



HATHEROP  
CASTLE SCHOOL

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAMME

AGES 9 – 13





## OVERVIEW

The Hatherop Castle English Language Immersion Programme is designed to offer an engaging and enriching chance to improve your English in a traditional British Boarding school which educates pupils up to the age of 13.

International pupils will be immersed in lessons and activities, alongside EAL lessons, allowing them to experience the Adventure of Childhood Hatherop Castle offers.

## MEET A HATHEROP IMMERSION STUDENT

*“At my school in Beijing, I was a pupil, but here I feel like a child.”* ”

— Nala, 10-year-old Hatherop Immersion student from Beijing

Get an insight into Nala’s experience as a Hatherop Immersion student from Beijing:

[WATCH NALA’S VIDEO](#) ▶



# WHY CHOOSE HATHEROP?

Pupils will have the unique chance to experience life at a traditional British boarding school set in the stunning Cotswold countryside.

Pupils will board at Hatherop with our UK boarders, and enjoy all the benefits and opportunities of being part of a home-from-home boarding community.

Housed on the top floor of the Castle, the pupils will live and learn with our UK pupils and will be able to experience a UK curriculum as well as develop and improve their written and spoken English.

We will provide a tailored timetable, designed to meet the pupil's level of English. They will enjoy a balance of lessons, co-curricular and extra-curricular both with Hatherop pupils and via bespoke 'English as an Additional Language' lessons.

## What our students say:

*The Immersion Programme makes the school feel really international and welcoming, it's great that we can learn from each other about our cultures and traditions.*

*"You can make friends really quickly when you're a boarder, even if you're here just for a few weeks."*







# EXAMPLE IMMERSION TIMETABLE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday		
7am - 7:30am	Wake up and breakfast								
8:30am - 10am	Tutor Time	Tutor Time	Assembly	Tutor Time	Chapel	Wake up and breakfast			
9am - 10:50am	Academic Lessons	Academic Lessons	Academic Lessons	Academic Lessons	Academic Lessons	Excursion / Activities / Sport / Art / Forest School			
10:50am - 11am	Break								
11:15 - 12pm	Art	Games	P.E	Music	PSHE				
12pm - 1pm	Games	P.E	Art	PSHE	Music				
1pm - 2:15pm	Lunch								
2:15pm 3:15pm	EAL	EAL	Sports matches	Science	Drama				
3:15pm - 4:30pm	Electives	Music Prep		Prep	Games				
4:30pm - 6pm	Activities or Prep								
6-7pm	Supper							Supper	
7-7:45pm	Boarding Activities							Film Night	Escape Room Challenge
7:45 - 9pm	In Boarding House and Bedtime					In Boarding House and Bedtime			



# SAMPLE MENU



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Main</b>	Macaroni cheese	chicken and chorizo paella	Bangers' and mash	Pasta bar - beef Bolognese, vegetarian carbonara, garlic bread and roasted tomatoes	Chip shop Friday - garden peas and coleslaw	Homemade pizza - Tomato & Mozzarella, Ham and sweetcorn, herb baked potato wedges, coleslaw	Brunch - crispy bacon, hash browns, scrambled eggs, sourdough, crushed avocado
<b>Vegetarian</b>	Mediterranean pasta	Spanish tortilla	Quorn bangers				
<b>On the side</b>	freshly baked garlic bread, steamed broccoli	patatas bravas, sweet corn, green beans	creamy mashed potato, BBQ beans and garden peas				
<b>Jacket and pasta bar</b>	baked beans and cheddar cheese, tomato pasta						
<b>Dessert</b>	Krispy cake	sticky toffee pudding	caramelised pineapple sponge	yogurt pots and fresh fruit	jelly pot	banana and apple smoothie	freshly cut fruit
<b>Daily</b>	Freshly made seasonal salad bar, yogurt, fresh fruits						

All meals and snacks are included in the programme. All food is cooked on site by our team of chefs and served in our dining room. This is an example of our Lunch menu. We cater for all dietary requirements. In the evening the boarders enjoy toast, fruit, hot chocolate in the boarders' common room.



A large, dark blue silhouette of a girl climbing a tree trunk that winds upwards. The tree has small leaves and vines. Three butterflies are flying in the upper left corner. The background is a light blue gradient with white cloud-like shapes at the top and bottom.

## SPORT, EXTRA-CURRICULAR & CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Beyond the classroom, students can get involved in a wide-range of co-curricular activities during their stay with us, including:

- + Sports offered through Games lessons: Football, Hockey, Netball, Cross Country
- + Sports offered through Activities (extra cost): Fencing, Tennis and Karate
- + Extra Curricular Activities (extra cost): Musical Theatre, Art, Lego Robotics, Street Dance, Skateboarding, Masterchef, Mindfulness.

**Mrs Donovan, Head of Games:**

*“It’s so important for our international pupils to be involved in as much as they can outside of the classroom during their time with us. They learn teamwork and resilience by being involved in sports matches and learn how to communicate with others. They can truly develop lifelong skills with us.”*



## BOARDING AT HATHEROP

Living in an English castle is just one of the most exciting things about being a boarder. Our cheerful 3-8 bed dorms are situated on the top floor. They are comfortable and relaxing, and our experienced and friendly house staff make this a safe and reassuring home from home for boarders.

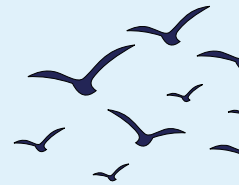
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## EVENINGS & WEEKENDS

After supper, boarders enjoy a variety of activities from playing games and sport on the Astro turf, to being creative in the art studio. The common room is the focal point of the boarding house where the children can phone home, chat, play games and enjoy hot chocolate. At the weekends, there are trips out which may include visits to Oxford or Bath, the cinema, roller skating and local attractions.



# MEET THE TEAM



All our teaching and support staff are on-hand to support our boarders, but we also have staff who live on-site and who are responsible for ensuring our boarders are looked after both during the day and overnight.

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**Mr and Mrs Usher**  
Houseparents



**Ms Townsend**  
Matron & Housemother



**Mrs Freebury**  
House Tutor

## Mr Usher, Head of Boarding:

*"My favourite thing about the boarding programme at Hatherop is seeing the children make such incredible friendships when they stay with us, and very quickly they bond and end up going on holiday and visiting each other, they truly make friends for life after staying with us at Hatherop."*



The Headmaster, his wife and their children live in the Castle and are fully involved with the boarders. Also living in the house are Gap Assistants who spend a lot of time in the house helping all the boarders.







## FURTHER DETAILS

**Programme duration:** 2 - 3 weeks

**Available dates:** Weeks in Autumn, Spring and Summer Terms available

**Number of Pupils:** 6 - 8 boys and girls during each of the weeks

**Age Range:** From 9 - 13 years old (Year 4 to Year 8)

### **Admissions process and entry requirements:**

A Zoom call will be set up with the Headmaster to discuss your stay and agree our terms and conditions.

**Cost:** £1,455 per week – inclusive of meals, trips, boarding activities and transfers.

*Full payment must be received 4 weeks prior to arrival.*

**Uniform:** Students are able to borrow a uniform from the school free of charge. Students will receive a Hatherop welcome pack: draw string bag, stationary, notebook & timetable, behaviour expectations/school rules & water bottle. They will also be provided with a confirmation of studies, report and letter from the Headmaster after completion of their experience.

**Meals:** All meals, (breakfast, lunch and supper) with snacks are provided.

### **Transport to and from Hatherop:**

Hatherop is approximately 90 minutes from Heathrow, and transport between the airport and Hatherop Castle will be arranged at the start and end of the programme.

Pupils can be unaccompanied, or accompanied by an adult who will be able to stay at the school and provide additional support.



# Hatherop Castle



# CONTACT



To find out more about our Immersion Programme please contact Gemma Rodgerson in our Admissions Office by emailing [admissions@hatheropcastle.co.uk](mailto:admissions@hatheropcastle.co.uk)

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