

HATHEROP CASTLE SUMMER SCHOOL

THE ADVENTURE OF CHILDHOOD



HATHEROP
CASTLE
PREP SCHOOL



Ages: 8-12 years

Dates: 10-31 July 2024

Course price: £1,495 per week
excluding Academies and
transfers

Topic-based English lessons from
beginners to fluent speakers

Limited to 40 students per week,
with maximum 12 students in
English classes

Integration with UK host
students

A WELCOME FROM THE HEAD



A WARM WELCOME TO HATHEROP CASTLE SCHOOL.

A very warm welcome to Hatherop Castle School. Hatherop has enjoyed a long history of welcoming international pupils to the school and I am thrilled that through the Summer School we can open our doors to more students, all wanting to learn and improve their English and enjoy the Adventure of Childhood every child deserves.

Hatherop Castle is an ambitious school that aims to support, nurture and encourage all pupils to achieve academically and develop the character required to navigate the challenges of school life. Whether a pupil is at Hatherop Castle for one week or 11 years, we believe that every child will enjoy the adventure of learning through the wonderful activities and opportunities offered within a historic castle in the glorious Cotswold countryside.

I hope to welcome your children to Hatherop Castle next summer.



Nigel Reed
Head of Hatherop Castle School



WELCOME TO HATHEROP CASTLE SUMMER SCHOOL

HATHEROP CASTLE SCHOOL IS A MAGICAL PLACE.

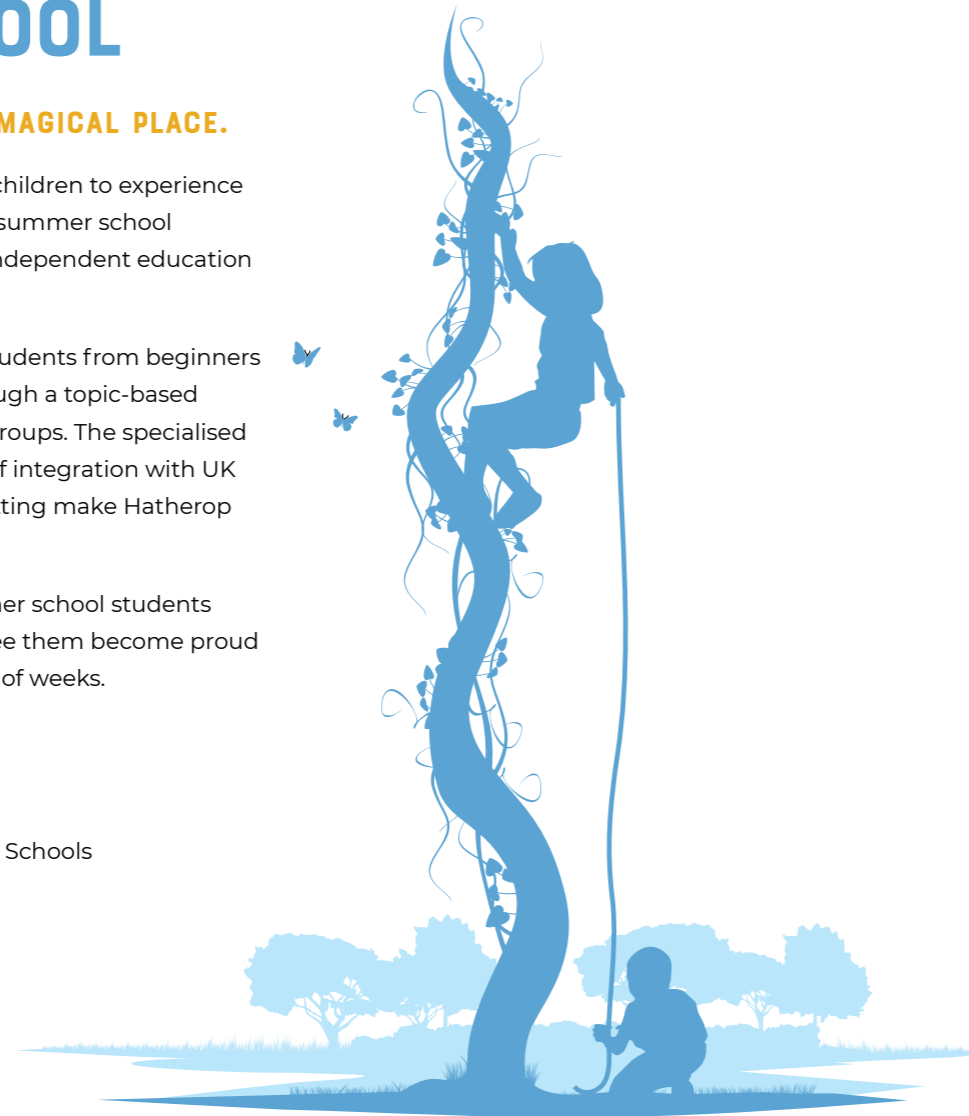
It's the perfect fairy-tale environment for children to experience the Adventure of Childhood – and for our summer school students to experience the true value of independent education in a British boarding school.

Our programme caters for the needs of students from beginners to those with fluent levels of English, through a topic-based approach to language teaching in small groups. The specialised Academies on offer and the rare chance of integration with UK host students within a summer school setting make Hatherop Castle Summer School a unique offering.

We can't wait to welcome our 2024 summer school students here in the beautiful Cotswolds - and to see them become proud Hatherop Castle students within a couple of weeks.



Andras Sztrokay
Director of Summer Schools
Wishford Education





PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

We have created the perfect summer holiday for students aged 8-12. Mornings are for our unique English language course, carefully tailored to young learners. In the afternoons, international students are joined by UK host students, to take part in a choice of fantastic Activities and Academies, with lots of opportunity to put their English into practice. Finally, there are the trips to top English tourist sites, to ensure your son or daughter will have a holiday to remember.



LEARNING

Students take part in English language lessons on five mornings a week (a total of 15 hours of classroom-based learning). We ensure that all students are happy, challenged and grow in confidence.

AFTERNOON ACADEMIES AND ACTIVITIES

Our pupils enjoy 8 hours of focused Academy or Activity time across four afternoons each week. Our Academy choices are ideal for those who would like to get a taste of the dedicated support that Hatherop Castle provides to students, helping them develop their skills in a particular area. The Multi-Activity Programme is a great choice for students who would like to do a bit of everything.

EVENINGS

After dinner there are lots of social activities to entertain students, including quizzes, team games, movie nights and discos. This allows them to continue using their English in a fun and even more relaxed atmosphere.



TIMETABLE								
	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	
8.00	ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DAY OR HALF-DAY EXCURSION	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	
8.50-9.50		English lessons	English lessons	English lessons	FULL-DAY EXCURSION	English lessons	English lessons	
9.50-10.10		Break	Break	Break		Break	Break	
10.10-11.10		English lessons	English lessons	English lessons		English lessons	English lessons	
11.10-11.30		Break	Break	Break		Break	Break	
11.30-12.30		English lessons	English lessons	English lessons		English lessons	English lessons	
12.30-13.30		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		Lunch	Lunch	
13.30-15.30		Academies/ Activities	Academies/ Activities	HALF-DAY EXCURSION		Academies/ Activities	Reflection, feedback and certificates	
15.00-16.00		Refreshments	Refreshments			Refreshments	Refreshments	
16.00-18.00		Academies/ Activities	Academies/ Activities			Academies/ Activities	Academies/ Activities	
18.00-18.45	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		Dinner	Dinner	
18.45-19.30	House time	House time	House time	House time	House time	House time		
19.30-20.30	Evening activity	Evening activity	Evening activity	Evening activity	Evening activity	Evening activity	Evening activity	



TRIPS

There are three excursions each week. Full-day excursions take place on Sundays with half-day trips on Saturdays and Wednesdays (for those not leaving that day). Students are always supervised on excursions.

Our busy timetable ensures that the students have a great balance of classroom learning, outside activities and social events - over all, a fantastic experience during their summer holidays.





ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMME

KEY FACTS

Age group:
8-12 years

Hours per week:
15 hours of lessons
per week

Class sizes:
Maximum of 12
students per class

Levels:
Beginner to
fluent speakers

Our programme delivers:

- Practical language skills in an English-speaking environment
- Listening and reading skills in an exciting way, using as many authentic materials as possible (depending on students' abilities)
- Speaking and writing skills using a topic-based approach, focusing on students' experiences through diary writing, and on oral communication skills through debates and presentations
- Critical thinking skills by helping students reflect on their language use
- Intercultural awareness

Course materials: A mix of General English and IB English textbooks and authentic materials.

Levels: Students receive an online placement test and questionnaire prior to arrival so that they can be placed in the best class for their needs. If necessary, we carry out further tests on arrival.

The chart opposite gives an overview of how our class levels relate to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Students are placed into English language groups dependent on ability. The number and ability of students change week to week, which means that we adapt the class levels to ensure they match students' needs.



FLUENT SPEAKERS

Our approach to teaching is topic-based, inspired by IB English (rather than General English), which means that fluent speakers at C1 & C2 levels enjoy a high-level, practical engagement with the English language. It ensures that students with particularly advanced standards of English (for example, those who attend international schools, have studied English for a long time or have, in fact, grown up speaking English) are still challenged at the right level in class.

CEFR LEVELS

Beginner (A0)
Elementary (A1)

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Upper-intermediate (B2)

Advanced (C1)
Proficient (C2)

SUMMER SCHOOL LEVELS

Level 1
(Lower)

Level 2/3
(intermediate)

Level 4
(Upper-intermediate)

Level 5
(Fluent speakers)

ACADEMIES AND ACTIVITIES

Hatherop Castle's beautiful grounds, fantastic facilities and specialist staff allow us to offer up to 8 hours of professional tuition in a selection of high-quality Academy options. Students are joined by their UK host students, so as well as enjoying their chosen activity, they have plenty of opportunities to use and extend their English language skills.

HORSE RIDING

The Cotswolds is famous horse-riding country, and home to the internationally renowned Badminton and Gatcombe Horse Trials. Students get the chance to develop their riding skills (walking, trotting and cantering), and enjoy a hack in the beautiful Gloucestershire countryside.

Session length: 2 x 2-hour sessions per week (guaranteed 1 ½ hours riding in each session)

Equipment: Hats and body protectors are provided; students must bring riding boots and trousers

Cost: £250 per week

TENNIS

Expert coaching for players of all abilities in this hugely popular sport, using Hatherop's tennis courts. Students will learn all aspects of the sport, from understanding grip, forward and backhand strokes, serving, volleying, and court positioning.

Session length: 4 x 2-hour sessions per week

Equipment: Loan rackets are provided, but students are welcome to bring their own

Cost: £150 per week





PERFORMING ARTS

Hatherop Castle has a great reputation for the performing arts and boasts a fantastic modern Performing Arts Centre. This Academy is a creative combination of music, drama and dance, leading to a short performance at the Talent Show, using the school's performing arts facilities and expert tuition.

Session length: 4 x 2-hour sessions per week

Equipment: No specialist equipment needed

Cost: £150 per week

MULTI-ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

Those students not wishing to specialise can take part in this Multi-Activity Programme, where they will have the chance to try different activities every afternoon. Students will enjoy up to two activities per day from the list below, with a choice of at least two. Options may include Fencing, Basketball, Football, Touch Rugby, Badminton, Kwik Cricket, Arts and Crafts, Water Polo, Softball, Rounders and Volleyball.

The Multi-Activity Programme is included in the standard package.



EVENINGS



Evenings and weekends at Hatherop Castle are full of fun and entertainment, with lots of opportunities to build friendships, and put growing English skills to good use. Evening activities include:

- Talent shows
- Discos
- Karaoke evenings
- Film nights
- Capture the flag
- Quiz night
- Mini Olympics
- Board game nights





DISCOVERING THE BEST OF ENGLAND:

TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS

Hatherop is perfectly placed to access some of England's most popular tourist spots. Bath and Oxford are a short trip away, and London only 90 minutes, so our students enjoy rich cultural experiences.

FULL-DAY SUNDAY TRIPS

OXFORD

Date: week 1

Attraction: Punting and college visit

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 it a popular trip.

LONDON

Dates: week 2

Attraction: London Eye

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.

CARDIFF

Date: week 3

Attraction: Cardiff Castle

Cardiff, the bustling Welsh capital, offers a great insight into historic and present-day Wales. The highlight of our visit is Cardiff Castle, which opens a window into Roman, Norman and Victorian times.



HALF-DAY SATURDAY TRIPS

LEGOLAND®

Date: week 1

Attraction: LEGOLAND® Windsor

An unmissable attraction for all ages, a theme park with everything LEGO®

COTSWOLD COUNTRY PARK AND BEACH

Date: week 2

Attraction: AquaVenture inflatable course

A fun day out at the UK's largest inland sandy beach and swimming lagoon.

BATH

Date: week 3

Attraction: Roman Baths

A visit to the beautiful, historic World Heritage City of Bath.



This schedule reflects our plans. However, due to external factors such as weather, travel restrictions or venue availability, we reserve the right to change this and offer suitable alternatives.

HALF-DAY WEDNESDAY TRIPS

CIRENCESTER

Date: week 1

An excursion to the vibrant market town of Cirencester.

BURFORD

Date: week 2

A trip to one of the most picturesque towns in England.





STAYING WITH US

ACCOMMODATION

Living in an English castle is one of the most exciting things about being a boarder at Hatherop. Our cheerful 3-8 bed dorms are comfortable and relaxing, and our experienced and friendly house staff make this a safe and reassuring home from home for international students. Medical support is arranged if necessary.

FOOD

Food at Hatherop Castle is delicious and popular with all our pupils. Our top school caterers provide a wide range of nutritious, freshly prepared meals, with plenty of choice for different tastes and diets. We are able to cater for all cultural and religious requirements. Each day, students enjoy a big breakfast, morning snack, lunch, afternoon tea and evening meal, ensuring that students have plenty of energy for learning and fun.



SAFEGUARDING AND WELFARE



We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and we realise that it is often a difficult time for children and parents alike to be far from each other. Our comprehensive Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy and extensive procedures ensure that we keep children safe and families comfortable. The points below are only some highlights from our safeguarding and welfare measures.

TRAINED AND APPROACHABLE STAFF

All our staff members participate in safeguarding training specifically for our summer school. They are supported by a highly trained and experienced safeguarding team. Students are looked after by house parents and dedicated welfare support staff, and they can also always approach any of our friendly staff members if they need help.

POSITIVE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

We provide a positive, supportive and nurturing environment, where every student can feel safe. While we have clear expectations for behaviour and conduct, we believe in positive behaviour management, which helps students adapt their behaviour to a school system that may be completely new to them.

SECURE CAMPUS AND ACTIVITIES

Hatherop Castle School is an exceptionally safe location, a self-contained school campus, where students live in a truly secure environment. We have specific risk assessments in place for every activity and excursion we organise, so that staff and students are as prepared as possible for any eventuality.

SAFER RECRUITMENT PRACTICES

We follow safer recruitment processes to ensure that all staff members that work with us are suitable for working with children; this includes conducting appropriate background checks and following up on references for everyone. We also require external suppliers (eg. transfer providers) to do the same.

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

While staying with us, students can only use their mobile phones for a limited time in the evenings, while connected to Hatherop Castle School's safe student network. As well as ensuring that students use their time to communicate with each other, this also helps prevent safeguarding issues linked to the online world. Students do have access to their phones on trips.

DEALING WITH HOMESICKNESS

We know that younger students may find it challenging to adjust to a completely new school environment far from home, and we have great experience in supporting them as well as their families through any periods of homesickness.



AIRPORT TRANSFERS

We provide two levels of airport transfer service: an Economy Transfer Service from London Heathrow Airport, and a Private Transfer Service available from several other airports too.

ECONOMY TRANSFER SERVICE

The budget-friendly Economy Transfer Service is available from London Heathrow Airport on Wednesdays. This includes a meet & greet service by a member of school staff or a driver inside the terminal building. On departure, our staff member or driver also takes students to the check-in desk.

The Economy Transfer Service is only available on Wednesdays for flights:

- Arriving between 9am and 6pm
- Departing between 10am and 7pm

Waiting times: We plan for our staff member or driver to meet arriving students approximately 45 minutes after their flight arrives (or later if there are delays through arrivals). While we operate multiple shuttle buses and minibuses on each arrival and departure day, using this service means that students may have to wait up to three hours at the airport for their coach or minibus to depart.



PREMIUM TRANSFER SERVICE

Our Premium Transfer Service is available from all London airports, as well as Bristol Airport and London St Pancras International Station. This option also includes a meet & greet service by a member of school staff or a driver inside the terminal building. On departure, our staff member or driver also takes students to the check-in desk.

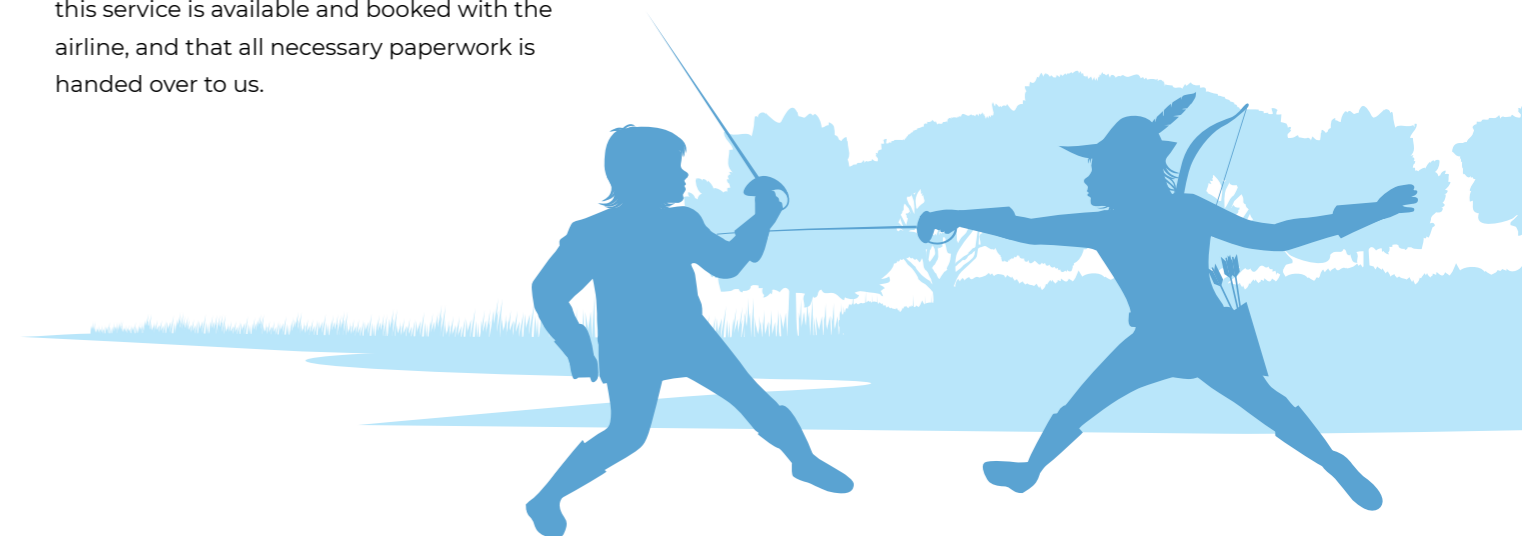
Students travelling together can share the same Private Transfer Service.

Waiting times: We plan for our staff member or driver to meet arriving students approximately 45 minutes after their flight arrives (or later if there are delays through arrivals). Premium Transfers leave the airport or station immediately after collecting the student



UNACCOMPANIED MINORS

We are happy to assist with the arrival and departure of unaccompanied children. It is the responsibility of the family to ensure that this service is available and booked with the airline, and that all necessary paperwork is handed over to us.





KEY INFORMATION

DATES

Week 1 10-17 July

Week 2 17-24 July

Week 3 24-31 July

Arrival and departure days are Wednesdays.

Minimum of two-week stay (one-week bookings only accepted for Week 3)

AGES

8-12 years

STANDARD PACKAGE COST

The standard summer school package costs £1,495 per week

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- English Language Programme
- Multi-Activity Programme
- Accommodation
- Three meals a day and snacks
- Three excursions a week
- Weekly laundry
- Travel insurance

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Flights
- Pocket money
- Academies

ACADEMY

COST

Horse Riding	£250 per week
Performing Arts	£150 per week
Tennis Academy	£150 per week

CHARGES

Prices are one way, per person.

Economy Transfer Service

London Heathrow (LHR)	£100
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Premium Transfer Service

	One student	Shared transfer
London Heathrow (LHR)	£240	£180
London Gatwick (LGW)	£280	£210
London Stansted (STN)	£395	£295
London Luton (LTN)	£315	£235
London City (LCY)	£395	£295
London St Pancras International	£395	£295
Bristol (BRS)	£200	£150

HOW TO BOOK

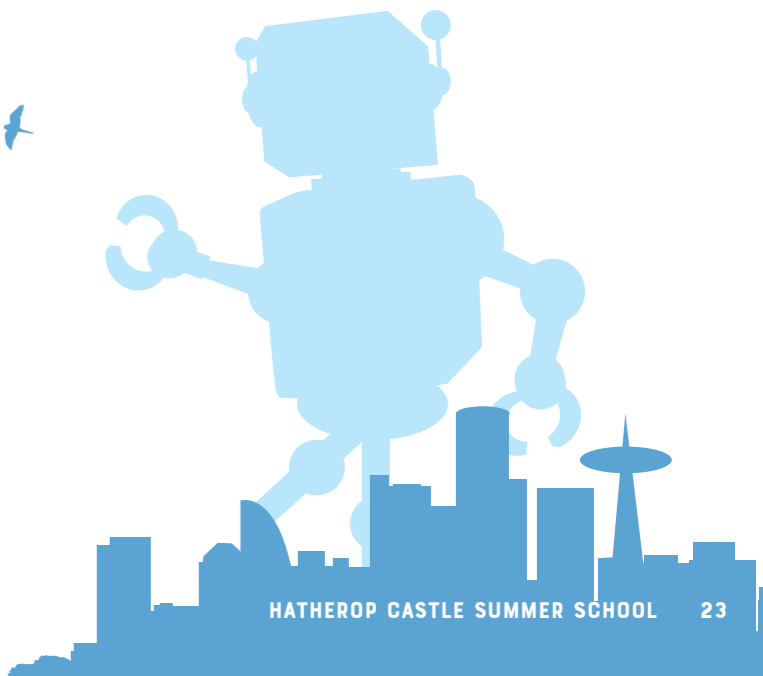
A deposit of £500 per student secures a place at the Hatherop Castle Summer School. The balance is due six weeks before the student arrives. Bookings can be made on the website by filling out our online form. We will then be in touch to confirm your booking, and arrange for payment of the deposit.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you require any further information, we would be delighted to help.

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