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Welcome from the Summer School Director

I'm delighted to report that the fifth edition of Bishop's Stortford College International Summer School was another great success.

We welcomed almost 400 students from 20+ different countries during our three x two week courses in July and August with several returning for a second or third time!

One of our partner agents in Romania visited their students during the course and wrote "They loved the campus, the activities, the trips… genuinely everything. The parents are absolutely delighted with how it all went, and quite a few have already said they'd love to go again!"

A returning Group Leader from Italy messaged me after returning home to say "We have had the best time ever…even better than last year. Keep doing what you're doing. Everything is great!"

A parent from Germany commented "I just wanted to let you know that Florentine very much enjoyed both the English course and the many social activities organized during her time at Bishop's Stortford College. She came back with plenty of great experiences and stories to share. Many thanks for all your support throughout her stay. We will certainly be recommending BSC very positively based on her experience."

These are just a few of the many compliments that we have received both during and after the summer school and while it is very satisfying and rewarding to hear and read such comments, we know that we can improve and make the experience even better next summer.

So, what are you waiting for? Get in touch today to secure a place for yourself, your child or your group and it will be my pleasure to welcome you to BSC ISS 2027!

Tony Evans



Why choose BSC International Summer School?

- **Experience life at one of the UK's top boarding schools**
- **Make new friends with young people from all over the world**
- **Improve linguistic, academic and cultural awareness**
- **Prepare for full-time education in an English-speaking environment**
- **Benefit from expert English language tuition**
- **Enjoy a wide-range of daytime and evening activities**
- **Discover Bishop's Stortford and visit some of the UK's most interesting cities**
- **Relax and feel at home in the comfortable boarding house accommodation**
- **Stay safe at all times with our friendly and caring staff**



Bishop's Stortford College

Bishop's Stortford College was founded in 1868 by a group of prominent Nonconformists (that is those belonging to protestant churches independent of the Church of England) who wanted to establish a public school that "should not be beyond the reach of the middle class generally".

This was reflected in the combination of boarding and day pupils and in a determination to play a role in the local community.

The school built a strong reputation for sport and was one of the first schools in the country to have its own indoor heated pool, built in 1895. In 1902, the College took over an existing school for boys aged 7 to 13 and the life of the Bishop's Stortford College Prep School began with just 8 day pupils and 8 boarders.

In 1968 the school celebrated its centenary with a visit from the Queen Mother and in 1978 the first girls were admitted into the Sixth Form. The transition to full co-education throughout the school began in 1995 coinciding with the opening of a new Pre-Prep for girls and boys aged 4 to 7 years.



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Bishop's Stortford College's reputation for providing an outstanding education in the fullest sense of the word has continued to grow. Today, it is one of the leading co-educational, all through, day and boarding schools in the country with 1253 pupils across the three schools: Pre-Prep School (3 to 7 yrs 120 pupils), Prep School (7 to 13 yrs 463 pupils), Senior School (13 to 18 yrs 670 pupils). There are 129 boarders in the Senior School, of which 72 are international and the rest are from the UK.

The College is conveniently located on the edge of the historic market town of Bishop's Stortford and just a short walk from the shops and the train station.

Bishop's Stortford College International Summer School

In keeping with the College's history and mission for growth and development, we are delighted that we are partnering with Experio Summer to provide an international summer school for overseas' students aged 8 to 17 in July and August. After 5 very successful summers, we can safely say that our BSC International Summer School meets the same high standards for which Bishop's Stortford College is widely known. It is also giving prospective and future overseas' boarders an ideal opportunity to experience living and studying at the College while improving their spoken and written English and getting to know the local area and some of the UK's most famous and historical cities (e.g. London, Cambridge, Oxford, Canterbury) prior to joining the College full-time.











Bishop's Stortford

Bishop's Stortford is a historic market town in Hertfordshire, south-east England, just west of the M11 motorway which links Cambridge and London: 35km south of the famous university city and 45km north-east of the Capital. From the town's centrally located railway station, there are frequent daily train services to both Cambridge (30 mins) and London Liverpool Street (45 mins).

The town of Bishop's Stortford took its origin from, and has grown up around, the ford over the river Stort. Archaeological evidence shows that the Romans had several roads across the area. In the Domesday Book (1086) it is written as 'Storteford', hence the present spelling of Stortford.

Bishop's Stortford developed as a small but thriving market town throughout the Middle Ages, achieving a population of 2,300 by 1801. St Michael's Church (rebuilt after the Black Death in the 14th Century) and the weekly market reflected the area's increasing prosperity.

In 1842, connection to the railway laid the foundations for Bishop's Stortford's present importance as both a market town in its own right and as a favoured commuter area for the City of London. London Stansted Airport, just five miles from the town, originated from the extension of a local airfield by US Army Engineers in the 1940s.

Today, Bishop's Stortford is an affluent area, partly due to its status as a commuter town for mainly financial workers in London and has an estimated population of 41,000. The town is also home to many people working in the tourist industry, including hotels, catering and airline staff, as it is the closest large town to Stansted Airport. Bishop's Stortford is served both by high street chain stores and long-established family shops. The main retail streets are South Street, Potter Street, North Street and Hockerill Street. There is a modern shopping complex called Jackson Square. Market days are Thursday and Saturday, which consist of a selection of stalls with a variety of goods including bags and luggage, flowers, cards and clothing.

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International Summer School – ESU Romania Programme

This programme is designed for students aged 11 to 14 who want to develop their English and oracy skills during a two-week summer experience in the UK. Students will take part in English language tuition combined with Public Speaking and Debating workshops, alongside a variety of engaging activities, interactive classes, and local visits. The group will be accompanied by one or more group leaders, ensuring a safe, supportive, and enriching environment. The programme blends language development with practical communication skills, cultural exploration, and fun, helping students build confidence, critical thinking, and stage presence.

College Facilities

Bishop's Stortford College is set in extensive, safe, attractive grounds with excellent residential, educational and sporting facilities. The campus is conveniently located on the edge of town and is just a short walk from all the shops, cafés and restaurants as well as the train station. On campus there are extensive and well-maintained playing fields, all-weather surface courts and two floodlit astro pitches for football, hockey and tennis, a well-equipped sports hall for basketball, badminton, volleyball, indoor cricket and an indoor heated swimming pool. Additional facilities for activities include a dance studio, theatre and Art & Design centre.







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

Accommodation and Catering

Students are accommodated in four different boarding houses, all located on the main campus. Each house has between 30 and 50 beds in different-sized rooms. The majority of bedrooms are single and either have a private bathroom or individual wash basin but there are several twin and four bedded rooms in each of the Senior School houses. Group Leaders have single rooms in all houses unless otherwise requested and summer school staff are resident and on-call at all times. The College provides bed linen and towels every week and each boarding house has its own laundry. 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. There is a common room in each boarding house where students can relax, socialize with each other, watch TV or DVDs, play video-, indoor- and board-games.

The College has a large dining room and provides the students with three 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 a pasta bar, a main dish, vegetables, salad bar, desserts, fresh fruit. 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 sister company 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 two age-groups:

- **Kids (8 to 12 yrs)**
- **Teens (13 to 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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Public Speaking and Debating Workshops

Activities combine practical exercises in public speaking, debating, critical thinking, and argumentation with interactive and fun challenges that encourage teamwork and creativity.

These afternoon workshops are on offer for participants from 13:45 – 15:45 on three afternoons per week.

Students will focus on building their oracy skills through a combination of structured lessons and real-world practice scenarios, including mini debates, speech preparation, presentations, and group discussions.

Students will participate in dynamic sessions designed to develop confidence, clarity, and persuasive communication skills in English.

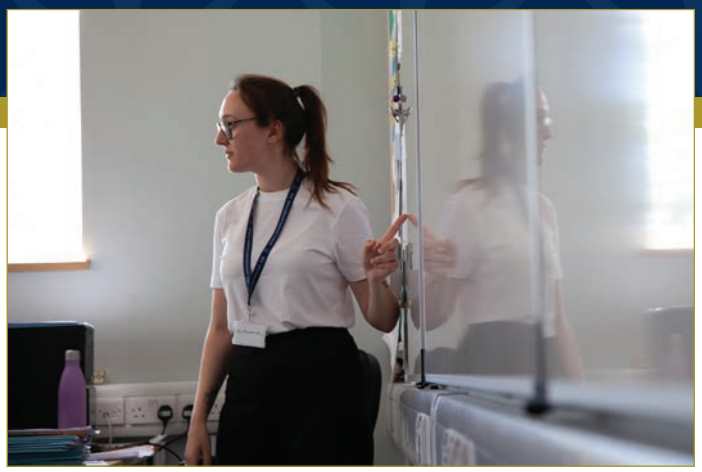
Each workshop combines practical exercises in public speaking, debating, argumentation, and critical thinking with interactive challenges that encourage teamwork, creativity, and real-world application.

This integrated programme helps students build stage presence, structure arguments, and communicate persuasively, while also developing critical thinking and active listening skills.

By combining public speaking and debating into a single, cohesive curriculum, participants gain a well-rounded oracy experience that strengthens both confidence and communication skills, preparing them for academic challenges, leadership opportunities, and real-world presentations.

Mixed Zone Activities

Following the academy sessions, students can choose from a variety of different sports and activities from 16:15 - 17:15 e.g. swimming, football, tennis, basketball, volleyball, badminton, table-tennis, dance, arts & crafts etc.



















Evening Activities

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.

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Excursions

Students will have two half-day excursions on Thursdays (13:30 - 19:00) to the famous university city of Cambridge which includes an open-top bus sightseeing tour, university colleges walking tour, museum visit, punting and free time to explore and shop. Full-day excursions are on Saturdays (08:30 - 19:00) and will take students to London (Buckingham Palace, Horse Guards Parade, Whitehall and Westminster, Covent Garden or British Museum, free time for shopping) and Canterbury (guided walking tour and cathedral visit or Canterbury Tales Experience, free time to explore and shop). Individual students have an extra full-day excursion to Oxford on the first Sunday (university college visit, walking tour, free time to explore and go shopping) and they go bowling in town on the second Sunday. Optional visits and excursions can be arranged for groups and these can be booked in advance or on arrival at the College.

Student Health and Welfare

Bishop's Stortford College 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 (10 mins walk from the College) and for more serious cases and emergencies we can arrange transport to the Herts & Essex Community Hospital (10 mins drive from the College).

Sample Timetable

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 **CANTERBURY** Walking tour & Cathedral visit Or Canterbury Tales Experience	Full-day excursion to **OXFORD** (included for individuals and optional for groups)	English Lessons (09:00 – 10:40 BREAK 11:00 – 12:40)
Afternoon 1 13:45 15:45	Arrivals Settling in Campus Tour	Public Speaking & Debating Workshops	Half-day excursion to **CAMBRIDGE** Open-top bus sightseeing Walking tour	Public Speaking & Debating Workshops		Optional excursions for groups Or Campus sports & local activities	Public Speaking & Debating Workshops
Afternoon 2 16:15 17:15	Arrivals Settling in Campus Tour	Mixed Zone Activities & Swimming	Free time / Shopping	Mixed Zone Activities & Swimming	Free time / Shopping		Mixed Zone Activities & Swimming
Evening 19:30 21:30	Welcome Meeting	International Welcome Disco	BBQ dinner Outdoor Games	Team building: Olympic Challenge	19:00 return Dinner in College	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 **BISHOP'S STORTFORD** Bowling (included for individuals)	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: Inflatable Fun	Public Speaking & Debating Workshops	Half-day excursion to **CAMBRIDGE** Free time or Museum visit Punting on River Cam	Public Speaking & Debating Workshops	Whitehall & Westminster walking tour Covent Garden or British Museum	Optional excursions for groups Or Campus sports & local activities	Public Speaking & Debating Workshops
Afternoon 2 16:15 17:15	Swimming Olympics	Talent Show House Rehearsal	Free time / Shopping	Mixed Zone Activities & Swimming	Free time / Shopping		Leavers' Presentation End of Course Awards Ceremony
Evening 19:30 21:30	Bingo Night or Sports Activities	Team building: Capture the Flag	BBQ dinner Outdoor Games	"Bishop's Stortford's Got Talent" (student talent show)	19:00 return Dinner in College	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 15:45 – 16:45

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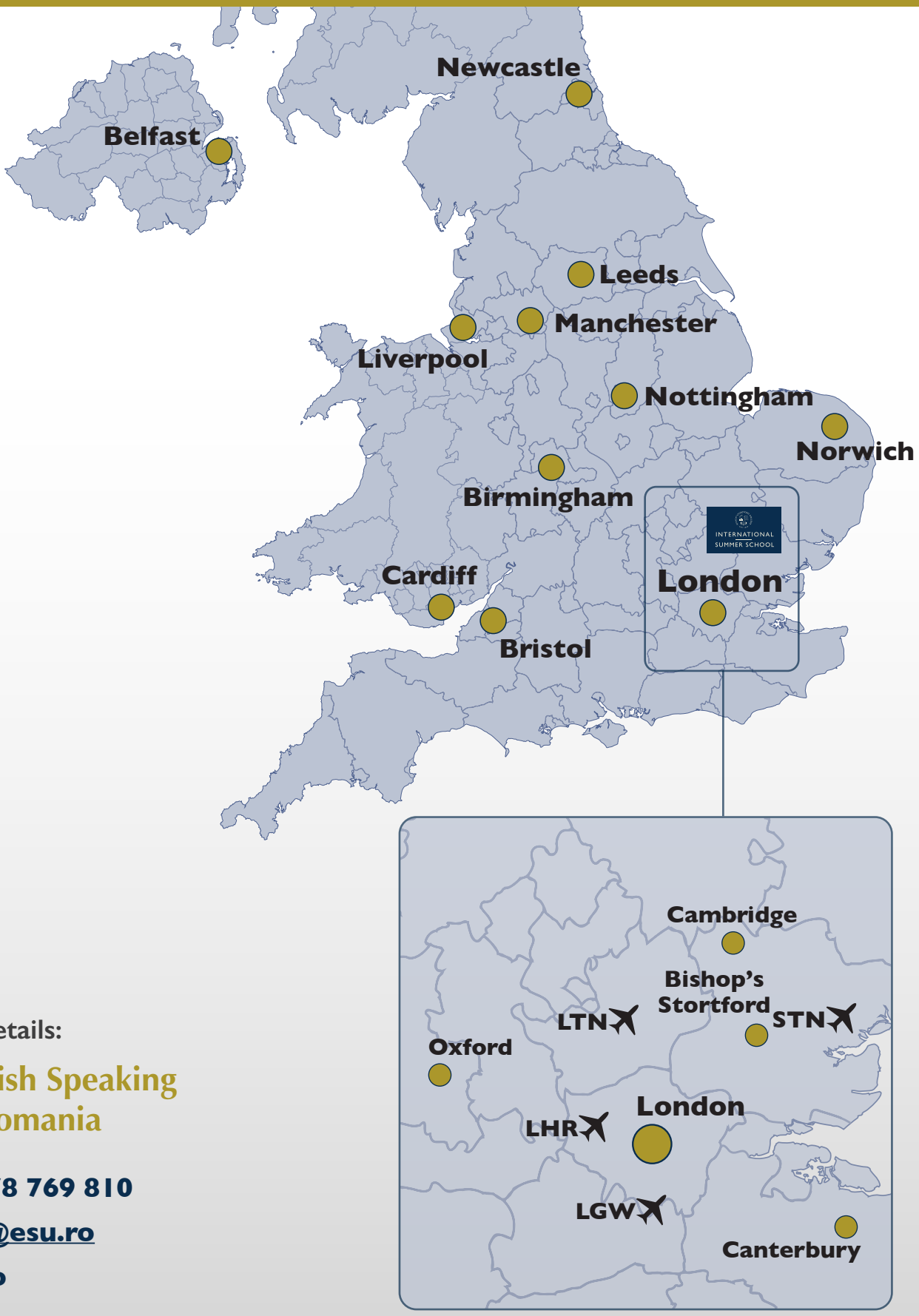

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