

**TWO WEEK PROGRAMME**  
**Niigata University at Hertford College**



**English Language and Japan-UK Comparative Culture Programme**



**A very warm welcome to Hertford College and to Oxford!**

*Our team is looking forward to meeting you and helping you make the most of your stay with us in this beautiful city. The people responsible for organising your programme are:*

- Andrew Hemingway BA, MA, MSc( Oxon), DELTA (EFL Director of Studies)
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Hertford College was founded in 1282 – it is one of the oldest of Oxford University's 39 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.

Over the past ten years, we have been providing high quality English Language programmes for a wide variety of international students. We offer a prestigious and stimulating learning environment, the highest standards of programme design and organisation, and a dedicated and professional team who ensure your stay with us is fulfilling and enjoyable.

Our teachers and lecturers are all well-qualified and have years of experience teaching students from all over the world. Your level will be assessed on arrival, and you will be carefully monitored throughout the programme so that you can be sure of making the maximum possible progress.

The following information will help you during your stay here. We are sure that you will enjoy your time here in Oxford.

***Welcome to Oxford!***

### **Itinerary and programme information**

*You are taught in small classes. This creates a lively group atmosphere whilst allowing your own individual needs to be met. Classes are taught communicatively and entirely in English.*

*Students will be tested and placed in an appropriate level group on arrival.*

#### **COURSE AIMS**

##### **For the student:**

- **To communicate effectively in English**
- **To develop a high level of grammatical competence**
- **To improve pronunciation / intonation in key areas**
- **To discover Oxford, London and the UK**
- **To learn about British society and culture**
- **To deliver a presentation in English**
- **To learn in an inspiring and supportive environment**

**WEEKLY OBJECTIVES:**

**WEEK 1**

- **Testing and placement of students**
- **Introduction to the classroom language and rules**
- **Strategies for successful study**
- **Make discoveries about Oxford University and Oxford's Famous faces**
- **Improve your reading, writing, speaking and listening skills**
- **Introduction to Comparative Culture**
- **Begin work on your presentations**
- **Landmarks of London**

**WEEK 2**

- **Discover some of the beautiful buildings in Oxford and compare them with Japanese Architecture**
- **Learn about British society compared to Japanese Culture and Society**
- **Make discoveries about Oxford in the Discovery Quiz**
- **Job seeking skills workshop**
- **Improve your reading, writing, speaking and listening skills**
- **Pronunciation workshops**
- **End of Course Presentations**

<b>Arrival day</b> Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	<p><b>The Residential Advisors (RAs) will meet you, accompany you and assist you during your stay.</b></p> <p><b>Our team of RAs will ensure that you have a fun and safe time while you are in Oxford. All RAs are current Oxford undergraduates and will help you to settle in as well as giving you the opportunity to make friends and practise your English. In the evenings, they will organise a varied programme including visits and activities (your participation is optional). Typical activities include: sports evenings, punting, visits to colleges, games and DVD evenings and cookery sessions. They will also be happy to help you plan your free time. They are looking forward to meeting you!</b></p> <p>Hertford College Residential Advisors will meet you at your hotel. You travel to Oxford by private coach. You are staying in Hertford College accommodation.</p> <p>On arrival: supper and welcome information.</p>						
<b>Week ONE</b>	9.00 – 10.30am		11 – 12.30pm		2.30-4.30pm		Evening
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	<p><b>English Language assessment</b> Students complete a placement test</p>	B R E A K	<p><b>Speaking activities</b> Teachers and students meet in an informal setting for a chance to get to know each other before the programme formally begins</p>	L U N C H	<p><b>No afternoon class</b></p> <p><b>Welcome Tea at 3.30pm:</b> Sample a delicious and traditional cream tea in the splendid surroundings of Hertford College's historic dining hall.</p> <p><b>Please wear smart clothes. Bring your camera!</b></p>	D I N E R	<p>Cultural activities with RAs</p>

<p>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March</p>	<p><b>Classroom Language and Rules</b></p> <p><i>Exploring Ways to learn English</i></p> <p><b>Language Learning Contract</b></p>	<p>B R E A K</p>	<p><b>Start of course grammar checker</b></p> <p><b>Functional English:</b> for example shopping, travelling, requesting information</p>	<p>L U N C H</p>	<p><b>An introduction to comparative culture</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Class vote for comparative culture topics to study during the Comparative Culture afternoon sessions – one topic to be taught per afternoon session</b> popular topics include: Sports, The Media, Food and Drink, The History of Britain, Architecture, Traditional and Modern Music, The History of English Language, English Literature, Youth Culture, Politics, Festivals, The World of Work, The Monarchy</li> </ul> <p><b>The History of Oxford University</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore the development of the leading university in the English speaking world</li> </ul>	<p>D I N N E R</p>	<p>Cultural activities with RAs</p>
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Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	<p><b>Language Focus</b> (<i>Example</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading and speaking skills</li> </ul>	B R E A K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vocabulary development</li> </ul> <p><b>Oxford Famous Faces</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>learn about some of Oxford's well known scholars and public figures</li> </ul>	L U N C H	<p><b>UK and Japan Comparative Culture Session</b> (<i>Students select the topic - example</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Food and drink</b></li> </ul>	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<p><b>Weekly reviews</b></p> <p><b>Weekly consolidation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trouble shooting of areas of difficulty</li> </ul>	B R E A K	<p><b>Student presentations- Introduction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How to plan and deliver a presentation effectively</li> </ul>	L U N C H	<p><b>Introduction to London –</b> compare with Tokyo (student input)</p>	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	<p><b>Trip to London:</b> Enjoy an essential trip to the capital and experience all the magical sights and sounds of London in the comfort and safety of your private coach. Afterwards you are free to spend the afternoon in London with your RAs.</p>						
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<p><b>Free time</b></p>						



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Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>Free time</b>						
<b>Week TWO</b>	9.00 – 10.30am		11 – 12.30pm		2.30-4.30pm		Evening
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Weekly Test</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>review of language and topics covered last week</li> </ul> <b>Language Focus</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Making conversation and active listening</li> </ul>	B R E A K	<b>Language Focus</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Collaborative writing activity:</b> work as part of a group to plan and create an effective text</li> </ul>	L U N C H	<b>Architecture in Oxford</b> and comparisons with Japanese Architecture (student input)	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Language Focus</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listening activities</li> <li>Idiomatic expressions</li> </ul>	B R E A K	<b>Newspaper headline lesson</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discover how newspapers capture the interest of their readers by creating effective headlines</li> </ul>	L U N C H	<b>Out and About</b>  Oxford treasure hunt: a tour of discovery	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Preparation for final presentations</b></li> </ul>	B R E A K	<b>Workplace English - Job seeking skills</b> ( <i>Example</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applying for a job: Writing successful personal statements and CVs</li> </ul>	L U N C H	<b>UK and Japan Comparative Culture Session:</b> (example) Seasons and festivals in Britain and Japan	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs

**This programme may change to suit the needs and interests of the students**

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<p>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March</p>	<p><b>End of Course Presentations UK/Japan Comparative Culture Presentations</b></p>		<p><b>End of Course Presentations UK/Japan Comparative Culture Presentations</b></p>		<p><b>Feedback session End of programme assessment</b></p>	<p><b>GALA DINNER</b></p> <p>Celebrate your success at a memorable candle-lit dinner in the historic dining hall at Hertford College where you will be presented with a certificate at the end-of-course ceremony. <b>This is a special event so please wear smart clothes and bring your camera!</b></p>
<p>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March</p>	<p><b>Free time</b></p>					

Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Free time</b>
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Departure day</b>
<p><b><u>Meals:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• On class days, you are offered breakfast, lunch and dinner.</li><li>• On trip days, you are offered breakfast, a packed lunch and dinner.</li></ul> <p>On weekends: Saturday you are offered breakfast only. On Sunday you are offered breakfast and dinner.</p>	