



Full Study Programme at OISE Swindon



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Swindon
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Ages 14 – 17 years

Programme

22.5 hours per week, maximum class size of 8 students

During the morning students develop their accuracy in speaking, listening, reading and writing. Afternoon oral and communications skills workshops are designed to encourage fluency and build confidence in speaking the language. The late afternoon programme gives the students the opportunity to participate in cultural and leisure activities which further enhance their learning experience.

One of OISE's longest running summer centres; Swindon is located approximately 1 hour from London by train. Situated in the county of Wiltshire, this old market town was the centre of development of the railways in the area, with Brunel's railway works in use for 150 years.

In recent times the works have been restored and remain an integral part of the town's culture and entertainment scene forming a modern pedestrianised shopping centre, including a retail outlet with excellent shopping facilities. Despite this part of the old town still exists and there are picturesque villages to explore just outside Swindon.

OISE Swindon is based in the Walcot area and is a contemporary building with excellent sports facilities, complementing the many leisure amenities, restaurants and cinemas as well as parks and museums.

Accommodation

- Accommodation is with host families living across a large area of the town. Most students take the bus to school and a bus pass is included in the course price. Host families show the students how to get to school on the first day.
- All host families are thoroughly inspected and their credentials checked. There will be no other student of the same mother tongue in the house.



Included in the course price:

- Lessons and communication workshops: guaranteed maximum of 8 students per teacher
- Loan of all teaching materials
- Workbook and course certificate
- Homestay accommodation: full board
- Leisure activities
- Full day excursions on Saturdays
- Return standard airport transfers



A typical day at Swindon

Morning

- 09.30 Grammar/Vocabulary lesson
- 11.00 Break
- 11.30 Formal comprehension training exercises. Structured expression exercises: essays, presentations and explanations.
- 13.00 Lunch

Afternoon

- 13.45 Workshops to encourage fluency and use of the language. They include debates, presentations, active listening practice and letter writing.
- 15.15 Break
- 15.45 Afternoon games include sports such as football, cricket, volleyball, tennis and squash. Treasure hunt, boat trip, crazy golf, coastal walk, activities on the beach, theatre workshop and photo challenge.

Evening

Dinner with host family.
Students will be given approximately 1.5 hours homework per night.

One evening per week there will be a social activity for all students such as a barbeque or party.

The school day is for illustrative purposes and may be subject to change.

Excursions

Every Saturday, there is a full day excursion to a city such as London, with sightseeing, shopping and a museum visit, or an excursion to either Bath or Oxford.

Sundays are spent with the host family.

Need to know

Airport transfers

- Standard transfer times
- London Heathrow (LHR) – 2 hours
- London Gatwick (LGW) – 4 hours

Clothes/Sports equipment

Students are recommended to prepare for good and bad weather and bring enough warm clothes. British summers are not always predictable!

Students should bring suitable sportswear, white-soled footwear for sports halls, swimwear, towel and a sports bag.

