

# Spring and Summer Programmes 2024



Buckswood Overseas Summer School





## Welcome to BOSS

It's easy to see why kids and teens would want to spend their summer at Buckswood Overseas Summer School (BOSS). It's an experience of a lifetime that offers more than meets the eye! Of course our English lessons are extremely important but so too is the thrill of trying new activities and visiting new places, and the friendships that are made make it such a special experience for our students.

Here at BOSS, we take pride in helping to shape the lives of our students and, by encouraging confidence through experience, we allow them to challenge themselves through excitement and adventure as well as developing social and life skills in a happy and pleasant environment.

However, BOSS is not only about experiencing new things and shaping lives, it is also about having lots of fun and being able to take your stories home to share with your friends and family. Our campus is an amazing place, full of life, activities and energy!



### Key Facts

- Spring Course:** 24th March to 13th April
- Summer School:** 30th June to 17th August
- Age range:** 8 to 17
- Arrival days:** Sunday
- Departure days:** Saturday
- Course length:** 2 to 7 weeks
- Capacity:** 200 students
- Class size:** Maximum 16 (average 12)
- Location:** Guestling near Hastings, East Sussex
- Nearest airport:** Gatwick (1½ hours)

Our beautiful campus is like a little green island in the heart of the stunning East Sussex countryside. It is safe, it is peaceful and it is yours. A home from home that is in the middle of nowhere, yet the centre of everywhere. One school, one family.



# Our Ethos



At BOSS we believe that people will remember the adventures that they went on, not the stuff that was bought for them. People outgrow stuff, but they will never outgrow adventures and time spent at BOSS is certainly and adventure. An adventure that is designed to get the most out of our students both socially and academically while also guiding and encouraging them to:

- Become more independent
- Embrace internationalism
- Learn the value of hard work
- Grow in confidence
- Improve social skills
- Be open minded
- Broaden their minds
- Improve their teamwork skills
- Stay curious

Every summer has a story. What will yours be?



# Our Academic Programme

BOSS adopts a learner centred approach and the content of our Academic Programme is carefully prepared by our energetic and committed Academic Team on the basis of each students' individual assessment and needs. All of our classrooms are equipped with smart boards and with a maximum class size of 16 and levels ranging from beginner to advanced, our course is planned so that a sensible balance between academic and non-academic activities is maintained. We like to educate our students, but also to keep them motivated and never bored.

The objective of our Academic Programme is to strengthen and improve our students' English by consolidating what knowledge they may already have of the language. The outcome will then be the opportunity to take an Trinity College London's graded examination in spoken English, which all students will take on the last day of their stay at BOSS (minimum stay 2 weeks).

Trinity College London's graded examination in spoken English are well suited to summer schools as they give direction to short courses and provide an outcome to the course. Everyone can be successful at their own level and all students who pass will go home with an internationally recognised certificate and a feeling of accomplishment as well as making your teacher and parents happy!



## Key Facts

**Who is it for:** Kids and teens aged 8 to 17

**What English levels do we offer?** We offer English language courses for all levels of English from absolute beginner (A1), to beginner (A2) to pre-intermediate (B1) to upper-intermediate (B2) to advanced (C1) and finally proficient (C2).

**Maximum class size:** 16

**Average class size:** 12

**Hours of English per week:** 20

**Exams included:** All students will take our placement test, a one hour test covering reading, writing, listening and speaking on their first day and an internationally recognised Trinity College London's graded examination in spoken English on their last day.



# A Slice of Britain and Project Classes

Our 'A Slice of Britain' lessons allow our students to develop knowledge of British culture, traditions and customs as well as improving their language skills. We encourage discussion and participation in these interactive lessons and use practical means wherever possible, for example, cooking and eating British food, making their very own British-style movie and by participating in British customs during their lessons. Therefore, our students will not only improve their English whilst learning about Britain, they will also experience and participate in British customs and traditions first-hand!

As well as our 'A Slice of Britain' lessons, our students will also participate in our enlightening project classes. Project classes last for the duration of a week that ends with all students presenting what they have learnt and sharing their new found knowledge with all other students and staff. The informative lessons allow our students to use independent learner strategies as under the guidance of their teachers, they must use their imaginations to research, produce and present their work in these creative lessons.

## Key Facts

**Projects include:** English speaking counties during which students must research and present information about countries that use the English language, 'Dragons Den' during which students must create and pitch their own business ideas, theatre week during which students must write, produce and perform their own pieces of theatre plus many more.







# Activity and Excursion Programme

A Our Activity and Excursion Programme for 2024 involves learning through participation and a lot of fun! Our programme is carefully planned to ensure that no moment passes without learning and that every minute is packed with fun. Our programme consists of two full day excursions (Wednesday and Sunday) and two half day excursions (Tuesday and Saturday) visiting places such as London, Brighton, Hastings and Canterbury with the opportunity to visit some of the world's most famous landmarks.

When we don't have excursions we have a full range of onsite activities in the afternoon including sports, arts and crafts, drama and music as well as exciting activities every evening that involve all students together as they compete in a variety of challenges and shows. Think music, mess and mayhem!

Please visit [www.buckswoodsummerschool.com/visit-england](http://www.buckswoodsummerschool.com/visit-england) for a sample activity and excursion programme.

## Key Facts

**Full day excursions:** Wednesdays (08:30 to 19:00) and Sundays (10:00 to 19:00)

**Half day excursions:** Tuesdays and Saturdays (14:00 to 18:00).

**Excursions include:** London (every Wednesday), Brighton, Windsor, Hastings, Eastbourne, Canterbury, Camber Sands and Battle as well as other historical and cultural locations.

**Onsite facilities include:** Astroturf, indoor sports hall, tennis courts, horse riding stables, swimming pool, wide open green spaces and more. activity and Excursion Programme





# A Typical Week

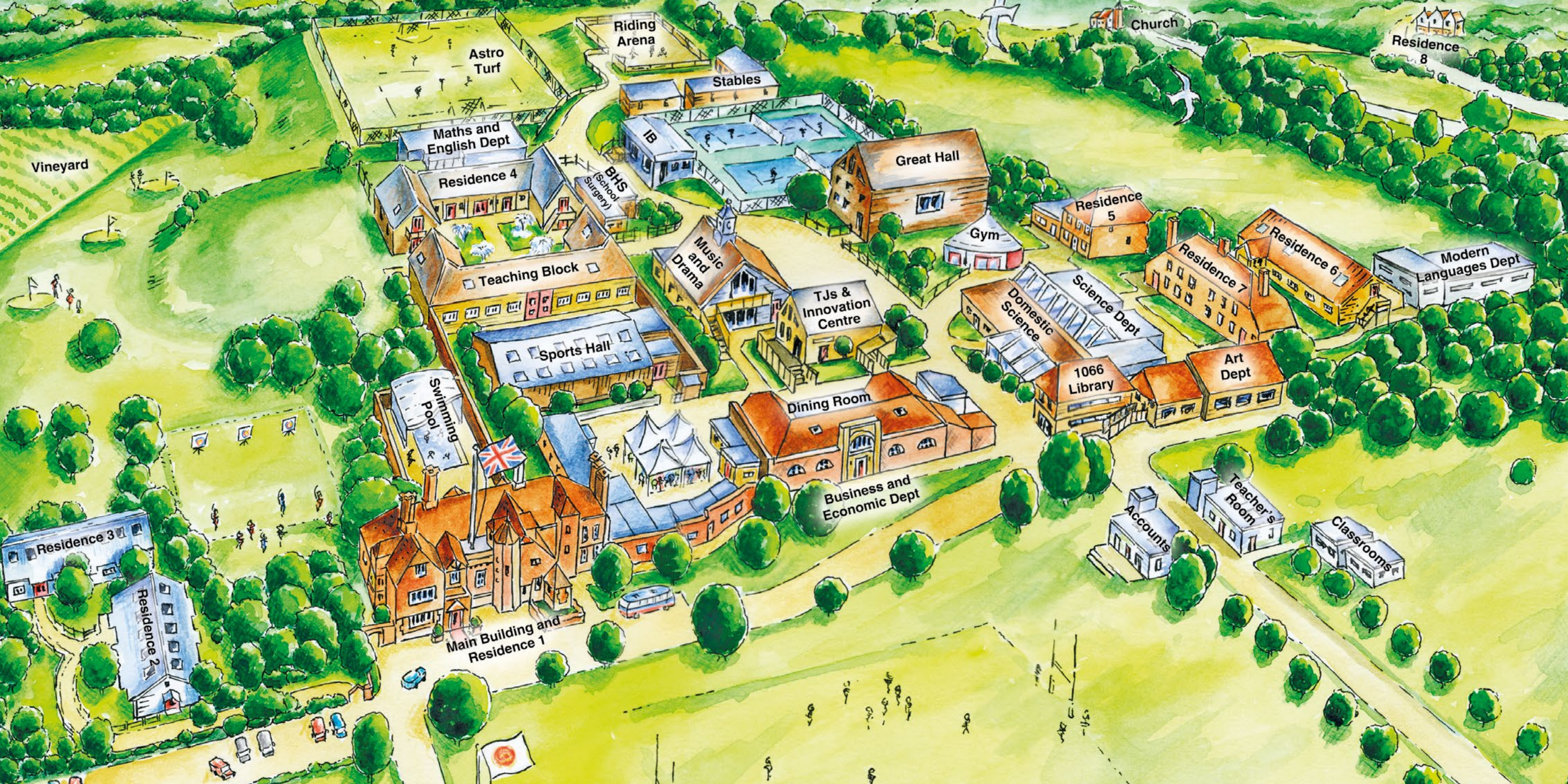
Not a moment passes at BOSS when our students aren't engaged in some form of class, activity or excursion. We have put a lot of thought into our timetable to ensure that our days are structured to allow optimum time for not only learning but also playing, being creative, socialising, recharging, resting, relaxation and connecting with nature.

Being nestled in the Sussex meadows provides many benefits to our students - they breathe fresh air every day; it is safe and they are focused on the here and now.

To view our full activity and excursion programme, please visit:  
[www.buckswoodsummerschool.com/visit-england](http://www.buckswoodsummerschool.com/visit-england)

Week 2	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July*	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> July
07:45	Wake up		Wake up (07:00)	Wake up		Wake up (08:30)	
08:00	Room inspections and breakfast		Breakfast (07:30)	Room inspections and breakfast		Breakfast (09:00)	
09:00	Assembly in the Sports Hall		London Eye and Sightseeing Walk 	Assembly in the Sports Hall		Windsor 	
09:30	English Lessons			English Lessons			
11:00	Break Time in the Courtyard			Break Time in the Courtyard			
11:30	English Lessons			English Lessons			
13:00	Lunch		Lunch		Lunch		Windsor 
14:00	Project Classes	Camber Sands*** 	Project Classes		BOSS Woodland Adventure 		
15:30	House Administration 		International Night Preparation 	Project Class Showcase 			Windsor 
Activity Session One		Camber Sands*** 	Break Time		Windsor 		
17:00	Break Time		Break Time				
17:30	Clubs 	Camber Sands*** 	Clubs		The Colour War 	Windsor 	
Activity Session Two			Clubs				
19:00	Dinner****						
20:00	BOSS Has Got Talent 	The BOSS Olympics 	Capture the Flag, Football or Conversation Club 	International Night 	Disco, Courtyard Games, Campfire or Football 	BBQ and Movie Night 	Welcome Assembly 
Evening Activity							
21:30	Hot Chocolate Time in Courtyard						
22:00	House Meeting						
22:30	Bed Time						





Vineyard

Astro Turf

Riding Arena

Stables

Maths and English Dept

Residence 4

BHS (School Surgery)

Great Hall

Gym

Residence 5

Residence 6

Modern Languages Dept

Teaching Block

Music and Drama

TJs & Innovation Centre

Science Dept

Residence 7

Sports Hall

Domestic Science

Art Dept

Swimming Pool

Dining Room

1066 Library

Business and Economic Dept

Residence 3

Residence 2

Main Building and Residence 1

Accounts

Teacher's Room

Classrooms

Residence 8

Church



# BOSS Academies

At BOSS we like to offer our students as many activities as possible and as well as the fantastic onsite activity programme that we offer when we don't have excursions, we also offer three professional academies, all onsite

We of course offer football, tennis and do a lot of dancing during our onsite activity programme, but the difference between those activities and our academies is that our academies are run by coaches who are qualified in their sport or subject.

BOSS Academies are not only for those students who participate in their sport regularly and must maintain practise so as to maintain their level and develop, but also for students who simply want to experience something new.

Please note that BOSS Academies will take place during our onsite activity programme and include equipment but not kit.







## Horse Riding Academy

On our beautiful 42 acre campus, we have a riding centre. This centre has stables, tack room and hayloft and a very impressive sand school. We have 8 horses for both novice and more experienced riders.

**Hours:** 2 hours per week (2 x 1 hour session)

**Days:** Monday, Thursday or Friday

**Levels:** Suitable for all levels

- Show Jumping
- Hacking
- Stable Management
- Cross Country Jumping



## Tennis Academy

Playing tennis can help you build speed, power, and fitness. It's also a great way to spend time with your family or your friends. Learn the layout of the court, the scoring system, and all the playing techniques you need to improve as a player!

**Hours:** 2 hours per week (1 x 2 hour session)

**Days:** Monday, Thursday or Friday

**Levels:** Suitable for all levels

- Forehands and backhands
- Hand-eye co-ordination
- The Serve
- Focus on movement on court
- The Volley
- Finishing the point at the net



## Football Academy

The Buckswood Football Academy provides high quality coaching and support for ambitious young players. Buckswood School competes at the highest level of English school football, competing both at county, national and international level.

**Hours:** 4 hours per week (2 x 2 hour sessions)

**Days:** Monday, Thursday or Friday

**Levels:** Suitable for all levels

- Football fitness testing
- Technique sessions
- Professional scouts overseeing coaching sessions
- Skills challenges
- Sessions on forward play, finishing, 1-on-1s, midfield play and defending techniques



# Our House System

Although BOSS is one big family, your house will be your closest family. Your housemates are the people you live with, your team, your brotherhood or sisterhood. We have six houses at BOSS and they are called Kipling, Milne, School House, Rowling, Oaks and Wells. Each house has its own noble history and each has produced outstanding students.

While you are at BOSS, your triumphs will earn you house points, while any rule breaking will lose house points. At the end of the week, the house with the most points is awarded with the oh so precious pizza and the right to eat first in the Dining Room for the following week, a great honour. We hope that you will be a credit to whichever house becomes yours.

Our House System provides you with a “home-from-home” environment that will help you to learn and grow as individuals and as leaders. Without realising it, everything that you do is a valuable life lesson that will help you to learn and develop under the close mentorship of our House Tutors.

House Tutors will welcome you into your house and provide you with all the care that you need during your stay. We have a team of up to 30 staff members who all live onsite to provide you with care and attention but your House Tutors will be your first point of contact and the person you should turn to for advice or assistance.

The comradeship and sense of belonging that grows within our House System will naturally encourage you to work together with your housemates, to do your best and to succeed with pride in all that you do.

## Key Facts

**Accommodation:** We have three houses for boys and three houses for girls. All houses are onsite and arranged according to the following age groups – 8 to 11, 12 to 14 and 15 to 17. Please note that we do not have en suite accommodation for students aged 8 to 11 however all bathrooms are within a 5 second walk from bedrooms.

**Rooms:** We offer rooms with two, three or four beds and some singles. All rooms have beds, a desk, a chair, a wardrobe and drawers.

**Room requests:** We strongly recommend that all students share a room with someone of the same age who cannot speak the same language. Any specific room requests will incur an extra charge of £150 per week.







## Our Team

A lot of time and effort goes into selecting and recruiting the best people to work at BOSS. All staff go through a three day training camp that includes all aspects of working in a school environment as well as working with children. All of our teachers are very well qualified and experienced, as are our House Tutors and of course our Management Team and with over 100 years of experience between us, we have experienced just about everything there is to experience in a summer school setting so are therefore very capable of dealing with any eventuality and can guarantee that your kids are safe with us.

## Environment

The BOSS campus is an eco-friendly campus where each student is encouraged to learn and to understand the importance of the environment in which they live. We have biomass boilers and solar panels around the campus which allow us to reduce our carbon footprint and means that much of Buckswood's energy comes from the summer sun!

## Food

Our chefs cook at Buckswood all year round, serving our meals in our family style dining room.

Our chefs are always around and can cater for any dietary requirements. They are part of the 'Buckswood Family' so you can talk to them any time about food, arranging a dinner party or even just to practise your English!

## Health and Safety

Our nurse is on call throughout the week in our very own onsite surgery to arrange any necessary health care for students who may not be feeling 100%.

To add an extra safety blanket, each member of BOSS staff is First Aid and Child Protection trained and the local hospital is just ten minutes away.



# Ten Reasons to Study at BOSS

Over the years we have seen some incredible things at BOSS. Things that have warmed our hearts, things that have brought a tear to many an eye, things that have made us feel proud and things that have made us realise how lucky we are to be a part of this multi-cultural, international community. We have had students who have arrived and left a few weeks later a completely different person, having gone through a transformation from nervous to fearless, from rebellion to revolution, from shy to social and from unsure to sure. Perceptions are changed, personal discoveries are made. That feeling on the last day of, 'I have done it!' followed by tears when the sudden realisation hits that it is time to go home. We remind our students at this point not to cry because it is over, but to smile because it has happened. And while their summer school experience is happening, our students will have experienced 10 things that will culminate in this burst of emotion when the time to leave finally arrives.

## 1. They will have grown in confidence

BOSS naturally breeds confidence. We have seen very shy students arrive who two weeks later are standing alone on a stage dancing in front of 250 people!

## 2. They will have learnt the value of teamwork

Our house system encourages all students to work together with their housemates to be the best, learning that there is no 'I' in team, but there is in win!

## 3. They will have become more aware

Often we see students walk past other people without acknowledging they're there. We therefore encourage our students to be aware of everyone around them.

## 4. They will have improved their social skills

BOSS gives our students the social skills and confidence to approach someone that they would like to talk to and to hold their own in a conversation.

## 5. They will have spent most of their time in nature

BOSS is like a little island in a huge sea of green. We are completely surrounded by nature and benefits of being in nature are endless.

## 6. They will have become more independent

At BOSS, we encourage our students to be responsible for themselves in certain aspects of their lives such as waking up on time and tidying their bedrooms!

## 7. They will have become more open minded

We encourage our students to give everything and everyone a chance and over time, we see students let down their guard and lose their inhibitions.

## 8. They will have learnt the value of internationalism

In a world where the media tells us that we're all different because of lines on a map, we want our students to realise that we are all the same.

## 9. They will improve their English language skills

According to research, speaking a second language can mean that you have a better attention span and can multi-task better than monolinguals.

## 10. They will have benefitted from physical activity

Our timetable is packed with physical activity and research shows that physical activity can boost self-esteem, mood, sleep quality and energy.





## What's included?

- 20 hours of English per week
- Trinity College London's graded examination in spoken English
- Two full day and two half day excursions per week
- All museum and attraction entrance fees
- Full afternoon and evening activity programme
- All course materials
- Full board accommodation
- Laundry service
- BOSS wristband, BOSS diary, BOSS folder and BOSS t-shirt

## How to book

To book a BOSS course, please visit [www.buckswoodsummerschool.com/book-now](http://www.buckswoodsummerschool.com/book-now) and complete our online booking form.

- A non-refundable deposit of £250 is required to secure a booking. Once a completed booking form has been received, further information regarding payment will be sent.
- Please always check availability with us before completing a booking form or booking flights.
- Please visit our website for terms and conditions.





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