshop
Saturday	Full Day Excursion: Cambridge & Walking Tour			Project group work and relaxing
Sunday	Full Day Excursion: Thorpe Park			Project group work
Monday	Presenting the weekend- Setting Week 2 Objectives	Speaking as Performance: Pronunciation and Collocations	The South Kensington Museums - Natural History, Science and V&A museums	Ice Skating
Tuesday	Debating roles- chairing, proposing, seconding	Team Building: What Makes a Good Team?	Free Afternoon	Musical Theatre in the West End
Wednesday	Intercultural Communication	Interviewing: Roleplay University Entrance Interview	Camden Town Markets	Free evening
Thursday	Presentation Practice and Coaching- bringing all the skills together	Exploring socio-cultural Norms: Culture-is Anything Universal?	National Gallery & surroundings (China Town, Leicester Square, Trafalgar Square)	Paparazzi Challenge and Final Presentation Preparation
Friday	Project Finale- Groups Present Final Projects	Feedback: Round-Up and Review	Madame Tussauds	Leaving Party
Saturday	Check Out		Departure	

Programme runs for 2 weeks. Arrivals are **Sunday only**, departures are **Saturday only**.
 Course start dates are: **28th June, 12th July and 26th July 2020**