



**HERTFORD COLLEGE
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NIIGATA UNIVERSITY
at
Hertford College, Oxford

*English Language and Japan-UK
Comparative Culture Programme*

SPRING 2015

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*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.

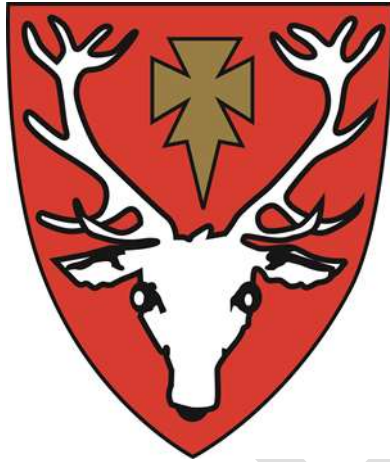
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WEEK ONE	9.00 –10.30am		11.00 – 12.30pm		2.00-4.00pm		Evening
Arrival Day Day 1 Sunday 15th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at Heathrow Airport, London. • Hertford College Residential Advisors (RAs) will meet you. • Travel to Oxford by private coach. You will stay in Oxford University Accommodation. Your rooms will be available from 5:00pm • On arrival: Supper and welcome information. 						
Day 2 Monday 16th March	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 3:30pm Sample a delicious and traditional cream tea in the splendid surroundings of Hertford College’s historic dining hall. <i>Please wear smart clothes and remember to bring your camera!</i>	D I N E R	Cultural activities with RAs <i>For example: Sports Event, River Walk, Traditional Pub Visit, Debate, Film Night, Karaoke, Games or Punting!</i>
Day 3 Tuesday 17th March	Language you will need in Oxford Functional English for socialising, shopping, travelling, 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. A lecture will be followed by activities and a Q&A session with students.	L U N C H	An introduction to comparative culture <i>Class vote for comparative culture topics to study during the Comparative Culture afternoon sessions – one topic to be taught per afternoon session.</i> 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 and The Monarchy.	D I N E R	Cultural activities with RAs

Day 4 Wednesday 18th March	Language Focus Active communication skills – a range of activities designed to increase fluency and confidence	B R E A K	Oxford Architecture Learn about some of Oxford's famous and beautiful buildings and compare them with buildings in Japan	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
Day 5 Thursday 19th March	Introduction to Student Presentations How to plan and deliver an effective presentation	B R E A K	The Language of debate Learn how to present your opinions clearly and take part in a mini-debate	L U N C H	Introduction to London Presentation and activities in preparation for tomorrow's study tour	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs
Day 6 Friday 20th March	Trip to London: Enjoy an essential trip to the capital and experience all the magical sights and sounds of London. You will travel in the comfort and safety of your private coach and have the opportunity to visit the National Gallery and the British Museum with your RAs.						
Day 7 Saturday 21st March	Weekend Free Day 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, shopping, college and museum visits. Alternatively, some students choose to travel independently to nearby place of interest such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • London • Stratford upon Avon • Warwick Castle • Cambridge • Bath • Brighton • Liverpool <p>These trips are not included in the programme price. Your RAs are available to offer advice and support about travel arrangements.</p>						

Day 8 Sunday 22nd March	Weekend Free Day Free time (as detailed above)						
WEEK TWO	9.00 – 10.30am		11.00 – 12.30pm		2:00 – 4:00pm		Evening
Day 9 Monday 23rd March	Language Focus Making conversation and active listening The difference between formal and informal spoken English	B R E A K	Language Focus Collaborative writing activity: work as part of a group to plan and create an effective text	L U N C H	UK and Japan Comparative Culture Session <i>Students select a topic of interest – for example:</i> Lifestyle, Fashion and Leisure Time	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs
Day 10 Tuesday 24th March	Language Focus Listening activities Idiomatic expressions	B R E A K	Newspaper Headline Lesson Discover how newspapers capture the interest of their readers by creating effective headlines	L U N C H	UK and Japan Comparative Culture Session <i>Students select a topic of interest – for example:</i> Food and drink	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs
Day 11 Wednesday 25th March	Preparation for Final Presentations Learn and practise advanced techniques to give your presentations greater impact	B R E A K	Workplace English and Job-Seeking Skills Applying for a job: writing successful personal statements and CVs	L U N C H	UK and Japan Comparative Culture Session <i>Students select a topic of interest – for example:</i> Seasons and Festivals in Britain and Japan	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs

Day 12 Thursday 26th March	End of Course Presentations Japan-UK Comparative Culture Presentations		End of Course Presentations Japan-UK Comparative Culture Presentations		Feedback session End of programme assessment	GALA DINNER 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. This is a special event so please wear smart clothes and bring your camera!
Day 13 Friday 27th March	Free Day					
Day 14 Saturday 28th March	Departure Day					



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