SUMMER SCHOOL
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EXPERIENCE A SUMMER LIKE NO OTHER

English Language residential courses 2026
for Young Learners (8-12) and Teenagers (13-17)

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WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS & EXTERNAL RELATIONS

At Leighton Park, we love welcoming students from around the world to experience a leading British Boarding education. We have been recognised in two national awards for the Best Independent Senior School 2023, with our students achieving some of the best academic progress in the country.

This summer we were delighted to welcome over 230 international students representing 20 different nationalities to our first Summer School at Leighton Park...and from all the extremely positive feedback we have received from students, parents, Group Leaders and agents, we can look forward to welcoming more students in 2026!

Leighton Park's beautiful and safe parkland location, 25 minutes from London, 20 minutes from Oxford and 30 minutes from London Heathrow also make it an exceptional setting to experience some of the very best that England has to offer.

John Burnett

10 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD CONSIDER CHOOSING THE SUMMER SCHOOL AT LEIGHTON PARK?

- **TOP SCHOOL:** experience life at one of the UK's top boarding schools in a beautiful parkland setting
- **NEW FRIENDS:** make new friends with young people from all over the world
- **PROGRESS:** improve linguistic, academic and cultural awareness
- **PREPARATION:** prepare for full-time education in an English-speaking environment
- **EXPERT TEACHERS:** benefit from expert English language tuition
- **PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTION:** enjoy a wide-range of academy options delivered by professionals
- **TEAM BUILDING:** compete in mixed nationality team events
- **EXCURSIONS:** visit some of the UK's most beautiful, historic and interesting cities
- **HEALTH & SAFETY:** stay healthy and be safe with our friendly and caring staff
- **COMMUNITY:** be part of our wonderful international community

LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL

Leighton Park is a school that inspires Achievement with Values, Character and Community, half way between London and Oxford, it is a co-educational private school for both day and boarding pupils in Reading in South East England. The school's ethos is closely tied to the Quaker values, having been founded as a Quaker School for boys in 1890.

Leighton Park is a finalist in two national awards for Senior School of the Year 2023. It won the national ISA Award for Pupil Personal Development in 2022 and offers sector-leading pastoral care, holding the Wellbeing Award for Schools. In 1993 the school became fully coeducational. Today the school is home to around 600 pupils drawn from more than 40 different countries.

It has the top performing Sixth Form in Berkshire for the academic progress that the Sixth Form leavers make and 14th among all boarding schools in England. Its approach shows that balancing high-quality learning (and yes – hard work!) with fun, living adventurously, sports, performing arts, off-curriculum projects and helping others is the best way to achieve academic success.

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Leighton Park students accept offers from many different universities in the UK and abroad. Degree choices are varied but often reflect the school's strengths in STEAM, Music and Business. Last year 62% went on to STEAM-related degrees and 45% went on to research-intensive Russell Group universities. Students also went on to specialist institutions that are the very best in their disciplines, such as four students going on to conservatoires to study Music.

The School and its beautiful parkland campus are conveniently located on the edge of the historic town of Reading, just a short bus ride or good walk from the shops and the train station. A frequent train service connects Reading to London Paddington in just 25 minutes!

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL AT LEIGHTON PARK

In keeping with the School's history and mission for growth and development, we are delighted to be partnering with Experio Summer to provide an international summer school for overseas' students aged 8-17 in July and August. With Experio Summer's reputation and 25 year track record of delivering high-quality summer schools at some of the UK's leading boarding schools, we are entirely confident that our international summer school meets the same high standards for which Leighton Park is widely known .It also gives prospective and future overseas' boarders an ideal opportunity to experience living and studying at Leighton Park while getting to know the local area and some of the UK's most famous cities (e.g. London, Oxford, Cambridge, Bath) prior to joining the School full-time.

READING

Reading is England's largest town with a population of around 175,000. It dates back to the 8th century and is the county town of Royal Berkshire, south-east England, just north of the M4 motorway which links London with Bath, Bristol and Cardiff. 40km south of the famous university city of Oxford, 60km west of London itself and only 36km from London Heathrow Airport. From the town's centrally located railway station, there are frequent daily train services to both Oxford (40 mins) and London Paddington (25 mins). The new Elizabeth Line also connects Reading directly with central London (Oxford Circus) in around 40 minutes.

Known for its beer, biscuits and bulbs during the industrial revolution, Reading has transformed into a vibrant, metropolitan town located on the River Thames and Kennet & Avon Canal. Home to the UK's iconic Reading Festival, its growing arts and culture community boasts some of the best entertainment in the country. Reading's rich and diverse communities are represented by its global food and drink scene, with well-known chains and quirky independents serving everything from street food to fine dining. And, with three shopping centres and a pedestrianised high street jam-packed with household brands and independent retailers, you'll find shopping in Reading rivals some of the bigger cities in the South East of England.

Reading is surrounded by some of the UK's most important film studios, including Pinewood Studios, Netflix Studios UK, Sony Studios UK and Disney's UK Film Studios, so you may even spot some film stars!

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer School at Leighton Park is for international students aged 8 to 17 who are visiting the UK for a short period of two weeks. We welcome groups of students aged 8 to 17 accompanied by one or more Group Leaders and individual students aged 13 to 17. The courses combine English language tuition, general or specialist activities and classes, events, local visits and excursions to places of historical and cultural interest.

SCHOOL FACILITIES

Leighton Park School is set in extensive, safe, attractive grounds with excellent residential, educational and sporting facilities. The school is conveniently located opposite the main University campus on the edge of town and is within walking distance of local shops and a short bus ride from the town centre and train station.

On campus there are extensive and well-maintained playing fields, all-weather surface courts and astro pitches for football, hockey and tennis, a sports hall for basketball, badminton, volleyball and a 25m indoor heated swimming pool. Additional facilities for activities include a state-of-the-art music department, film-editing studio, dance studio, theatre and art & design centre, with 11 specialist studios.

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During breaks in lessons and activities, students can relax and buy refreshments from the Tuck Shop. WiFi is available across the campus and in the boarding houses.

ACCOMMODATION & CATERING

Students are accommodated in 3 different boarding houses, all located on the main campus. The Junior boarding house has 24 beds in 3- and 4-bedded ensuite rooms whereas the two Senior boarding houses have 65 beds each, divided into single, twin, 3- and 4-bedded rooms. Girls and boys are accommodated on separate floors or in different parts of the boarding houses and have separate bathrooms if the bedrooms are not ensuite. The modern communal bathrooms are on each floor and have washbasins, toilets and showers in a ratio of 1:6. Group Leaders have single rooms in all houses unless otherwise requested and the use of staff-only bathrooms. Summer school staff are resident and on-call at all times. The school provides bed linen and towels as well as a weekly laundry service. There is a common room, games room and communal kitchen in each boarding house where students can relax, make drinks and snacks, socialize with each other, watch TV or DVDs, play video-, indoor- and board-games.

The school has a large modern dining room and provides the students with 3 wholesome meals each day. Breakfast offers a selection of cereals, yoghurt, pastries and toast and traditional cooked items on some days; lunch and dinner consist of soup with bread, pasta bar, a main dish, vegetables, salad bar, desserts, fresh fruit basket. Packed meals are provided for full-day excursions, late arrivals and early departures and there is a weekly barbeque.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES

Experio English is the exclusive partner of Experio Summer and has been delivering high quality English language tuition on behalf of Experio Summer since 2022.

Experio English is accredited by the British Council for the teaching of English in the UK and is a member of English UK.

All students are tested on their first full day and subsequently placed in classes of no more than 16 students at an appropriate level for their ability. The lessons are topic-based and are designed to help students develop communication skills, natural English and a range of vocabulary. Materials have been specifically chosen for both the Kids' and Teens' courses and include authentic resources.

For English classes and daytime activities, students are divided into 2 age-groups:

- **Kids (8-12 yrs)**
- **Teens (13-17 yrs)**

All students have morning English classes from 09:00 - 12:40 (15 hours per week) and afternoon activities from 13:45 – 17:30.

Each course finishes with a Certificate Ceremony and Prize Giving.

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ACTIVITY PROGRAMMES

Kids' activities are a combination of language practice, culture, arts and crafts, sports and lots of fun!

A wide range of afternoon Academy options are on offer for Teens from 13:45 – 15:45 on three afternoons per week. Students should choose their preferred course(s) at the time of booking: Intensive English, Creative Arts, Performing Arts, Film Making, Sports Coaching (either two courses x one week each or one course x two weeks).

INTENSIVE ENGLISH is for motivated students wishing to make additional progress with their communication skills in English (speaking, listening, reading, writing).

CREATIVE ARTS is for students with an artistic flair who would like to learn or improve their skills in drawing, painting, design, sculpture and ceramics. Their work will be exhibited for the summer school to admire.

PERFORMING ARTS is for students who have an interest in music and theatre and want to develop their knowledge and experience of performance skills and theatre-making techniques. These techniques will include improvisation, mime, dance, puppeteering, magic etc.

FILM MAKING is designed for budding writers, directors, cinematographers and editors eager to learn the fundamentals of audiovisual storytelling, pre-production, working with actors, and post-production. All short films will be screened at the End of Course Presentation and Awards Ceremony.

SPORTS COACHING in Football and Tennis is for athletic students wishing to experience high-quality professional coaching in their chosen sport. Students can choose to do one week of each sport of two weeks of the same sport. Sports Coaching is open to students of all experience and abilities.

Every evening all students can enjoy a variety of different activities: disco, film night, talent show, sports tournaments etc. In addition, there are team-building games like Scavenger Hunt, Obstacle Course Challenge and Capture the Flag which encourage students to mix and work together as a team. Each course finishes with an Awards Ceremony and Prom Night.

EXCURSIONS

Students will have two half-day excursions on Thursdays (13:30 – 19:00) to the famous university city of Oxford which include a guided walking tour, university college visit, Ashmolean Museum, punting on the River Cherwell and free time to explore and shop. Full-day excursions are on Saturdays (08:30 – 20:00) and will take students to London (Buckingham Palace, Whitehall & Westminster, Covent Garden, free time for shopping) and Bath (open-top bus tour, walking tour, free time to explore and shop). Optional Sunday excursions can be arranged for groups and these can be booked in advance or on arrival at the school e.g. Cambridge, Windsor, Thorpe Park etc.

STUDENT HEALTH & WELFARE

Leighton Park School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in its care. Safeguarding processes and procedures are in place to support students, their families, Group Leaders and staff; how to access and benefit from these will be explained during the orientation session. All summer school staff have had basic First Aid training and know exactly which procedures to follow in cases of illness or injury. If students need to see a doctor, then we can arrange an appointment at the local Medical Centre and for more serious cases and medical emergencies, we can arrange transport to the Royal Berkshire Hospital (5 mins drive from the School).

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SAMPLE TIMETABLE

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WEEK 1	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Morning 09:00 12:40		Testing & English Lessons *(09:00 – 10:40* *BREAK* *11:00 – 12:40)*	English Lessons *(09:00 – 10:40* *BREAK* *11:00 – 12:40)*	English Lessons *(09:00 – 10:40* *BREAK* *11:00 – 12:40)*	Full-day excursion to **Bath**	Full-day excursion to **Cambridge** (included for individuals and optional for groups) Or Optional excursion to **London** by train for groups	English Lessons *(09:00 – 10:40* *BREAK* *11:00 – 12:40)*
Afternoon 1 13:45 15:45	Arrivals Settling in Campus Tour	Intensive English Creative Arts Performing Arts Film Making Sports Coaching Kids' Activity Programme	Half-day excursion to **Oxford** Guided Walking tour	Intensive English Creative Arts Performing Arts Film Making Sports Coaching Kids' Activity Programme	Open-top bus sightseeing Walking tour	Or Discover **Reading** (eg bowling, roller-skating, cinema, shopping etc)	Intensive English Creative Arts Performing Arts Film Making Sports Coaching Kids' Activity Programme
Afternoon 2 16:15 17:30	Arrivals Settling in Campus Tour	Mixed Zone Activities & Swimming	Shopping & Street Market	Mixed Zone Activities & Swimming	Shopping & Street Market	Or Campus sports & activities	Mixed Zone Activities & Swimming
Evening 19:30 21:30	Welcome meeting	International Welcome Disco	BBQ dinner Outdoor Games	Team building: Olympic Challenge	19:30 return Dinner in College	18:30 return Film Night or Sports Activities	Team building: Scavenger Hunt

WEEK 2	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Morning 09:00 12:40	English Lessons *(09:00 – 10:40* *BREAK* *11:00 – 12:40)*	English Lessons *(09:00 – 10:40* *BREAK* *11:00 – 12:40)*	English Lessons *(09:00 – 10:40* *BREAK* *11:00 – 12:40)*	English Lessons *(09:00 – 10:40* *BREAK* *11:00 – 12:40)*	Full-day excursion to **London** Buckingham Palace & Horse Guards Parade	Brunch Discover **Reading** Bowling (included for individuals) Optional excursion to **London** by train for groups	English Lessons *(09:00 – 10:40* *BREAK* *11:00 – 12:00)* Certificate Ceremony & Prize Giving *(12:00 – 12:40)*
Afternoon 1 13:45 15:45	Special Afternoon Activities: Cross-cultural Exchange Fair	Intensive English Creative Arts Performing Arts Film Making Sports Coaching Kids' Activity Programme	Half-day excursion to **Oxford** Ashmolean Museum (Optional) Punting on River Cherwell	Intensive English Creative Arts Performing Arts Film Making Sports Coaching Kids' Activity Programme	Whitehall & Westminster walking tour Covent Garden or British Museum	Optional excursion to **Thorpe Park** by coach for groups Or Discover **Reading** (eg bowling, roller-skating, cinema, shopping etc)	Intensive English Creative Arts Performing Arts Film Making Sports Coaching Kids' Activity Programme
Afternoon 2 16:15 17:30	Mystery Games	Mixed Zone Activities & Swimming	Shopping & Street Market	Mixed Zone Activities & Swimming	Shopping	Or Campus sports & activities	End of Course Presentation & Awards Ceremony
Evening 19:30 21:30	Bingo Night or Sports Activities	Team building: Capture the Flag	BBQ dinner Outdoor Games	"Leighton Park's Got Talent" (student talent show)	20:00 return Dinner in College	18:30 return Carnival Night (indoor fun & games)	Prom Night & Farewell Disco

NB this is a sample course programme and all activities and visits are subject to change due to weather conditions and other external factors.
Mixed Zone Activities include: Open Swim / Free-flow sports / Garden Games / Board Games / Shopping / Student Café

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