

SEVENOAKS SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAMME





WELCOME

Sevenoaks School Summer Programme is unique.

You will have the opportunity to meet students from all corners of the globe who have come together to take part in an exclusive summer programme which has been planned, organised and delivered by staff from Sevenoaks School.



Here at Sevenoaks, academic excellence is achieved by bright, motivated students, inspired by expert and dedicated teachers. State-of-the-art facilities, together with high level instruction, provide a wealth of opportunities for students to learn, as well as to participate in a wide variety of sporting and creative activities.

Last year, we welcomed students from over 30 different countries and we anticipate even more diversity in 2021. The most amazing thing was the incredible strength of the bond that the students formed in their two-week stays with us. It truly was inspiring.

As a former Sevenoaks student, I know that every student here is encouraged to be ambitious, inquisitive and internationally minded. All the staff cultivate in our students the habit of reflecting on their learning and on the way they interact with others. Students leave Sevenoaks with a heightened capacity for independent thought and intellectual risk-taking, equipped with the skills and personal qualities necessary for a happy and successful life.

I very much look forward to welcoming you to Sevenoaks to experience this wonderful school for yourself.

Ed Gibson, Director of the Summer Programme

The image is a collage of three photographs showcasing the architecture of Sevenoaks School. The top-left photo shows a large, modern wooden auditorium with a high, vaulted ceiling supported by a complex network of wooden beams. A grand piano sits on the stage, and rows of brown seats are visible in the foreground. The top-right photo shows the exterior of a modern brick building with colorful window frames in shades of blue, red, and yellow. The bottom photo shows a multi-level atrium with glass railings, a central staircase, and people walking on different levels. The text 'SEVENOAKS SCHOOL' is overlaid in large white letters on a blue background across the middle of the collage.

SEVENOAKS SCHOOL

Founded in 1432, Sevenoaks enjoys a global reputation as a centre of academic excellence and a flagship school for the International Baccalaureate. A co-educational day and boarding school, it offers a stimulating, intellectually demanding and balanced education for pupils from the age of 11 to 18.

Inspiring facilities, together with expert, enthusiastic and imaginative teaching, provide rich opportunities for students participating in lessons and a wide variety of sports and the performing and visual arts.

The school's international student body and outlook promote the principles of tolerance and open-mindedness. About 390 pupils board in the seven boarding houses, and students originate from over 45 countries worldwide.

Sevenoaks is one of the world's most successful IB schools, and is the top-performing fully co-educational IB school in the UK. In 2018 Sevenoaks was, for the second time in ten years, named The Sunday Times Independent Secondary School of the Year.

In 2020, 214 students took the IB Diploma, one of the largest cohorts among UK and global IB schools. The average Diploma score for 2020 was 40.14 points, about ten points above the world average. Eighteen students achieved the maximum 45 points, with 24 securing 44 points and another 23 securing 43 points. Over 63 per cent of the cohort achieved 40 points or more.



BOARDING



GIRLS' BOARDING HOUSE: PARK GRANGE

Park Grange has been a boarding house since 1948 and is in a wonderful position, in close proximity to the main school campus, with views across Knole Park, the rooftops of Sevenoaks and the school's own grounds.

The main house retains many of its original Victorian features and is full of character, combining the friendly atmosphere of a family home with excellent facilities. There is also an attractive, purpose-built Sixth Form wing, set around a peaceful courtyard. The superb central kitchen, complete with the old cast iron stove, provides a focal point for different age groups and nationalities to meet and socialise.

BOYS' BOARDING HOUSE: AISHER HOUSE

The newest member of the thriving Sevenoaks boarding community, Aisher House is situated in the heart of the Park Grange estate, alongside Park Grange (the girls' house). Completed in 2019, Aisher is in the enviable position of being a well-located house, close to the school's extensive facilities but also tucked away from the immediate hustle and bustle of the busy school.

Single and double bedrooms are en-suite, with boys in the younger years sharing larger rooms. The north lawn provides a great site for recreational sports while the sunny terrace is the perfect collective locale, with students spilling out from the kitchen to socialise.





ACADEMIC

Sevenoaks School Summer Programme is an academic enrichment course for bright, ambitious students aged 13-17 with a strong level of English. The academic side of the course involves four modules: Critical Thinking, Social Leadership, Creativity and Digital Skills. Each module is a ten-hour course and the variety on offer gives students a taste of what academic life is like at Sevenoaks School. Classes are separated by age and parents receive a detailed report from their child's teachers at the end of their stay at the school.

CRITICAL THINKING

It has never been more important for students to possess the critical skills they need to tell good arguments from bad, to learn how to discriminate between information and propaganda and to be able to balance different perspectives with their own views. This module is designed to teach students about a range of real-world political and cultural issues, and to develop the skills of critical interrogation. Topics covered include bias, fallacies and 'fake news', while each two-day course ends with a fiery debate.

SOCIAL LEADERSHIP

This module will enable students to appreciate the role of social leadership in creating social change.

On the first day of the course, we aim to deepen students' understanding of the world around them through the close examination of different social problems and their impact on particular communities. We examine different paths towards effective social change, assessing and advancing students' own leadership skills in the process. On the second day, students have the opportunity to work on a

practical challenge in which they apply their leadership abilities to a current social issue which they care deeply about, creating innovative solutions. Students leave empowered with the leadership tools and mindset to enable them to make a positive impact on the lives of others, and create the world they wish to see.

CREATIVITY

Too easily, students can become so immersed in their critical reactions to, and appreciation of, creative works that their own creativity can become stifled. Keeping a young person's passion for creation and self-expression burning is a key responsibility of a progressive education and is one that we at Sevenoaks School take extremely seriously. This module encourages students to think about what is meant by 'creativity' and delves into its various forms including writing, drama, theatrical technology and film. A broad creative approach will set the next generation of graduates apart from their peers.

DIGITAL SKILLS

The digital revolution has brought us deep and powerful tools and resources to push human knowledge and understanding further forwards. It has also brought challenging and disruptive elements which threaten to distract and subvert our assumptions about education and society. Soft skills such as teamwork, problem-solving and patience are cultured in this challenging module which utilises the world-class technology we have access to at Sevenoaks School.

This module involves coding, design and robotics while equipping students with the skills they need to develop as independent learners in an ever-changing world.



CO-CURRICULAR

AFTERNOONS AND EVENINGS

Sevenoaks School prides itself not only on being a centre for academic excellence, but also for its rich and varied educational atmosphere. Our aim is that students should become well-rounded individuals, and the key to this is participation in co-curricular activities. There are a large number of interesting, useful and challenging activities happening in the afternoons and evenings as part of the Sevenoaks School Summer Programme. All activities are planned and delivered by trained staff and coaches. Students choose one activity per week and they take part in a total of 12 hours of activities during the two-week session.

Afternoon activities

WEEK 1	WEEK 2
Badminton	Basketball
Explore Sevenoaks	Cooking
Fitness	Dance
Football	Squash
Golf	Tennis
Musical Theatre	Touch Rugby
Swimming	Ultimate Frisbee
Volleyball	Visual Arts

Evenings

After a busy day of lessons and co-curricular pursuits, the evenings are a chance for students to get to know one other in more informal circumstances. Our team of dynamic and enthusiastic Activity Leaders organise a variety of evening activities, ranging from Mindfulness to Karaoke, Futsal to a late-night shopping trip to Bluewater. The course ends with the eagerly anticipated Leavers' Ball.



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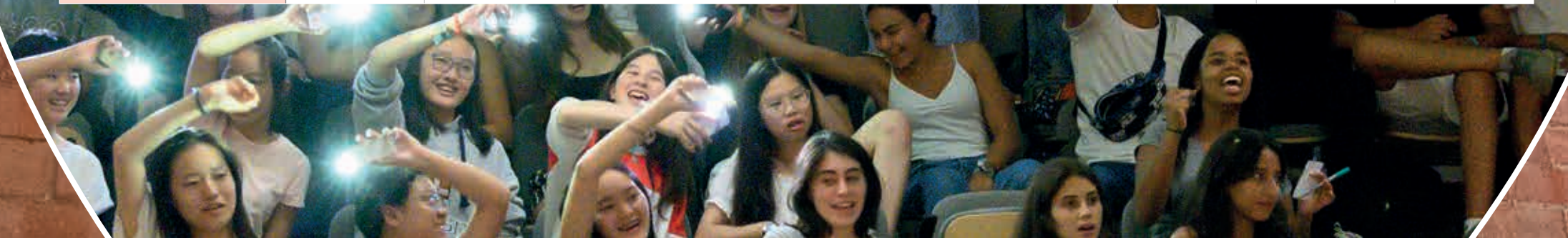
We make the most of our enviable location by going on three excursions in each session. Whether it is an action-packed day at Thorpe Park, the UK's premier theme park, a visit to a world-famous London attraction or a day in one of the world's leading university cities, the excursions are a chance for students to take in some of the UK's top attractions while continuing to bond with their friends. Excursions also include meals at top local restaurants and takeaways at the boarding house, enabling students to sample some new food, with a wide range of choices available.

SUNDAYS

Sundays start with a late wake-up, something very popular after such an action-packed week. This is followed by brunch and an afternoon to explore Sevenoaks and beyond. It is important that students recharge their batteries in preparation for the coming week as well as have time to reflect on what they have learned and achieved so far. On Sundays, there are a number of optional activities organised by boarding house staff and discreet supervision for those who do leave the school campus.

TIMETABLE

DAY	07:45–08:30	08:30–12:00	12:00–13:00	13:00–15:15	15:30–17:00	17:45–18:30	18:30–20:15	20:15–21:45	21:45–22:30
Wednesday 7/21 July	ARRIVALS					BBQ	Induction	Team Building	Quiet Time
Thursday 8/22 July	Breakfast	Lessons	Lunch	Lessons	Co-curricular	Dinner	Free Time	Futsal/ Mindfulness/ Art	Quiet Time
Friday 9/23 July	Breakfast	Lessons	Lunch	Lessons	Co-curricular	Dinner	Free Time	Disco	Quiet Time
Saturday 10/24 July	Breakfast	FULL DAY EXCURSION					Street Food	Free Evening	Quiet Time
Sunday 11/25 July	Quiet Morning and Brunch			Free Afternoon		Dinner	Free Time	Free Evening	Quiet Time
Monday 12/26 July	Breakfast	Lessons	Lunch	Lessons	Co-curricular	Bluewater Shopping		Quiet Time	
Tuesday 13/27 July	Breakfast	Lessons	Lunch	Lessons	Co-curricular	Dinner	Cinema	Quiet Time	
Wednesday 14/28 July	Breakfast	Admissions Talk and Workshop	Lunch	HALF DAY EXCURSION			Dinner Out	Free Evening	Quiet Time
Thursday 15/29 July	Breakfast	Lessons	Lunch	Lessons	Co-curricular	Dinner	Free Time	Dodgeball/ Mindfulness/ Art	Quiet Time
Friday 16/30 July	Breakfast	Lessons	Lunch	Lessons	Co-curricular	Dinner	Free Time	Karaoke	Quiet Time
Saturday 17/31 July	Breakfast	FULL DAY EXCURSION					Dinner Out	Free Evening	Quiet Time
Sunday 18 July/1 Aug	Quiet Morning and Brunch			Free Afternoon		Dinner	Free Time	Free Evening	Quiet Time
Monday 19 July/2 Aug	Breakfast	Lessons	Lunch	Lessons	Co-curricular	Dinner	Free Time	Talent Show	Quiet Time
Tuesday 20 July/3 Aug	Breakfast	Lessons	Lunch	Lessons	Co-curricular	Graduation	Formal Dinner	Leavers' Ball	Quiet Time
Wednesday 21 July/4 Aug	Breakfast	DEPARTURES				BBQ	Induction	Team Building	Quiet Time

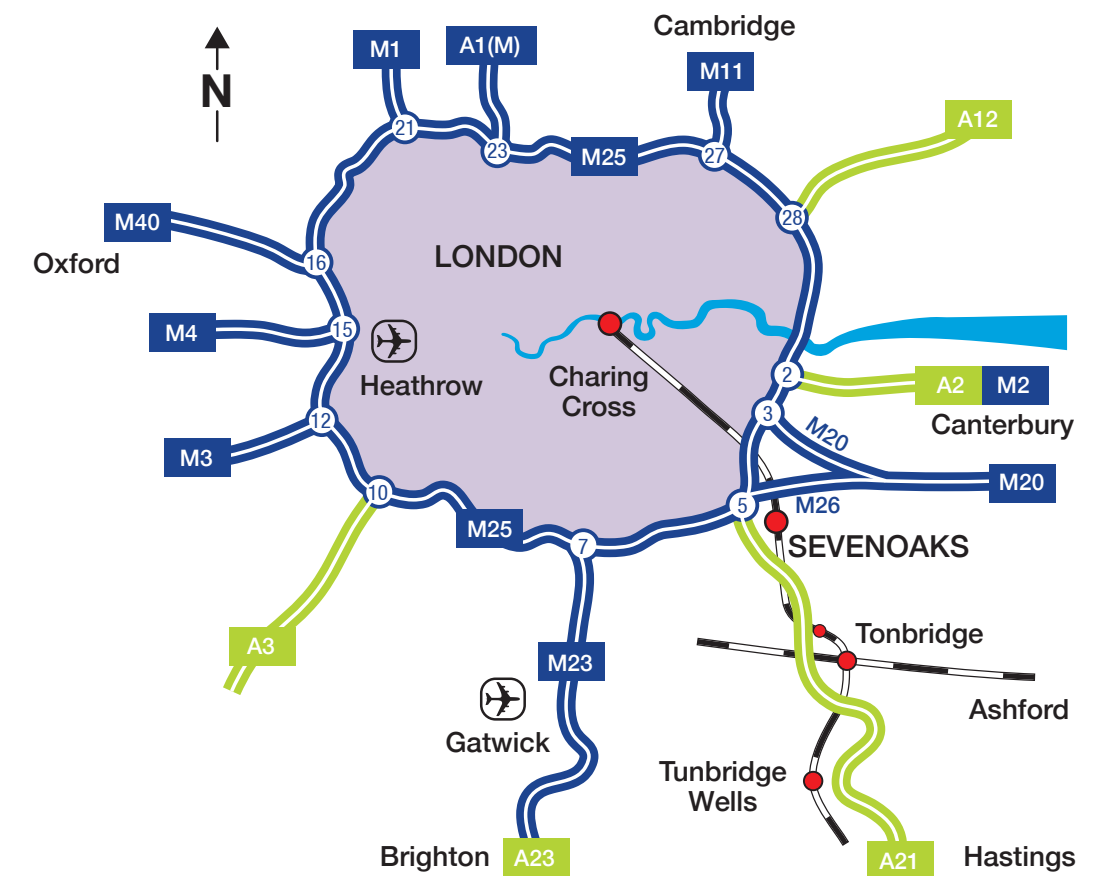


LOCATION



The school is situated in the Kent town of Sevenoaks, and has an excellent and most admirable location at the top of the High Street. The 40-hectare site, which includes a number of listed buildings, is beautifully landscaped and adjoins the medieval deer park of Knole. Sevenoaks School is just 30 minutes away from Central London and Gatwick Airport, and one hour's drive from Heathrow Airport.

Airport transfers between Heathrow Airport, Gatwick Airport, St Pancras International Station and the school are included in the fees.



STAFF



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Sevenoaks School Summer Programme is written, designed and taught by Sevenoaks School teachers. All academic staff at Sevenoaks have excellent professional experience of teaching international students to a very high level, as attested by the school's spectacular IB results. This experience, allied with unparalleled passion and knowledge, means we are extremely proud of all the staff involved in Sevenoaks School Summer Programme.





SEVENOAKS SCHOOL PUPILS




A number of Sevenoaks School day pupils play a full part in the academic and co-curricular aspect of life on the Summer Programme. Living and learning alongside these Sevenoaks pupils adds real meaning to the experience for our Summer Programme students and long-lasting friendships are formed all the time.

For students interested in studying at Sevenoaks or in the UK in general, it is invaluable to be able to learn first-hand from the opinions and experience of Sevenoaks pupils.



STAYING HEALTHY



The welfare of our students is vital and here at Sevenoaks, all members of staff are dedicated to just that. Each morning, an experienced school nurse is on duty at the boarding houses to see any students who require her expertise. Additionally, all of our boarding staff are trained in first aid and are very experienced when it comes to the kinds of injuries and accidents that can befall teenagers. Our boarding staff's responsibilities are wide, although health and wellbeing is the primary one. The school has a very strong and long-standing relationship with an excellent medical practice in the town and the boarding staff will arrange medical appointments and accompany students. They will look after any pupils who are unwell and in bed in the boarding house, and liaise with the nurse on any medical matters.

We are fortunate in that the school's campus is very large and, with a maximum of 100 students taking part in the Summer Programme per session, we are able to make use of the space and ensure students and staff maintain safe distances from one another wherever and whenever necessary.

Food is just as important, and our students eat all meals together. This allows us to offer a greater variety of menu choices. Breakfast always includes fruit, cereal, toast and a cooked option, while dinner includes multiple choices of main course including at least one vegetarian option, choices of dessert and a salad bar. Special diets can be arranged if needed. Additionally boarding houses are stocked with essential items, such as bread, milk, biscuits and fruit. Students are permitted to cook in the house kitchens on Sundays, and many prove themselves to be very enthusiastic chefs while showing off their own nation's cuisine.



ONLINE



For those students who are unable to join us in person for the Summer Programme, there is the option of our Online Summer Programme. This course takes place over Zoom and consists of live lessons with Sevenoaks School teachers in classes with students from all over the world. Lessons take place each morning (08:00–11:30 UK time) from Monday to Friday. There are four sessions in July and August and students choose the session which suits them best. Each session is one week long (15 hours of live lessons) and consists of two of our key modules: Critical Thinking and Social Leadership. There are also interactive activities on two afternoons per week which enable students to get to know one another on a more informal basis while taking part in a variety of games. Upon completion of the course, students will receive a certificate acknowledging their achievement.



TESTIMONIALS



"HOW WOULD I DESCRIBE SEVENOAKS SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAMME? LIFE CHANGING."

Audrey, 14, Indonesia



"I'VE FORMED SO MANY LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS HERE... IT WAS UNFORGETTABLE!"

Enya, 15, Mongolia



"EVERY DAY, WE WERE PUSHED OUT OF OUR COMFORT ZONE AND THE TEACHERS WEREN'T THERE FOR THE MONEY, THEY WERE SIMPLY PASSIONATE ABOUT TEACHING US, YOU COULD TELL. A PART OF ME WILL ALWAYS BE IN SEVENOAKS."

Diego, 16, Spain

"WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEART FOR TAKING LOVING CARE OF OUR DAUGHTER THROUGHOUT HER STAY, RIGHT FROM THE TIME SHE LANDED IN THE UK."

Parent, India



"I WOULD DESCRIBE THIS PROGRAMME AS ACADEMICALLY RIGOROUS BUT INSANELY FUN."

Brycent, 14, USA



"I HAVE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH THIS PLACE AND THE PEOPLE!"

Leah, 15, Italy



"THE DISCUSSIONS WE HAD SERVED AS FOOD FOR THOUGHT AND HAVE REALLY BROADENED MY PERSPECTIVE OF CURRENT AFFAIRS AND LIFE IN GENERAL"

Madelyn, 17, USA/UK (online student)

"THIS EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN EXTRAORDINARILY POSITIVE FOR OUR SON. EVERYTHING RESULTED MUCH BETTER THAN EXPECTED AND, BELIEVE ME, THE EXPECTATIONS WERE REALLY HIGH."

Parent, Spain



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