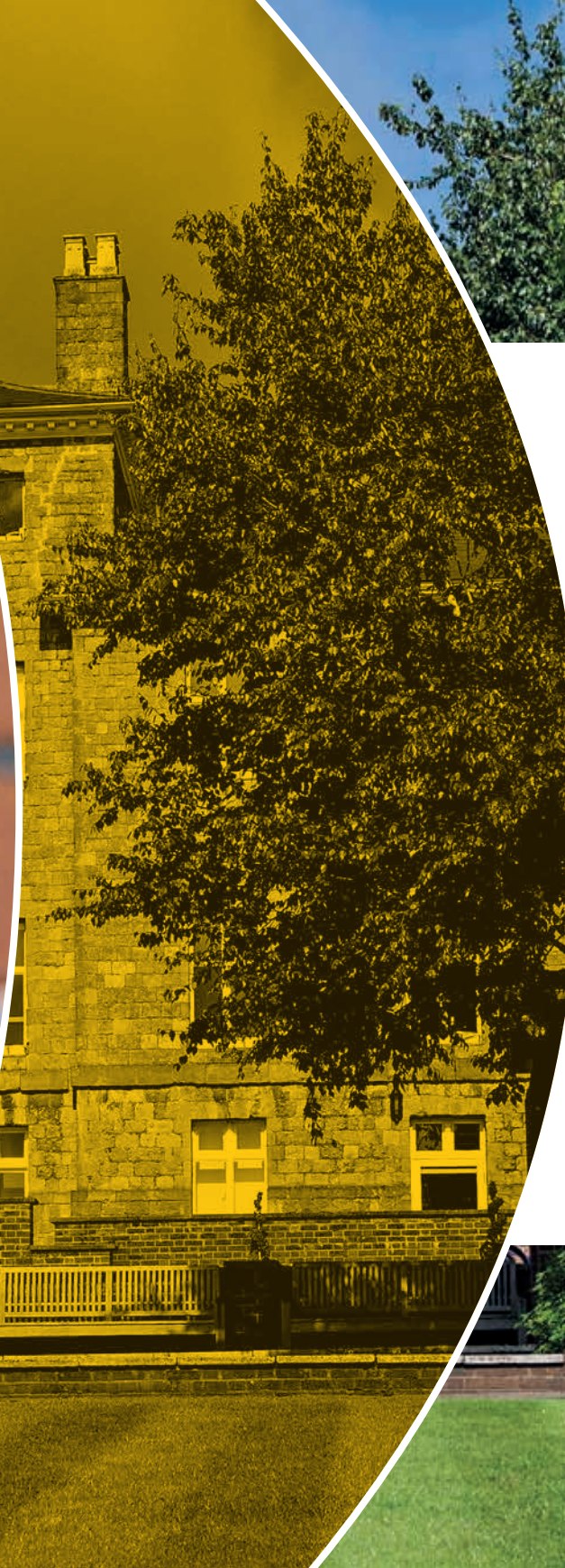


# SEVENOAKS SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAMMES





# WELCOME

Sevenoaks School offers exclusive Summer Programmes which promise to be intellectually stimulating, fast-paced and internationally diverse, all delivered by Sevenoaks staff.



Our team of dedicated Sevenoaks teachers deliver a unique academic programme which encourages critical thinking, promotes reflection, and encourages students to be ambitious. The lessons are creative, interactive and designed to foster independent thought and intellectual appetite.

Outside of the classroom, the Summer Programmes are designed to challenge enthusiastic students and introduce them to new skills. Alongside a team of expert instructors and professional coaches, students will have access to a range of state-of-the-art facilities to develop their strengths and discover new talents.

We are proud of the diversity within our Summer Programmes. Last year we had 60 countries represented across our student body. The Summer Programmes mirror the ethos of Sevenoaks School and the habits of its pupils: to be inquisitive, internationally minded, and forward-thinking.


I hope to welcome you to this fantastic school to experience life at Sevenoaks for yourself.

Daniel Simpson, Director of Holiday Programmes






# SEVENOAKS SCHOOL




Founded in 1432, Sevenoaks enjoys a global reputation as a centre of academic excellence and a flagship school for the International Baccalaureate. A co-educational day and boarding school, it offers a stimulating, intellectually demanding and balanced education for pupils from the age of 11 to 18.



Inspiring facilities, together with expert, enthusiastic and imaginative teaching, provide rich opportunities for students participating in lessons and a wide variety of sports and the performing and visual arts.

The school's international student body and outlook promote the principles of respect and open-mindedness. About 440 pupils board in the eight boarding houses, and students originate from around 70 countries worldwide.

Sevenoaks is one of the world's most successful IB schools, and is the top-performing fully co-educational IB school in the UK. In 2023 Sevenoaks was named The Sunday Times Co-educational Independent School of the Year, while in 2022, Sevenoaks was Spear's School of the Year, recognised for its innovative approach to education, outstanding academic results, excellent pastoral care and use of technology.



In 2023, 231 students took the IB Diploma, one of the largest among global IB schools. The average Diploma score for 2023 was 39.0 points, more than eight points above the world average. Fifty-seven per cent of our students earned 40 points or more, with 73 students earning 42 points or more.



# BOARDING



Sevenoaks School Summer Programmes aim to furnish its students with a structured, relaxed, consistent and friendly home in which to develop into young adults, full of self-esteem, with a developed sense of responsibility. It is our belief that young people thrive on high expectations and plenty of justified praise. Our many boarding staff are genuinely conscientious, committed, caring and approachable.

Each house has a Housemaster or Housemistress and two Houseparents. In each house, there are always two members of the boarding team on duty, 24 hours per day. Their role is a wide one, although a key part is to look after the health and welfare needs of the students. If a student is unwell, they will make sure that they are looked after in the house, and that medical attention is sought when necessary. All of the house staff live in the boarding houses for the duration of the summer, so they can be contacted at any time by students, whether it's at lunch for a quick chat or at 3am if a student feels unwell or unhappy.

For students who are interested in potentially studying at Sevenoaks or another top UK boarding school in the future, this is the ideal way to get a taste for it before applying.

Sevenoaks School has eight boarding houses in total, all with first-class facilities and different characteristics. Boys and girls are separated into different houses, with older students placed in single and double bedrooms while younger students live in larger dormitories.



# ACADEMIC

Sevenoaks School is one of the world's leading academic institutions and Sevenoaks School Summer Programmes offer a selection of challenging academic courses, aimed at bright, ambitious students aged 11-17.

Our flagship course is The Summer Programme, a two-week academic enrichment programme teaching four modules: Critical Thinking, Social Leadership, Creativity and Digital Skills. Each module is a ten-hour course and the variety on offer is designed to develop soft skills and produce broad students, who are capable in a variety of fields, while giving a taste of what academic life is like at Sevenoaks School.

We also offer an English Language Course, designed by Sevenoaks School's own specialist language teachers. These courses are aimed at students looking to improve their general English skills and those who want to focus on academic English, to prepare for exams or further study. The courses are bespoke and will ensure students leave us with an enhanced level of confidence and aptitude in using English, both formally and informally.

Our Music Programme is for ambitious musicians looking to broaden their skillset and delve further into the subject on a course designed and run by Sevenoaks Music staff. This unique course spans performance, composition, history and analysis to produce innovative, inclusive and insightful musicians.

The Summer Programme classes are separated by age, while the English and Music programmes are divided by age and ability. For all courses, parents receive a detailed report from their child's teachers at the end of their stay.



# THE SUMMER PROGRAMME

The Summer Programme is an academic enrichment course for bright, ambitious students aged 11-17 with a strong level of English. The academic side of the course involves four modules: Critical Thinking, Social Leadership, Creativity and Digital Skills. Each module is a 10-hour course and the variety on offer gives students a taste of what academic life is like at Sevenoaks School. Classes are separated by age and parents receive a detailed report from their child's teachers at the end of their stay at the school.

## CRITICAL THINKING

It has never been more important for students to possess the critical skills they need to tell good arguments from bad, to learn how to discriminate between information and propaganda and to be able to balance different perspectives with their own views. This module is designed to teach students about a range of real world political and cultural issues, and to develop the skills of critical interrogation. Topics covered include, but are not limited to, bias, fallacies and 'Fake News', while each two-day course ends with a fiery debate.

## SOCIAL LEADERSHIP

This module enables students to appreciate the role of social leaders in creating social change.

On the first day of the course, we aim to deepen students' understanding of the world around them through the close examination of different social problems and reflecting upon their impact on particular communities. We examine different paths towards effective social change, assessing and advancing students' own entrepreneurial skills in the process. On the second day, students have the opportunity to work on a practical challenge in

which they apply their leadership abilities to a current social issue which they care deeply about, creating innovative solutions. Students leave empowered with the leadership tools and mindset to enable them to make a positive impact on the lives of others, and create the world they wish to see.

## CREATIVITY

Too easily, young students can become so immersed in their critical reactions to, and appreciation of creative works that their own creativity can become stifled. Keeping a young person's passion for creation and self-expression burning is a key responsibility of a progressive education and is one that we at Sevenoaks School take extremely seriously. This module encourages students to think about what is meant by 'creativity' and delves into its various forms including creative writing, drama, theatrical technology and film. It is a crucial message to learn that a creative approach across the board will be perhaps the most important characteristic to set the next generation of graduates apart from their peers.

## DIGITAL SKILLS

The ongoing digital revolution has brought us deep and powerful tools and resources to push human knowledge and understanding further forwards. The digital revolution has also brought challenging and disruptive elements which threaten to distract and subvert our assumptions about education and society. Soft skills such as teamwork, problem-solving and patience are cultured in this challenging module which utilises the world-class technology that we have access to at Sevenoaks School.

This module involves coding, design and robotics while equipping students with the skills they need to develop as independent learners in an ever-changing world.



# MUSIC

Our Music Programme is an immersive course combining practical and academic musicianship as an introduction to the skills and techniques sought after in UK music scholars.

## PERFORMANCE

Performing is an integral part of the programme, with solo and ensemble opportunities fostered by masterclasses, daily concerts and an end of course performance. We ask that students be of ABRSM Grade 5 standard or equivalent in at least one instrument.

## HISTORY AND ANALYSIS

Across the programme students will have the opportunity to deconstruct the main periods of Western Classical music, identifying key features and applying this knowledge to a four-lesson structural analysis module. This area of the course is underpinned by daily talks on key areas of 21st century musicianship, which apply the skills and concepts covered to contemporary musical practice.

## COMPOSITION

Our daily composition sessions give students the opportunity to refine their musicological knowledge into creative pieces. Students may choose from a selection of areas of interest, which include traditional compositional techniques and contemporary music technology.



# ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSE

English language courses at Sevenoaks School are carefully designed by Sevenoaks School teachers to ensure students leave with an enhanced level of spoken and academic English, while learning in a dynamic and collaborative way.

There are two courses: General English and Academic English. All students will take both courses. The General English course is designed to improve students' skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening, deepen their understanding of grammar in order to improve accuracy in speaking and writing, and develop their confidence and knowledge of English vocabulary, in order to use it in genuine circumstances.

Academic English is aimed at those students with specific academic goals. Whether it is entry to a UK boarding school, formal English exams or preparation for the workplace, this module helps students achieve those goals, through carefully structured lessons working on formal use of the English language.

In both General English and Academic English, British pupils from Sevenoaks School come in each day and spend afternoons with the international students, working collaboratively on projects, and allowing the international students to put their learnings into practice, in real-life situations.





# CO-CURRICULAR

## AFTERNOONS AND EVENINGS

Sevenoaks School prides itself not only on being a centre for academic excellence, but also for its rich and varied educational atmosphere. Our aim is that students should become well-rounded individuals, and the key to this is participation in co-curricular activities. There are interesting, useful and challenging activities in the afternoons and evenings as part of Sevenoaks School Summer Programmes. All activities are planned and delivered by trained staff and coaches. Students choose one activity per week and they take part in a total of 12 hours of activities during the two-week session.

### AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

|                   |                                |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Archery           | Football                       |
| Art               | Golf                           |
| Athletics         | Introduction to British Sports |
| Badminton         | Martial Arts and Self-Defence  |
| Baking            | Photography and Videography    |
| Basketball        | Survival Skills                |
| Board Games       | Swimming                       |
| Climbing          | Tennis                         |
| Cooking           | Volleyball                     |
| Dance             | Yoga                           |
| Explore Sevenoaks |                                |
| Fitness           |                                |

Subject to change

### EVENINGS

After a busy day of lessons and co-curricular pursuits, the evenings are a chance for students to get to know one other in more informal circumstances. Our team of dynamic and enthusiastic Activity Leaders organises a variety of evening activities, ranging from Mindfulness to Karaoke. The course ends with the eagerly anticipated Leavers' Ball.



The background of the page is a collage of three images. On the left is a photograph of the Tower Bridge in London, spanning the River Thames. In the center is a blue roller coaster track curving upwards against a blue sky with a few clouds. On the right is an aerial view of a university building with a large, illuminated dome, likely St Paul's Cathedral in Oxford, at dusk.

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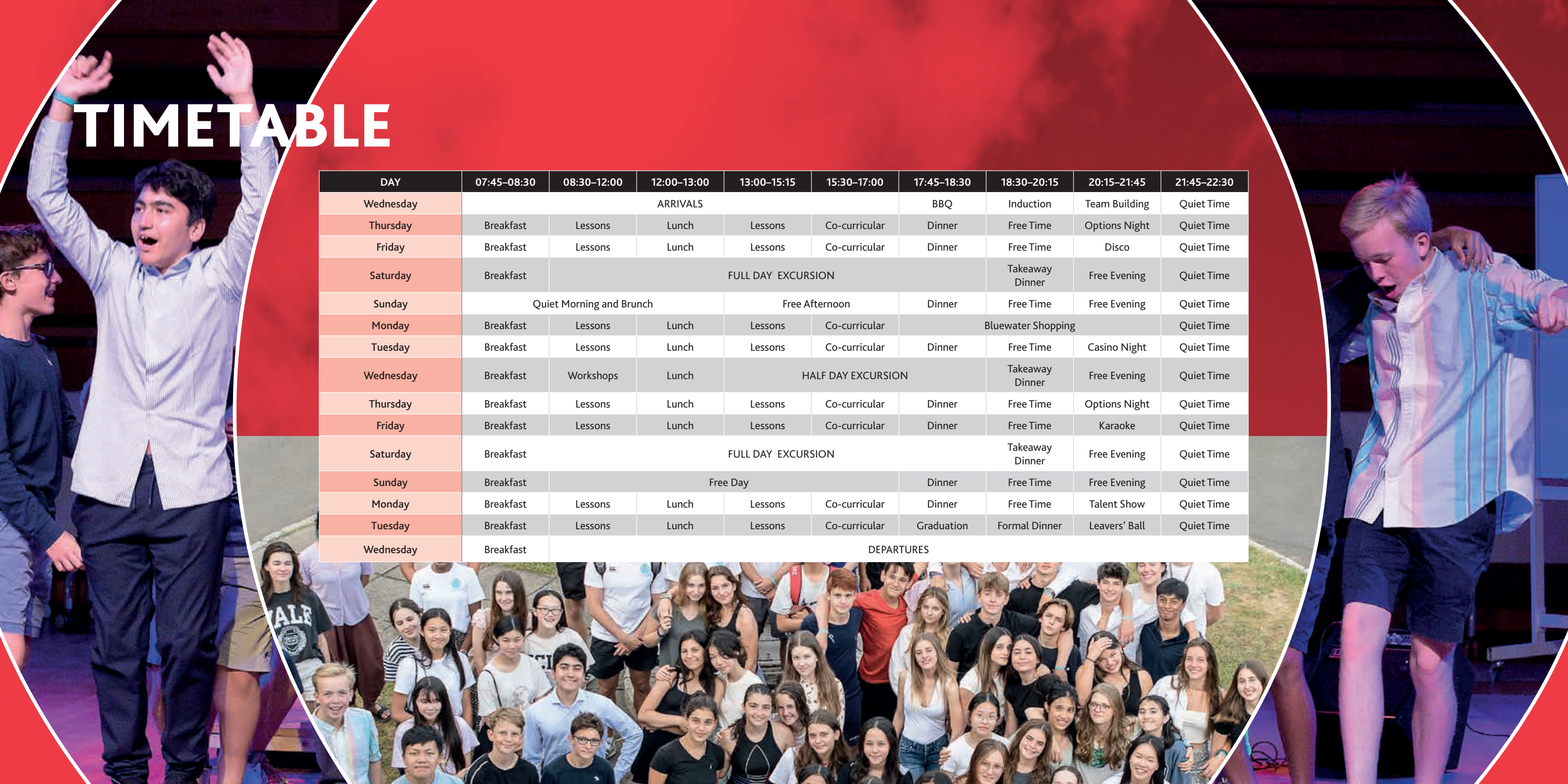
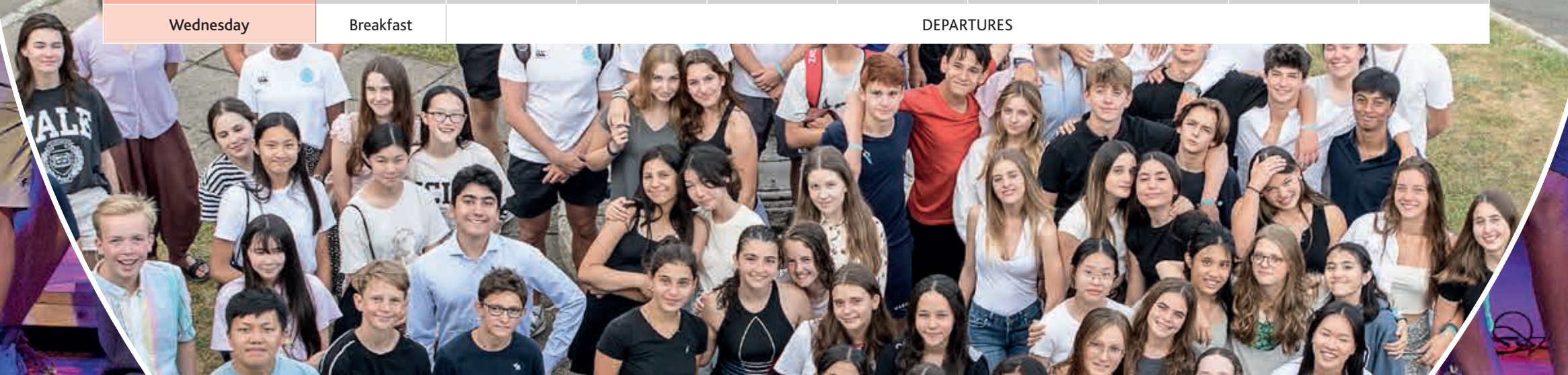
We make the most of our enviable location by going on three excursions in each session. Whether it is an action-packed day at Thorpe Park, the UK's premier theme park, a visit to a world-famous London attraction or a day in one of the world's leading university cities, the excursions are a chance for students to take in some of the UK's top attractions while continuing to bond with their friends.

## SUNDAYS

Sundays start with a late wake-up, something very popular after such an action-packed week. This is followed by brunch and an afternoon to explore Sevenoaks and beyond. It is important that students recharge their batteries in preparation for the coming week as well as have time to reflect on what they have learned and achieved so far. On Sundays, there are a number of optional activities organised by boarding house staff and discreet supervision for those who do leave the school campus.

# TIMETABLE

| DAY       | 07:45–08:30              | 08:30–12:00        | 12:00–13:00 | 13:00–15:15        | 15:30–17:00   | 17:45–18:30        | 18:30–20:15     | 20:15–21:45   | 21:45–22:30 |
|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
| Wednesday | ARRIVALS                 |                    |             |                    |               | BBQ                | Induction       | Team Building | Quiet Time  |
| Thursday  | Breakfast                | Lessons            | Lunch       | Lessons            | Co-curricular | Dinner             | Free Time       | Options Night | Quiet Time  |
| Friday    | Breakfast                | Lessons            | Lunch       | Lessons            | Co-curricular | Dinner             | Free Time       | Disco         | Quiet Time  |
| Saturday  | Breakfast                | FULL DAY EXCURSION |             |                    |               |                    | Takeaway Dinner | Free Evening  | Quiet Time  |
| Sunday    | Quiet Morning and Brunch |                    |             | Free Afternoon     |               | Dinner             | Free Time       | Free Evening  | Quiet Time  |
| Monday    | Breakfast                | Lessons            | Lunch       | Lessons            | Co-curricular | Bluewater Shopping |                 | Quiet Time    |             |
| Tuesday   | Breakfast                | Lessons            | Lunch       | Lessons            | Co-curricular | Dinner             | Free Time       | Casino Night  | Quiet Time  |
| Wednesday | Breakfast                | Workshops          | Lunch       | HALF DAY EXCURSION |               |                    | Takeaway Dinner | Free Evening  | Quiet Time  |
| Thursday  | Breakfast                | Lessons            | Lunch       | Lessons            | Co-curricular | Dinner             | Free Time       | Options Night | Quiet Time  |
| Friday    | Breakfast                | Lessons            | Lunch       | Lessons            | Co-curricular | Dinner             | Free Time       | Karaoke       | Quiet Time  |
| Saturday  | Breakfast                | FULL DAY EXCURSION |             |                    |               |                    | Takeaway Dinner | Free Evening  | Quiet Time  |
| Sunday    | Breakfast                | Free Day           |             |                    |               | Dinner             | Free Time       | Free Evening  | Quiet Time  |
| Monday    | Breakfast                | Lessons            | Lunch       | Lessons            | Co-curricular | Dinner             | Free Time       | Talent Show   | Quiet Time  |
| Tuesday   | Breakfast                | Lessons            | Lunch       | Lessons            | Co-curricular | Graduation         | Formal Dinner   | Leavers' Ball | Quiet Time  |
| Wednesday | Breakfast                | DEPARTURES         |             |                    |               |                    |                 |               |             |

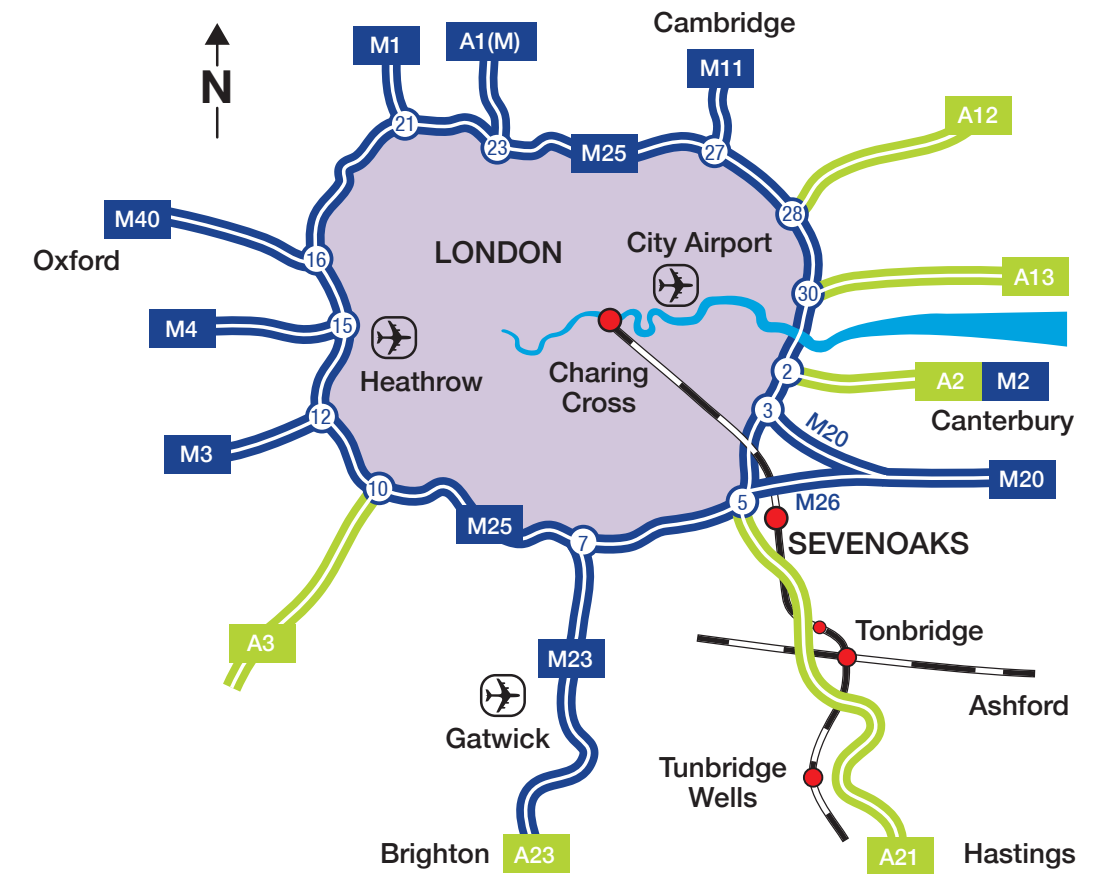


# LOCATION



The school is situated in the Kent town of Sevenoaks, and has an excellent and most admirable location at the top of the High Street. The 40-hectare site, which includes a number of listed buildings, is beautifully landscaped and adjoins the medieval deer park of Knole. Sevenoaks School is just 30 minutes away from Central London and Gatwick Airport, and one hour's drive from Heathrow Airport and City Airport.

Airport transfers between Heathrow Airport, Gatwick Airport, St Pancras International Station and the school are included in the fees.



# STAFF



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Sevenoaks School Summer Programmes are written, designed and taught by Sevenoaks School teachers. All academic staff at Sevenoaks have excellent professional experience of teaching international students to a very high level, as attested by the school's spectacular IB results. This experience, allied with unparalleled passion and knowledge, means we are extremely proud of all the staff involved in Sevenoaks School Summer Programmes.





# SEVENOAKS SCHOOL PUPILS

A number of Sevenoaks School day pupils play a full part in the academic and co-curricular aspect of life on the Sevenoaks School Summer Programmes. Living and learning alongside these Sevenoaks pupils adds real meaning to the experience for our Summer Programmes students and long-lasting friendships are formed all the time.

For students interested in studying at Sevenoaks or in the UK in general, it is invaluable to be able to learn first-hand from the opinions and experience of Sevenoaks pupils.



# TESTIMONIALS



**"AMAZING. THIS IS THE BEST SUMMER OF MY LIFE."**

Eleonora, 11, Austria



**"IT WAS A PLEASURE LEARNING FROM SO MANY DEDICATED AND SPECTACULAR PEOPLE."**

Arish, 16, Bangladesh



**"THE EXPERIENCE I'VE HAD HERE IS SOMETHING I DON'T THINK I COULD EVER GET SOMEWHERE ELSE. THE PROGRAMNE HAS ALLOWED ME TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS, DEVELOP MY CONFIDENCE AND BEST OF ALL HAVE THE BEST EXPERIENCE I'VE EVER HAD IN MY LIFE."**

Ava, 15, United Kingdom

**"IT'S BEEN AN INVALUABLE EXPERIENCE FOR HIM. HE'S KEEN TO REVISIT SEVENOAKS, WHICH HE NOW THINKS IS THE COOLEST PLACE IN THE WORLD."**

Parent, Hong Kong



**"A FUN WAY TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS LIKE TO BE A BOARDER AND ALSO AN AMAZING WAY TO MEET LIFELONG FRIENDS."**

Julian, 13, Malaysia



**"PHENOMENAL, LIFE-ALTERING, AND THE MOST FUN EXPERIENCE."**

Jayci, 14, Hong Kong



**"EVERY CLASS WAS ENGAGING. OFTEN, PEOPLE WOULD STAY IN THE CLASS DURING BREAKS BECAUSE THE TEACHING WAS SO INSPIRING."**

Sofia, 15, Spain

**"OUR DAUGHTER HAS FALLEN IN LOVE WITH SEVENOAKS SCHOOL."**

Parent, Russia



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**"IT WAS ONE OF THE GREATEST EXPERIENCES OF MY LIFE."**

Ivan, 14, Ukraine



**"THIS IS THE MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER SCHOOL I'VE BEEN TO. MY WONDERFUL MEMORIES ARE ALL KEPT FOREVER IN THIS WARM AND KIND SEVENOAKS FAMILY."**

Georgina, 11, China



**"I WOULD SELL MY SOUL TO REPEAT THIS EXPERIENCE."**

Lizzy, 12, Germany

**"WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEART FOR TAKING LOVING CARE OF OUR DAUGHTER THROUGHOUT HER STAY, RIGHT FROM THE TIME SHE LANDED IN THE UK."**

Parent, India







## SEVENOAKS SCHOOL

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