

## NIIGATA UNIVERSITY

at Hertford College, Oxford

English Language and Japan-UK Comparative Culture
Programme

# **SPRING 2017**

A very warm welcome to Hertford College and to Oxford!

Hertford College was founded in 1282 – it is one of the oldest of Oxford University's 38 colleges. Located in the centre of historic Oxford, our beautiful college boasts the Bridge of Sighs, which is one of the most famous sights of the city. This is an ideal setting for students wishing to improve their language skills and knowledge of Britain and British culture.

# Welcome to Oxford!

## **MEALS**

### *Meals:*

- On **class days**, you are offered breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- On **trip days** you are offered breakfast, a packed lunch and dinner.
- **Weekend:** Saturday you are offered breakfast. Sunday you are offered breakfast and dinner.
- On **free-weekdays** (Monday-Friday) you are offered breakfast, lunch and dinner.

The following pages outline your academic programme. Please note that this programme may change to suit the needs and interests of the students.

WEEK ONE	9.00 –10.30am		11.00 – 12.30pm		2.00-4.00pm		Evening
Arrival Day Day 1  Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul> <li>Arrive at Heathrow Airport, London.</li> <li>Hertford College Residential Advisors (RAs) will meet you.</li> <li>Travel to Oxford by private coach. You will stay in Oxford University Accommodation. Your rooms will be available from 5:00pm</li> <li>On arrival: supper and welcome information.</li> </ul>						
Day 2 Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Introduction to the English Language and Japan-UK Comparative Culture Programme  English Language Assessment Students complete a placement test.	B R E A K	Speaking Activities Teachers and students meet in a relaxed setting for a chance to get to know each other before the programme formally begins.	L U N C H	Welcome Tea at 3:00pm Sample a delicious and traditional cream tea in the splendid surroundings of Hertford College's historic dining hall. Please wear smart clothes and remember to bring your camera!	D I N N E R	Orientation:  • Accommodation  • Facilities  • Connecting your computers to the internet
Day 3 Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Language you will need in Oxford Learn functional English for socialising, shopping, travelling, eating out, dealing with emergencies and requesting information.	B R E A K	Introduction to Oxford and the university Explore the development of the leading university in the English speaking world.  The lecture will be followed by activities and a Q&A session with students.	L U N C H	Out and About Oxford Treasure Hunt: a self- guided tour of discovery	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs Suggestion Go on a Ghost Tour of central Oxford

	Language Focus	В	Oxford Architecture	L	William Shakespeare	D	Cultural activities		
Day 4	Active communication skills –	R	Learn about some of	U	His Life and Works	- 1	with RAs		
	participate in a range of	Ε	Oxford's most famous and	N	An introduction to the life,	N	Suggestion		
Wednesday	activities designed to increase	Α	beautiful buildings.	С	language and works of England's	N	Go for a river or		
15 <sup>th</sup> March	your fluency and confidence.	K		Ħ	most famous dramatist including some expressions that are still in use today.	E R	canal side walk with your RAs		
	Presentations Workshop 1	В	The Language of Debate	L	Introduction to London	D	Cultural activities		
Day 5	An Introduction to Student	R	Learn how to present your	U	History, cultural highlights and	ı	with RAs		
	Presentations	Ε	opinions clearly and take	N	interesting facts	N	Suggestion		
Thursday	<ul> <li>Key presentation language</li> </ul>	Α	part in a mini-debate in	С	<ul> <li>Presentation and activities in</li> </ul>	N	Film night		
16 <sup>th</sup> March	and presenting techniques	K	groups.	Н	preparation for tomorrow's	Ε			
			<ul> <li>Expressing your opinion and commenting</li> <li>Turn-taking</li> <li>Agreeing/Disagreeing</li> <li>Rhetorical Questions</li> </ul>		study tour	R			
	Study Tour: London								
Day 6									
					sounds of London. You will travel in the	ne con	nfort and safety of		
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	your private coach and have the opportunity to visit the National Gallery and the British Museum with your RAs.								
	You will be accompanied and guided by the RAs. Transport will be by private coach.								

	Weekend Free Day								
Day 7									
	At the weekend you have free time. If you wish to stay in Oxford, your RAs are available for Oxford activities, such as punting, walking tours,								
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	shopping, college and museum visits. Alternatively, some students choose to travel independently to nearby place of interest such as:								
	• London								
	Stratford upon Avon								
	Warwick Castle								
	Cambridge								
	Bath								
	Brighton								
	Liverpool								
	These trips are not included in the programme price.								
	Your RAs are available to offer advice and support about travel arrangements.								
Day 8	Weekend Free Day								
•	Free time (as explained for Day 7)								
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March									

WEEK TWO	9.00 – 10.30am		11.00 – 12.30pm		2:00 – 4:00pm		Evening
Day 9 Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul> <li>Language Focus</li> <li>Improve your conversational abilities and learn about the difference between formal and informal spoken English.</li> <li>Keep a conversation going with ease and confidence</li> <li>Listen for the gist</li> <li>Language fillers</li> <li>Linking words</li> </ul>	B R E A K	Language Focus Listening and speaking activities: learn to recognise and use idiomatic expressions.  idioms multi-word verbs slang (colloquial language)	L U N C H	British Culture Topic Youth Culture Britain has been at the forefront of youth culture since the 1950's. Explore the world of fashion and music enjoyed by young people.	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs Suggestion College tour - visit some of Oxford's most renowned colleges
Day 10 Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Current Affairs Discover how newspapers capture the interest of their readers by creating effective headlines.	B R E A K	Collaborative Writing Activity Work as part of a group to design and create an effective text. Create your own newspaper headlines and story!	L U N C H	British Culture Topic Food and Drink British food and drink is becoming better known and understood throughout the world. Find out why and how!	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs Suggestion Enjoy the famous "Oxford Blue" ice cream with your RAs in a local cafe
Day 11  Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	British Society and Culture Folklore and tradition Discover the secret histories and folklore behind Britain's best known festivals.  Comparing the traditional folklore, proverbs and superstitions of Britain with those of your country	B R E A K	Workplace English - Job seeking skills  Applying for a job: Writing successful personal statements and CVs/Resumes  How to research a company Interview role-play	L U N C H	Presentations Workshop 2 Learn and practise advanced techniques to give your presentations greater impact.  • Emphatic language  • Handling Questions Intonation and sentence/ word stress	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs Suggestion Attend a British quiz or popular games night with your RAs

	End of Course Presentations	В	End of Course Presentations	L	Feedback Session and End of	GALA DINNER
Day 12	Students deliver presentations	R	(continued)	U	Programme Assessment	Celebrate your
	in small groups before an	Ε		N		success at a
Thursday	audience.	Α		С		memorable candle-
23 <sup>rd</sup> March		Κ		Н		lit dinner in the
						historic dining hall
						at Hertford College
						where you will be
						presented with a
						certificate at the
						end-of-course
						ceremony.
						This is a special
						event so please
						wear smart clothes
						and bring your
						camera!
	Free Day					
Day 13						
	Free time (as explained for Day 7)					
Friday						
24 <sup>th</sup> March						
	Departure Day					
Day 14						
	You will be accompanied by your	RAs in	a private coach to the airport.			
Saturday						
25 <sup>th</sup> March						



#### THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES DEPARTMENT

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