

Sparsholt College - Winchester



Oxford International Education Group

Dear Group Leader, thank you for joining us in the UK this summer.

At Oxford International Junior Programmes (OIJP), our aim is to provide young students from all over the world with a safe, fun, friendly and structured environment in which to improve their knowledge of the English language.

We are one of the top providers of junior programmes in the UK and a unique British Council accredited education provider. Oxford International Junior Programmes is part of the Oxford International Education Group (OIEG) which was founded in 1991 as ISIS Education and Travel by David Brown and Robert Darell. Oxford International has grown to be one of the top 10 businesses sponsored by the Prince's Trust after it provided OIEG with a £5,000 loan.

OIEG now offers a huge range of university pathways, spring, summer and year round academic programmes and educational tours. Our programmes have grown steadily in size and popularity and we now run 11 centres in the UK and 6 centres in North America welcoming over 10,000 students.

We create life enhancing learning experiences that help students worldwide to develop personally and professionally and that enrich their future opportunities.



Founders David Brown and Robert Darell meeting HM King Charles III

About Sparsholt College

Sparsholt College is a Further Education and Higher Education college that covers primarily countryside-based subjects.

The college originated as Hampshire's first Farm School in 1899 in Old Basing, near Basingstoke. Just before World War One, it moved to its current location, Sparsholt. It is now one of the largest agricultural colleges in the country and it has its own farms. Sparsholt College is located 4 miles away from the historic city of Winchester, which was the medieval capital of England for centuries until the Normans moved the capital to London. There are sites around Winchester that date back to the Iron Age!

The major landmark is Winchester Cathedral, one of the largest cathedrals in Europe. Winchester Castle is well known for its Great Hall, where the famous King Arthur's Round Table remains, it has hung on the wall since 1463!

Staff at your summer centre

Centre Manager (CM)

The Centre Manager is responsible for the smooth running of the centre. Our Centre Managers are chosen for their experience, professionalism and personalities, and you will have daily contact with them.

Director of Studies (DoS)

The Director of Studies is responsible for the academic management of the centre and ensuring the teaching and learning component of the programme is delivered to the highest possible standards.

Activity Manager (AM)

The Activity Manager is responsible for all aspects of the activity programme, ensuring the onsite activities are inspiring, dynamic focused and enjoyable. The AM will lead the team of activity staff.

Excursion Manager (ExM)

The Excursion Manager will be responsible for the complete over-sight and smooth running of the excursions at the centre. You should meet with them at least 2 or 3 times a week to ensure everything is going okay with your programme. They will also be able to help arrange optional excursions and make additional bookings for you.

Student Support Manager (SSM)

The Student Support Managers look after all of the safeguarding and welfare of the people on-site, including you. They are first aid trained and have knowledge of the local medical services. You will meet with them a few times a week to discuss any concerns.

EFL Teacher/ Senior EFL Teacher

Teaching staff are responsible for planning and delivering lessons from the OIJP Syllabus. Some centres will also have 1 to 2 Senior Teachers who teach 50% of the time and spend the remainder of their time providing academic support to the teachers and DoS.

Activity Leaders (AL)

The Activity Leaders are responsible for running everything outside the lessons! This includes onsite activities, excursions, meal duty supervision and airport transfers.



The Airport

On arrival at the airport, you will be met by one of our Activity Leaders who will welcome you to the UK. The Activity Leaders will be wearing a red T-shirt or hoodie with the OIJP logo so you can easily recognise them.

The Activity Leader will accompany you by coach to your centre. During the journey to your centre, the Activity Leader will give you a welcome pack with your specific programme, a welcome letter from the management team, registration forms, lanyards, student ID cards and the optional booklet. You will also receive the rooming configuration allocated to your group on the coach so you can begin to organise the students into bedrooms. When you arrive at your centre, a member of the management team will be waiting to greet you.

Arriving at Sparsholt College

When you arrive at Sparsholt College you will be shown to your accommodation. The bedrooms are single or twin ensuite and are arranged in flats of 6 to 8. Most of the blocks also have a communal kitchen area or lounge where the students can relax in the evening.

At Oxford International Junior Programmes we aim to room your students in line with your needs. If you would like to keep your group together (regardless of gender) please let us know in advance. It may also be possible to keep your group together in the same building but split the group across different floors/corridors by gender. If there are students in your group who are a different gender from yourself but you are the only group leader, those students will be supervised by a member of OIJP staff. Once at the accommodation you will be shown your bedrooms and given the key/card for the accommodation block. One of the OIJP staff will escort your group on a tour of the campus and highlight all the key locations you will use during your stay. Please note if you arrive on campus during the morning there may be the possibility that your room is still being cleaned. If this is the case we will show you to the nearest common room where your group can relax.



The Centre

Postal Address:

Oxford International Sparsholt College,
Westley Lane, Sparsholt Hampshire, SO21 2NF
Please ensure the letter/package is clearly labelled with
Oxford International Junior Programmes.

Laundry:

The launderette is located next to Dean building and is available at times to suit. The price of a wash and a dry depends on the size of the wash and the length of dry, but approximately wash costs £3.00 and a dry £2.00. Bed linen will be washed once a week by the College laundry. Refer to the Centre Manager for exact details.

Computer Access:

Wi-Fi is available across the campus and is available to group leaders in their accommodation.
Payphone access is available onsite.

Shop/Café:

The shop carries a wide range of stock which caters for most students' daily requirements. The shop is located nearby the accommodation and is open from 8.30am to 1.30pm Mon-Fri and weekends when onsite 8am to 8pm. The shop will be accepting cards and contactless payments only.

Security:

There are university staff that live onsite in the case of any out of hours emergency.

Food:

Breakfast: 07:00 - 08:30

Lunch: 12:30 - 13:30

Dinner: 18:00-19:30

Students should clear away their food trays at the end of their meal. Meal times may vary before and after excursions. There will be a lunch/dinner rota for all groups.

Social Spaces:

The students will have access to the common rooms based in the accommodation during break times and in the evening. Most of the flats in the accommodation have a kitchen area or lounge where groups can meet.

Local Transport:

Winchester trains go direct to Waterloo (1h/ 1h 10min). The bus from Sparsholt College to Winchester Rail Station is Route 7 - Stagecoach Bus.
The bus reaches the centre of campus at 31 minutes past the hour.

Sports Facilities:

Winchester is equipped with a sports centre that includes a full size sports hall. Other sports available at Winchester include basketball, volleyball and football.

Bank/Post Office:

The nearest banks are in Winchester: Lloyds Bank, 48-49 High St NatWest, 105 High St
The nearest Post Office is also in Winchester: 64, Stoney Lane, Weeke.

Hospital/Doctors:

Nearest Hospital:
Royal Hampshire Hospital, Romsey Road, Winchester, SO22 5DG

Nearest Doctor:

The Friarsgate Practice, Stockbridge Road, Weeke, SO22 6EL

Religious Centres:

Anglican: St Bartholomew's, King Alfred Place, SO23 7DF
Roman Catholic: St Peter's Church, Jewry St, SO23 8RY
The nearest Mosque is in Winchester.

Fire Drills + Fire Safety:

It is a requirement that at any residential centre fire drills must take place.

During the fire drill, students should leave all their belongings behind and evacuate the building as quickly as possible. Please ensure that all of your students have left their rooms and stand at the designated evacuation point outside. There will then be a roll call. If any students are unaccounted for or the evacuation is too slow, the fire drill will be classed as a 'failure' and will need to be repeated at a later date.

In the case of a fire:

Raise the alarm

Use the stairs (not the lift)

Ensure your students do not run out of the building.

Find the nearest fire exit (follow the exit signs) and leave the building safely

Go to the nearest fire safety point.

Do not re-enter (or encourage your students) to re-enter the building until authorised to do so.

Curfew:

Evening curfew is 10:30pm.

All students must be in their accommodation by this time. They must be in bed with lights off by 10:30pm. We ask that you monitor your own students. If you are on a corridor with other students making noise after this time please report it to the CM.

Student Code of Conduct

- Speak English at all times
- Be polite and friendly to everyone on campus
- Listen to all instructions
- Be on time
- Always ask if you need help
- Respect other people's possessions, cultures and customs
- No alcohol. It is illegal for anyone under 18 to purchase alcohol in the UK
- No smoking. It is illegal for anyone under 18 to purchase cigarettes in the UK



- No chewing gum
- No swearing or foul language
- No vandalism. Any damage to property will be charged for
- No bullying or violence. There is a zero-tolerance policy for this kind of behaviour

If you upload photos to social media don't forget to tag us and use the hashtags:

#oxfordinternational2024
#oiegsparsholt
#oxfordinternational
#oiegsummer
#oijuniorprogrammes

Don't forget to follow us
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Student Packing List

Summer weather can be very unpredictable in the UK. The average daily temperature is 15°C but can go as low as 10°C or as high as 35°C. For this reason, we recommend you encourage your students to come prepared for all occasions and check the predicted weather before departure!

Documents

- Passport and copy of it (email copy to yourself)
- Visa document and copy of it (if required)
- Insurance documents
- A copy of any medication prescriptions in case of emergencies
- UK currency (Pound sterling)
- Debit or credit card

Technology

- Phone/iPod/iPad/Tablet + chargers (we recommend you only bring one of these items)
- Headphones
- Camera and camera charger
- Plug converter/travel adapter (UK 3 pin, 13A, 220V-240V)

Everyday Essentials

- Medication
- Toiletries, washing and sanitary essentials
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Towel
- Hairbrush/comb/hairstyler
- Sleepwear, socks and underwear
- Glasses/contact lens equipment
- Water bottle
- Plastic bags for dirty laundry or wet items



Excursions

- Casual, comfortable clothing
- Umbrella
- Sun protection (cream, spray, lotion)
- Quality rain/wind-proof jacket
- Secure handbag/backpack/travellers wallet
- Sunglasses
- Appropriate footwear for walking

Onsite Activities

- Tracksuit/jogging pants for sport and trainers
- Costumes for discos or International Night (optional)

Excursions

London

During your programme there are two full day excursions to London. Timing for these excursions are 9am to 6.30pm (depart London).

Typically groups will start their excursion with our Politics and Royalty walking tour. The tour will include historic, cultural and fun facts about Westminster and the surrounding area. Groups then will visit a Museum in London and have some free time for shopping.

If you would like to visit any other location please speak to the Excursion Manager in advance.

Moving around London

Please note that while in London travel cards are not included in your programme. If you wish to move around using public transport you will need to add these to your programme.

Cultural Excursion

During your stay at Sparsholt College you will visit Oxford. An Activity Leader will deliver a walking tour of the city centre and students will have some time to explore the city. During their time in Oxford, groups will also visit a College. This excursion runs from 9am to 4pm (departure time).



Lunches

At Sparsholt you will receive:

- A mix of packed lunches and meal vouchers during excursions to London. Packed lunches for the excursion to Oxford and the Optional Day.

Half Day Excursions

From Sparsholt you will have two half days to Winchester, an Activity Leader will deliver a walking tour of the town. Also, you will have the opportunity to visit the Great Hall, which is a historical landmark in Winchester.

Our Activity Leaders ask you to:

- Only take photos when advised to do so
- Keep together as a group
- Don't stop for toilet or food breaks without permission
- Stay vigilant of on-coming traffic
- Don't block the pavement
- Walk at a brisk pace
- Don't talk over the guides
- Wear your lanyard at all times
- Ask lots of questions!



Onsite Activities

Challenges

Challenges are great activities that encourage students to work in teams. All challenges are stimulating problem-solving tasks designed to help group members develop their capacity to work effectively together. Challenges at your centre will include an egg drop challenge, team challenges and a photo challenge. Unfortunately, as challenges are a mystery before running the activity, not much information can be revealed in advance!

Sports

Sports sessions are designed for all students to have a good time. The structure of most of the sessions will include a warm-up, improving skills and final games. Otherwise, a tournament structure will be followed. Sports will include running club, basketball and dodgeball. It is important that students wear suitable sports clothes and footwear for sports sessions.

All Campus Activities

These activities will involve all students at the centre to participate; it will be a great opportunity for students to get to know each other and learn about other cultures. Discos are usually the most popular night with the students, one of them will be themed as Union Jack disco and the last disco theme will be decided at the centre; it's up to the students! The talent show is the perfect opportunity for students to show off their music, dance and drama skills. This activity is incredibly popular and even staff may prepare an act to display on the night! Don't forget the International night, where you will be able to share your culture and background with all other students!

Workshops

Workshops are alternative activities for those students who prefer more creative and relaxing sessions. These workshops are focused on specific skills so each session will be based on a particular theme. Students will be able to participate in a group mural, a drama workshop and a self-portraits workshop amongst others. These activities will encourage students to be creative and improve their artistic skills as well as learning specific vocabulary.



Sign Up Activities:
To ensure students take part in onsite activities, they will now need to sign-up in advance and a register will be taken at the beginning of each activity.



Group Leaders

Group Leader Meetings

Group Leader meetings are essential for the smooth running of a residential centre; these are the perfect time to raise any issues you may have. There will be a meeting on your first evening at the centre (or the day after arrival) where you will receive all the essential information about the first few days and will be introduced to all members of Senior Staff.

Information we will need from you at this meeting:

- Student registration forms (a requirement by the British Council)
- Student rooming list (exact room numbers of each child)

Information we will give you at this meeting:

- Centre specific contact details
- Meeting times and points
- GL programme details
- Lunch and dinner rota
- Lessons and excursion procedures

Group Leader Programme

We appreciate how much work each Group Leader puts into a visit to the UK, and it is important for them to have some time to relax and meet other leaders.

The group leader programme is tailored to each centre, at **Sparsholt College** it will be made up of different events throughout the weeks.

With so much history at all of our centres, we want leaders to have a **tour** of the campus to know more about their location and the history of each site.

Group leaders will be invited to a traditional English **afternoon tea** within the first few days, allowing them some time to chat with each other and the centre staff, while enjoying a classic British experience.



A **cheese and wine** evening will also be arranged during one of the evenings for group leaders and senior staff only.

There will also be a **movie night** and an academic presentation from a member of OIJP Staff.

A **Teacher Training Course** is available to all Group Leaders taking part in the programme. You will be able to attend a 6 hour course during your stay. The training is for practicing teachers of English who work with teenagers and want to experience new and enjoyable techniques, materials and activities to help teach the language more creatively.

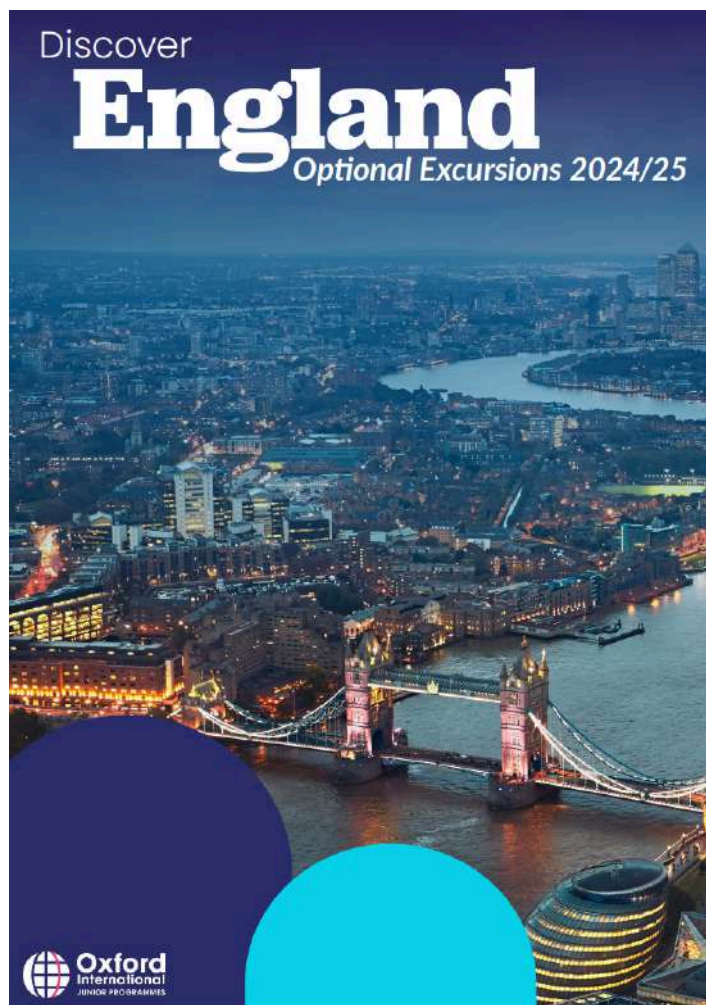
As Group Leaders We Promise To:

- Attend all meetings with OIJP staff
- Ensure that our students are punctual and attend all lessons, excursions and activity sessions
- Supervise students on excursions, in their accommodation and during meal times
- Report any allergies/medical issues to the Centre Manager on arrival at the centre
- Maintain a lively, courteous and friendly atmosphere throughout the whole programme
- Report any issues with the programme/campus whilst in the UK rather than waiting until we are home! This way OIJP can work together to fix it as soon as possible
- **Have fun!**

Optional Booklet

We love our summer programmes and think they are brilliant as they are but we also know that for some students it is a long journey to travel to the UK.

This booklet contains information about destinations across the whole of the UK and attractions you can visit there. If you would like to supplement your programme by purchasing one of these entrances/excursions (and haven't organised this prior to arriving in the UK) please speak to your Excursion Manager. You should have received the Optional Booklet in your Welcome Pack; if not please also refer to your Excursion Manager for more information.



Warner Bros & Theme Parks

Warner Bros. Studio Tour London

Step on to authentic sets, discover the magic behind the spellbinding special effects and explore the behind-the-scenes secrets of the Harry Potter film series. Discover the iconic Hogwarts Great Hall, explore the Forbidden Forest, board the original Hogwarts Express at Platform 9 ¾ and step foot into Gringotts Wizarding Bank.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you wish to add this visit to your programme as there is very limited availability.

New for 2024 there will need to be 1 supervising adult for every 10 students.

Price: £67.00 per student based on 10 paying students and 1 free leader.

Thorpe Park

Join the thrill-masters at THORPE PARK Resort, home to over 30 thrilling rides, exhilarating attractions and incredible events including Mardi Gras, Carnival and Oktoberfest. THORPE PARK Resort is the ultimate destination for thrill seekers featuring some of the UK's most popular rollercoasters to make new memories with your friends!

NEW ride for 2024: 'Hyperia', the UK's tallest and fastest rollercoaster. Reaching heights of 236ft and speeds of over 110mph, once you've experienced Hyperia you'll never fear again!

Price per student: TBC

LEGOLAND® Windsor Resort

For an awesome day out this year visit the LEGOLAND® Windsor Resort and experience the ultimate LEGO® adventure!

With over 55 rides, live shows and attractions set over 150 acres of parkland, the LEGOLAND® Windsor Resort is a destination that is not to be missed!

Price per student: TBC



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Warner Bros Studio

Thorpe Park

Sample Programme



Sample Programme - Sparsholt A

Group Name					
Students					
Group Leaders					
Date	Days	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	
1-Jul	Mon	Breakfast Airport: Flight Number: Time:	Lunch Airport: Flight Number: Time:	Dinner Campus tour and ice-breaker activities	
2-Jul	Tue	Placement Test and Lesson 1	Onsite Activities	Welcome Disco	
3-Jul	Wed	Lesson 2	Shuttle into Winchester with entrance to Great Hall	Onsite Activities	
4-Jul	Thu	Full day excursion to London with Politics and Royalty walking tour	Entrance to National Gallery and Covent Garden	Depart London at 18.30 for extended day	
5-Jul	Fri	Onsite Activities	Lesson 3	Karaoke/Lip Sync Battle	
6-Jul	Sat	FUN DAY - Whole campus activity	Lesson 4	Onsite Activities	
7-Jul	Sun	Onsite Activities	Lesson 5	Disco	
8-Jul	Mon	Full day excursion to Oxford with walking tour of the city	Entrance to an Oxford College	Onsite Activities	
9-Jul	Tue	Lesson 6	Onsite Activities	Talent and Fashion Show	
10-Jul	Wed	Lesson 7	Lesson 8	Onsite Activities	
11-Jul	Thu	Lesson 9	Onsite Activities	British Quiz Night	
12-Jul	Fri	Full day excursion to London with choice of Museum visit	Visit to Hyde Park and shopping on Oxford Street	Depart London at 18.30 for extended day	
13-Jul	Sat	Shuttle into Winchester	Lesson 10	Farewell Party	
14-Jul	Sun	Optional Excursion	Optional Excursion	Onsite Activities	
15-Jul	Mon	Airport: Flight Number: Time:	Airport: Flight Number: Time:	Airport: Flight Number: Time:	

Example activities available at your campus:

Challenges	Team Challenges, Water Challenges, Build-It Challenge
Sports	British Sports, Football, Running Club, Summer Olympics, Volleyball, Basketball, Tennis
Workshops	Self Portrait, Group Mural, Beauty Night, Friendship Bracelets, Fashion Show, Drama.
Relaxing	Movie Night, Conversation Club, Chill Club (board games).

Please note this is a sample programme.
Please refer to your Welcome Pack for your personalised itinerary.

Meet the Team at Head Office

The Oxford International team, based in London, will be visiting the centre on a regular basis. If you see any of them on campus, don't forget to say hi!



Gary
OIDI & EL UK Managing
Director



Paul
Head of EL UK



Bob
Operations Director
EFL UK



Hanna
Global Sales Director
UK & NA EFL



Berta
EFL Programme
Manager



Nicole
EFL Operations
Manager



Nayeli
EFL Operations
Coordinator



Cassandra
EFL Academic
Manager



Sarah
UK EFL Admissions
Manager



James
Senior Admissions
Officer



Shelina
Admissions Officer



Luke
Recruitment
Manager



Drusilla
Recruitment
Coordinator



Valentina
Recruitment
Administrator



Efe
Marketing
Assistant

Frequently Asked Questions

What happens if someone loses their passport?

We strongly advise that passports are stored safely in the accommodation and remain there. If a passport is lost, the Group Leader will need to accompany the student to the embassy of their home country where they will be issued with a temporary replacement or a permit to travel.

The CM will be able to help locate the embassy and print any forms that might be helpful. We recommend that you have a photocopy of every student's passport as a backup.

What happens if a student is lost on an excursion?

The first thing to do is to contact the student on their mobile. If this is possible then a member of OIJP staff will collect the student whilst you wait with the rest of the group. If they are uncontactable, the Activity Leader will get hold of the CM who will in turn contact Head Office.

Every student is issued with an 'Emergency Number' lanyard and ID Card. Students should call this number if lost and it will be answered by a member of Head Office.

How do students participate in onsite activities?

In most centres, a meeting point is set for activities. All activities and excursions will be advertised on the activity noticeboards and during mealtimes. Students can choose which activity they want to participate in. To ensure students take part in onsite activities they will now need to sign-up in advance and a register will be taken at the beginning of each activity.

Can students lock their room?

Yes. At Sparsholt College students will receive keys for each room and a master key in case the students lose theirs. We ask that students take particular care of their keys/key cards as room 'lockouts' take a significant amount of time to rectify. If a key is lost, there will be a charge £35 for its replacement.

What happens on departure day?

Prior to your final day on campus, Group Leaders will be invited to attend a departure meeting where the full procedure is explained.

At this point Centre Managers will indicate the time the group needs to be at the coach (which will arrive at the airport with at least 3 hours to check-in, go through security and reach your gate).

Can my students be taken off campus/programme by a member of their family?

We are happy to have parents or relatives visit the centre as long as they contact the centre in advance to arrange this. It is also possible to have a parent or relative take a student out of the programme for a short time. Parental approval must be sent to the centre email in advance. Original ID of the adult taking them from the centre will be photocopied on arrival. Relatives who accompany the student away from the centre will be asked to sign an 'Unscheduled Activity' form and will need to leave a contact number in case of an emergency.

What should we do if there is a problem with a bedroom?

All accommodation blocks are checked prior to the students' arrival, however, if you do notice a problem when you get to the centre it is essential you report this straight away. All group leaders will be issued with a 'maintenance report card' where they can submit all their students' room problems. If the report card is submitted to the Centre Manager by 10am, the CM will ensure the request is passed onto the maintenance staff that same day.

What do I do if a member of my group has food allergies / dietary requirements?

The campus catering staff are very experienced in catering for all kinds of allergies or dietary requirements. During our 30 years of operation, we have never had a problem with allergic reactions to food prepared on campus. In order for this to continue to be the case we ask that you alert us to any allergies / requirements as early as possible. The admissions team should be notified before arrival in the UK.

What happens if a student is sick?

All sick students should be referred to the Welfare Manager or Centre Manager. If deemed necessary, a member of OIJP staff will escort the student to a GP or hospital. If this does happen, the student must take their passport and any medical insurance documents with them in the instance that they may be required.

Is there a deposit?

Please be aware that a £25 or 30€ deposit will be collected upon arrival which will be returned at the end of the programme if there is no damage to the rooms or loss of keys etc.

Do you have any other questions?

Please do not hesitate to contact the sales team or our OIJP staff if you are on campus!

**Emergency number monitored 24/7
+44 (0) 203 318 3007**

Please use only in real emergencies.

Campus Map





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