



CONCORD COLLEGE

SUMMER COURSES 2017

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WELCOME TO CONCORD COLLEGE SUMMER SCHOOL

Concord College is a prestigious international boarding school that was established in 1949. Set in 85 acres of beautiful English countryside in the heart of the county of Shropshire, Concord is well known for its high academic standards and the warmth of its community. The ethos of Concord rests on international understanding combined with high standards that enable young people to grow and to flourish.

During the British summer months of July and August, Concord College operates its Summer School for junior students. In that time considerable expertise has been built up in terms of the design of the course and the nature of the teaching we offer. Students of over 40 nationalities have attended the Summer School. At its heart, the atmosphere of friendship and cooperation is very special. Over the years, thousands of young people of different nationalities, cultures, and beliefs, have come together here at Concord living and studying together and making friendships that can last a lifetime.

Parents can be assured of the quality of Concord's summer courses. Not only does the College have extensive experience, but Concord summer courses are accredited by Quality Education, the British Council for the teaching of English and we are also an accredited examination centre for Trinity College London for spoken English.

The aims of Concord's summer course are:

- To build students' confidence in their own abilities;
- To improve skills in English, including reading, writing, speaking and listening and/or to complement and increase students' understanding of Science, Maths and Economics;
- To provide opportunity for some students to develop the skills and confidence to apply to top universities in the UK and the USA.
- To provide opportunities for students to find self-worth and enjoy their student life through a wide range of enrichment and skills enhancement activities;
- To experience aspects of Britain and the British way of life;
- To meet and make friends with young people from many different countries and enhance international understanding and harmony;
- To provide a safe and caring environment in which students can flourish.

Concord College are always striving to refine and develop our summer programme. In addition to Concord's own ambitions for the course, suggestions from students and parents are welcomed and our combined efforts have led to the gradual evolution of today's courses.

We look forward to welcoming you to our campus here in the heart of England's most beautiful countryside and we hope to leave you with many wonderful memories of your time with us.



Confidence, independence and mutual respect

CONCORD LIFE

Student life during the summer programme is busy and full with timetabled lessons during the early part of the day, and recreational activities and excursions after lessons. We expect our students to behave in a way that develops trust and decency in the Concord community. It is expected that all members of the community will show respect to all staff and visitors, to students, and to the property of others.

BOARDING ACCOMMODATION

Students live on campus in modern, well-furnished, single gender boarding houses. Student bedrooms are comfortable and well equipped with our older student accommodation having en suite facilities. Younger students have shared bathroom facilities: this normally means sharing bathroom facilities with, on average, four other students. Bedrooms are cleaned each weekday with bedroom linen changed on a weekly basis; communal areas are cleaned every day. There is a weekly laundry service provided.

Each student bedroom has a security safe for personal possessions – some of these are electronic, others are operated by a key. Each student will be responsible for their own keys. Some bedrooms are opened using an electronic key. All front doors to each boarding house are accessed through an electronic key pad and magnetic locks operate throughout the night for increased protection and security.

House parents reside in each boarding house and they are responsible for the student's care and welfare whilst they are here.

MEALS

All meals are provided in our dining room with a wide range of healthy options; packed lunches are provided for excursions as required. Special diets are well catered for. We have fruit and refreshments available throughout the day.





SAFEGUARDING

The safeguarding and well-being of students lies at the heart of Concord's mission and of our summer course. Students can come to Concord and expect to be safe from harm. Student well-being is carefully monitored and activities are professionally staffed.

Concord College is located in a beautiful and safe location that helps to ensure that young people who join Concord's summer course can enjoy the environment and feel secure during their time with us.

Students are closely monitored by their teachers and pastoral staff to ensure their well-being. In addition to this, Concord has an electronic registration system to ensure that the whereabouts of students is known regularly throughout the day. Students are issued with identity cards at the beginning of the course and they must register when they are required to do so by the College. Student registration is checked and monitored by our Safeguarding Managers with absences followed up as soon as reasonably possible. In addition to this, Concord has an extensive CCTV network and a number of staff who monitor it, particularly during the evenings and overnight.

During a series of orientation lessons, teachers promote awareness of safety amongst all age groups. These safety discussions will cover road safety, security of mobile phones and other personal possessions, the dangers of bullying, online safety, alcohol consumption, illegal drugs and staying safe in the UK.

Students have supervised access to areas in the College which may present a health and safety risk. These include

the swimming pool, outdoor pursuits, science laboratories, preparation and store rooms, the art rooms and sports halls. Student use of these facilities is fully supervised by qualified staff.

In order to ensure health and well-being, students have a set bedtime routine. Younger students need to be in their boarding house at 21:30 (for students under 12) and older students by 22:30 (for students over 12) with a room check being carried out shortly after this time by the House Parent. The House Parents use this time to talk to each student to see if they have any worries and to make sure that the student is making the most of the opportunities available to them at Concord.

Our IT network has robust firewalls and restricts access to unsuitable websites. The WiFi is switched off at midnight until 06:00 to ensure students have a good night's sleep.

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Any concerns regarding student welfare are passed to the summer course Safeguarding Manager and Concord's safeguarding policy will be followed as appropriate. This policy is in line with UK government statutory guidance and is reviewed regularly.

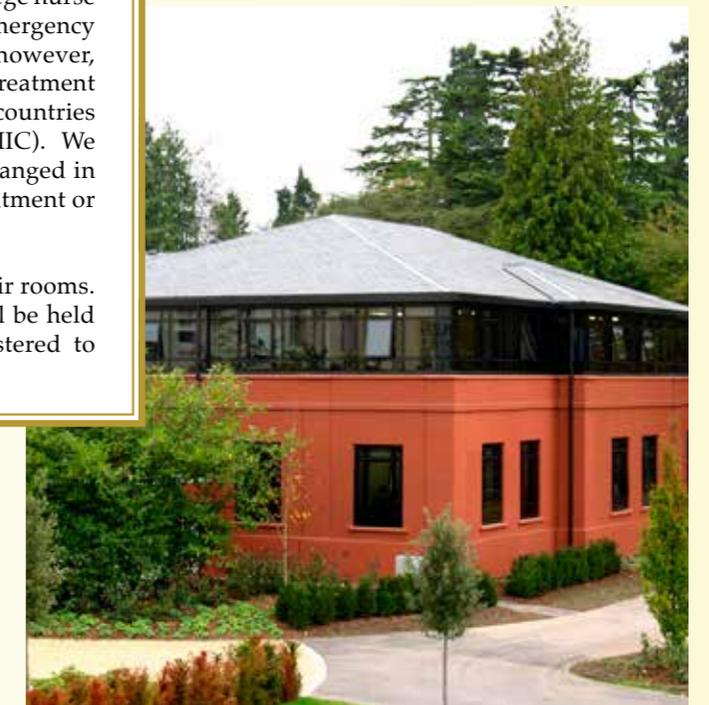
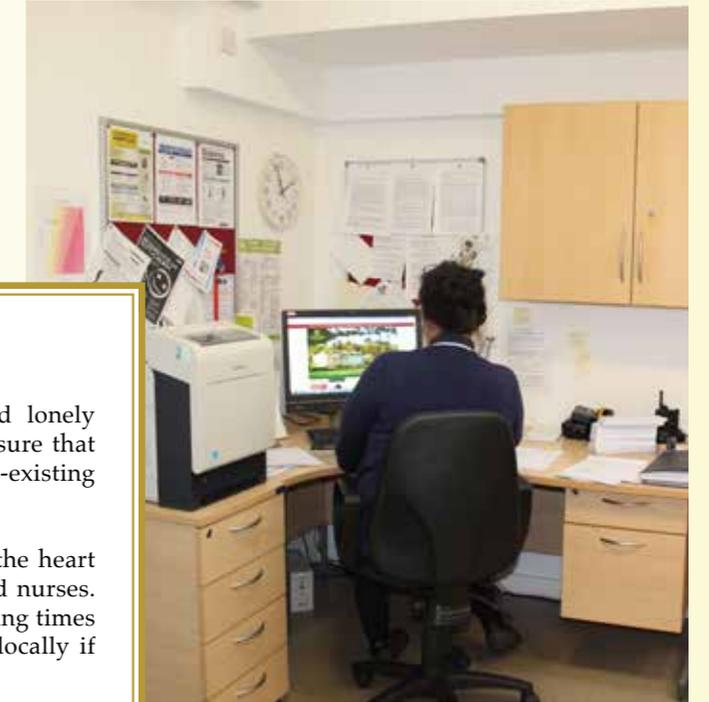
MEDICAL CARE

Being ill away from home can be a difficult and lonely experience. Here at Concord we do our best to ensure that students are well cared for and that illness and pre-existing medical conditions are professionally handled.

The College has a purpose-built medical centre in the heart of the Concord campus which is staffed by qualified nurses. It is open on weekdays from 08:30 to 22:00, and varying times on weekends. Students can also see a GP (doctor) locally if necessary.

There is no charge for students being seen by the College nurse or by a local GP. There is usually no charge for emergency treatment in National Health Service hospitals, however, there may be a charge for follow up or secondary treatment for students from some countries. Students from EU countries should carry a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). We strongly recommend medical/travel insurance is arranged in the country of residence to cover non-emergency treatment or repatriation (for instance by air ambulance).

Students are not permitted to store medication in their rooms. Any medication that is brought into the College will be held by Concord staff: it will be recorded and administered to students as prescribed or required.



ENGLISH (AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE)

Our English programme consists of 21 hours of tuition per week and is available at junior and senior level. Lessons are timetabled between 09:00 and 15:00, with the exception of Wednesdays when lessons finish at 12:30. The timetable comprises of 15 hours of classroom based teaching with qualified English teachers and 6 hours of “Active English” lessons taught by teachers with specialisations in other subjects, some of whom will also be qualified to teach English.

Placement Test

A placement test on arrival will place students into classes based on age, English level and nationality, with a maximum class size of 14 students.

Programme Level

Beginner	A1
Elementary	A2
Pre-Intermediate	A2+
Intermediate	B1
Upper Intermediate	B2
Advanced	C1

Syllabus

The English course is designed to offer varied, current and meaningful topics to engage and inspire all students. It is split into four main elements:

- General English lessons aimed at improving grammar and language structure
- Specific focus on the four skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening
- Weekly lessons on British Culture (Current Affairs for Advanced levels)
- “Active English” lessons which encourage students to learn and develop their language skills through activities they enjoy such as Sport, Art, Cookery, Drama, Music, Photography, Fashion and Team Problem Solving.

Active English lessons are structured to provide opportunities for students to practise their spoken English and learn subject-related vocabulary. These options vary from year to year depending on the specific expertise, interests and skills of our teaching staff. Students selecting Photography or Music for Active English lessons should bring along their own digital camera or musical instrument if possible.



Progress Tests And Tutorials

Progress tests and tutorials are carried out by teachers at the end of each week to monitor and review each student’s progress and well-being, enabling any necessary class adjustments or further support the following week.

Outcomes

We strongly believe that students should understand the purpose of what they are doing. As part of this, students

Our Science, Maths and Economics (SME) timetable consists of 21 hours of classroom based teaching and is available at three levels - Junior/Primary, British General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) level and Advanced level (GCE A-Level). Lessons are timetabled between 09:00 and 15:00, with the exception of Wednesdays when lessons finish at 12:30, and comprises of theory and practical laboratory sessions. There are no “English only” classes for students selecting this programme but



SCIENCE, MATHS AND ECONOMICS

they practise their English reading, speaking, listening and writing skills in all lessons. Students should have a good level of English (B1) to benefit fully from our SME courses.

Placement Test

A placement test on arrival will place students into classes based on age and SME level. Where possible, classes will have a mixture of nationalities, with a maximum class size of 14 students.

Programme Level

	Age
Junior/Primary	10-12
GCSE	13-15
Pre-Advanced	16-17

Syllabus

The SME syllabus is designed and led by highly qualified science, maths and economics teachers. It includes theory and will be accompanied by varied and interesting practical work in our modern, well equipped laboratories, supported by skilled Laboratory Technicians.

Our Junior/Primary level Science courses will cover aspects of Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Students on the GCSE and pre-Advanced level programme will have the choice of studying any two of the following subject combinations:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Mathematics
- Economics

attend a Graduation Ceremony at the end of the course. This ceremony celebrates academic achievement but also recognises effort and improvement. At this ceremony, nominated students are awarded with a certificate for their performance.

All students will receive an attendance certificate. Parents and guardians receive an academic report on student progress, achievements and extra-curricular activities. This will be emailed to parents/guardians after the course has been completed.



YOUNG LEARNERS – CUBS' CLUB

Students under the age of 12 are Young Learners. In addition to their English, Active English or Science lessons 09:00-15:00, our Young Learners must attend a supervised Cubs' Club from 15:00-21:30.

The Cubs' Club is split into 4 groups – Bear, Lion, Tiger and Wolf. They take part in a number of timetabled activities including Art, Music, Outdoor Activities and Sport, and have inter-Cubs' Club competitions and challenges. They have their own area to meet, relax and play games with other Young Learners from a range of nationalities. As part of the Cubs' Club, all students are fully supervised on trips and excursions.

Our Young Learners are automatically enrolled into Cubs' Club and cannot opt out of these timetabled sessions.



OLDER LEARNERS

Students aged 12+ years have a choice of activities after lessons finish at 15:00. There are numerous free activities taking place on campus at this time including art, badminton, basketball, board games, chess, football, swimming, table tennis, tennis, trampolining plus much more. They can also use this time to contact home using the free Wi-Fi that is available in every building on campus or choose to socialise with new student friends in the communal areas of the campus.

Students aged under 14 are fully supervised on trips and excursions unless parents/guardians have confirmed otherwise.



SKILLS EXTRA PROGRAMME

Our optional 'Skills Extra' programme gives students the opportunity to improve their skills in a particular activity through expert tuition in small groups. We offer this extra programme in adventurous activities, first aid, golf, horse riding, tennis, and music lessons (brass, percussion, piano, strings, voice, or woodwind) with weekly sessions of tuition by qualified coaches and trainers over the course duration.

There is also the opportunity to undertake examination preparation lessons, additional English, Science or Mathematics lessons.

All equipment is provided for the Skills Extra activities although those selecting horse riding may want to bring their own riding boots but this is not essential.

DATES AND FEES

What does the fee include?

Accommodation for the duration of the course, tuition, study materials, all meals, airport transfers (terms and conditions apply), use of on campus sports facilities, on campus activities, weekly laundry, one full day and one ½ day excursion per week, course photograph.

Programme	2 July - 27 July 2017	30 July - 20 August 2017
English, Young Learners (<12)	£3910	£3310
English (12+)	£3400	£2880
Science, Young Learners (<12)	£3980	£3370
Science (12+)	£3800	£3220

What is not included in the fees?

Pocket money, airport transfers (other than from Heathrow on first and last day of the course), medical/holiday and personal belongings insurance (recommended – arrangements should be made in own country), 'skills extra' activities, the cost of optional excursions and off-site activities not taught by our staff (e.g. cinema, ten pin bowling, theatre).

Skills Extra Programme (Group lessons)	2 July - 27 July 2017 For 6 lessons	30 July - 20 August 2017 For 5 lessons
First Aid*	£150	£130
Golf	£300	£250
Horse Riding	£270	£225
Mountain Biking**	£270	£225
Tennis	£240	£200

*includes £25 charity donation to St John Ambulance
**age, height, weight and ability restrictions may apply

Additional Tuition (Private lessons)	2 July- 27 July 2017 Minimum 1, maximum 6 lessons	30 July - 20 August 2017 Minimum 1, maximum 5 lessons
English, Maths or Science Tuition*	£50 per hour	£50 per hour
Music Tuition**	£50 per hour	£50 per hour

*for exam entries, please enquire to the Summer Course
**brass, percussion, piano, strings, voice or woodwind





OXBRIDGE, MEDICINE AND LAW PREPARATION COURSES

In an exciting new development, we are delighted to launch a series of new summer courses to support students who plan to apply to the UK's top universities or any other prestigious university outside the UK, and for the most competitive subject specialisms – including Law, Medicine, Humanities/ Social and Political Sciences, Computer Science/ Engineering/ Mathematics. These summer courses will offer Concord expertise with additional input from some inspirational speakers from the university sector.

Concord's record of offers from top universities is impressive and should give confidence to students enrolling on these new summer courses. In the last 2 years alone, Concordians have received the following university offers from top universities:

Oxford and Cambridge:	48
Imperial College London:	71
London School of Economics:	51
University College London:	116
Medicine:	62
Law:	83

The courses are designed to support motivated, academically gifted students to realise their ambitions. These programmes will be run by Concord's own staff but students will also benefit from lectures and seminars from academic staff from some of the UK's top universities who are at the forefront of their academic disciplines. The courses will also include preparation for subject-specific university entry tests, training for interviews and university visits.

Students applying for these courses should be aged between 16 and 18.

DATES AND FEES

What does the fee include?

Accommodation for the duration of the course, tuition and academic activities, individualised programme of study, study materials, all meals, airport transfers (terms and conditions apply), use of on campus facilities, weekly laundry, transport to Oxford and Cambridge, including an overnight stay in one of the historic university colleges.

Oxbridge Programmes

Law	2 July – 14 July	£3500
Medicine	16 July – 28 July	£3500
Humanities / Social & Political Sciences	30 July – 11 August	£3500
Computer Science / Engineering / Maths	13 August – 25 August	£3500

What is not included in the fees?

Spending money, airport transfers (other than from Heathrow on first and last day of the course), medical/holiday and personal belongings insurance (recommended – arrangements should be made in own country), the cost of optional / additional excursions.





EXCURSIONS

Every Wednesday afternoon a half-day excursion to the local towns of Shrewsbury or Telford is arranged for sightseeing and shopping. Each weekend there is a full day excursion to towns and cities in the UK, such as Cardiff, Chester, Manchester, Oxford and London. On the last day of the course there is a full-day excursion to a theme park.

There are a number of trips that run during the afternoons and evenings which require some additional payment. These have limited spaces and are offered on a 'first-come-first-served' basis. Some excursions have specific requirements such as height, age or ability. Please refer to the "Activities" page on the website for further details.

All excursions are supervised by Concord College staff with mandatory supervision for students under 14 and, by request by parents/guardians, students over 14. Some optional excursions will incur additional costs – see the website for further information. Teachers incorporate information about excursions into lessons, enabling students to take their education beyond the classroom.



ACTIVITIES

We have a wide range of activities for students to participate in, both on and off campus after lessons, evenings and weekends. Our specialist recreational team (Art, Outdoor Education and Sport) organise and supervise our varied recreation programme suitable for all ages and abilities.

On-campus facilities include two large sports halls, squash courts, aerobics and weight training room, climbing wall, running track, outdoor chess, indoor heated swimming pool, football pitches, volleyball courts, all weather basketball and tennis courts, high ropes course, art room, computer room and student common room.

We also have a Performing Arts Centre with music practice rooms and a large theatre where films are shown every evening, and live performances are given at the end of each course.

Off-campus activities are also organised, such as cinema and theatre visits, climbing, canoeing, hill walking, ten-pin bowling, ice-skating and laser quest, white water rafting, karting and paintballing. All activities are led and supervised by a member of staff at all times. Some optional activities will incur additional costs – see the website for further information.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Airport Transfers

Airport transfers are included in the fees only on the first/last day of the course from/to London Heathrow Airport for flights arrivals/departures between 08:00-16:00. An independent taxi transfer will be arranged for any arrivals or departures outside the guidelines detailed. The taxi transfer will incur an extra cost and we will provide details of our preferred taxi service to parents/guardians who can then make the transfer arrangements.

Visa Support and Visa Refusal

Should a student require a visa to travel to the UK, we will, upon receipt of the deposit payment issue a Visa Support Letter. If the visa application is refused, then provided we receive a valid visa refusal letter, a full refund will be issued, less a £150 administration fee. No refund will be given in the instance where one or more of these criteria is not met:

- The visa application must be made with sufficient time prior to the arrival date to allow for the length of application time as indicated by UK Visas and Immigration.
- All necessary documentation must be provided as indicated by UK Visas and Immigration.
- The parent/guardian must be able to demonstrate that all necessary steps were taken to obtain the correct visa.

Cancellation Policy

In the event you have to cancel a confirmed place, written notice (via e-mail) will be required. The cancellation will take effect from the day the written notice is received by the College and the following charges will apply:

- More than 30 days prior to course start date - All fees will be refunded less the non-refundable deposit payment (£500). Alternatively, all fees can be transferred to another course the following year or to another student (sibling or friend). An administration charge of £150 will be payable.
- Less than 30 days prior to course start date - No refund will be made. Alternatively, 50% of fees can be transferred to another course the following year or to another student (sibling or friend).

Travel Insurance

It is essential that you take out travel insurance before travelling to cover the student for their return journey and the duration of the stay. Insurance should cover any expenses incurred as a result of lost or stolen property, late arrival, early or delayed departure, or cancellation due to unforeseen circumstances. Cancelled bookings are subject to the fees set out above. The College accept no liability for loss or damage to student property.

Medical Insurance and Medical Conditions

Your home country may have a reciprocal arrangement with the UK so that medical care is free. If it does not, it is recommended you take out medical insurance to ensure the student is covered during their stay, particularly if they have known medical needs that may require attention. The College must be notified by email of any medical condition that may affect a student's welfare; for example, participation in sporting activities, special dietary requirements,

administering of medicines and previous medical/hospital treatment. This is to ensure we can provide the support required during the student's time on the course.

Programmes and Courses

We reserve the right to alter details of any course. Should a course have to be cancelled due to very low enrolment or last-minute unforeseen circumstances, any participant enrolled on that course will be contacted immediately, and an alternative course place offered.

Promotional Materials

At the discretion of the College, photographs or videos may be taken of the students on the course. The College reserves the right, unless we are advised to the contrary by the parent/guardian in writing, to use these photographs or video clips as part of future Summer Course promotional material.

Student Code of Conduct

All students are expected to abide by the College's Code of Conduct and Health and Safety Rules. A copy of this will be included in the pre-enrolment pack and should be read by the student and parent/guardian, signed and returned prior to the course start date.

Summer Course Pre-Enrolment Information

The following forms will be issued as part of the pre-enrolment pack by email and must be completed and returned to the College no later than three weeks prior to arrival:

- Travel Details
- Parental Instructions for Supervision
- Code of Conduct
- Health and Safety Rules for Students



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