



SEVENOAKS SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAMMES



WELCOME

Sevenoaks School Summer Programmes provide an enriching and inspiring opportunity for curious and ambitious students who are eager to explore intellectually stimulating and globally diverse courses. Each course is written and taught by our exceptional Sevenoaks staff.



What makes our programmes truly special is the balance between academic rigour and personal growth. With a dedicated team of academic and pastoral staff, we create an environment that nurtures critical thinking, encourages reflection and empowers students to thrive. Lessons are dynamic, interactive and designed to spark independent thought and a genuine love of learning, all within the unique setting of our school.

Beyond the classroom, students take part in a vibrant co-curricular programme which introduces them to new skills and passions. Supported by Sevenoaks students, alumni and coaches, they have access to outstanding facilities and a wide range of activities to help them grow in confidence and creativity.

We are proud of our diverse Summer Programmes. Welcoming students from over 60 countries, they create a wonderful international community that reflects the ethos of Sevenoaks School: intellectually curious, globally minded and forward-thinking. We look forward to welcoming you to Sevenoaks and sharing this exceptional experience with you.

Kari Quant, 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 tolerance and open-mindedness. About 450 pupils board in the eight boarding houses, and students originate from over 50 countries worldwide.

Sevenoaks was The Sunday Times Co-educational Independent School of the Year 2023. In 2025, Sevenoaks received The Week's 'Best of the best for the IB' accolade in its Independent Schools Guide. The school's pastoral care and work with the Harvard Human Flourishing Program was recognised with the Independent Schools of the Year 2023 award for wellbeing.

Sevenoaks is one of the world's most successful IB schools, and is the top-performing fully co-educational IB school in the UK, with one of the largest cohorts among global IB schools. In 2025, our average Diploma score was 39.4 points, around 10 points above the world average, with 11 students gaining 45 points and more than 50 per cent gaining 40 points or more.

A composite image featuring two female students in a laboratory or workshop setting. The student on the left, with blonde hair, is wearing a grey hoodie and is carefully pouring a yellow liquid from a small glass vial into a blue plastic bin. The student on the right, with brown hair, is wearing a dark blue sweater and is focused on assembling a mechanical device made of cardboard and wood. In the background, a large window shows a lush green forest. The entire scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent green banner that contains the word 'PROGRAMMES' in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The right edge of the image is framed by a white, curved border, and a small portion of a brick building and a blue sky with clouds is visible in the bottom right corner.

PROGRAMMES



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 11-16.

Our flagship course is **The Summer Programme**, a two-week academic enrichment programme teaching four modules: Critical Thinking, Social Leadership, Creativity and Digital Skills. These modules are split into junior and senior student pathways. Each module is a ten-hour course and the variety on offer is designed to develop soft skills and produce 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. The course is aimed at students looking to improve their general and academic English skills in preparation for exams or further study. Our bespoke course 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, as well as a certificate of attainment.



A collage of three photographs showing students in a workshop. The top left photo shows a male student with dark hair and glasses leaning over a workbench. The bottom center photo shows a female student with long brown hair and glasses working on a wooden model with a green base. The right side of the image is a circular inset showing a close-up of a female student with blonde hair and glasses working on a project. The text "THE SUMMER PROGRAMME" is overlaid in white on a dark red background.

THE SUMMER PROGRAMME



The Summer Programme is an academic enrichment course for bright, ambitious students aged 11-17 with a strong level of English. All students take 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, with junior and senior pathways following different case studies and module topics.

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 AND ENTERPRISE

This module enables students to appreciate the role of social leaders in creating social change. On the first day, 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.



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. Students on this programme will study two main components: general and academic English.

Students can select either the General English or Academic English course. 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 real-life circumstances.

Academic English is aimed at those students with specific academic goals. Whether it is entry to a UK boarding school, formal English assessments or preparation for the workplace, this course 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 them to put their learnings into practice.

MUSIC

A collage image featuring two young women in a music classroom. One woman is seated at a desk writing on a sheet of music, while the other stands behind her, pointing at the notes. A white Hydro Flask water bottle and a violin are also visible on the desk.



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.



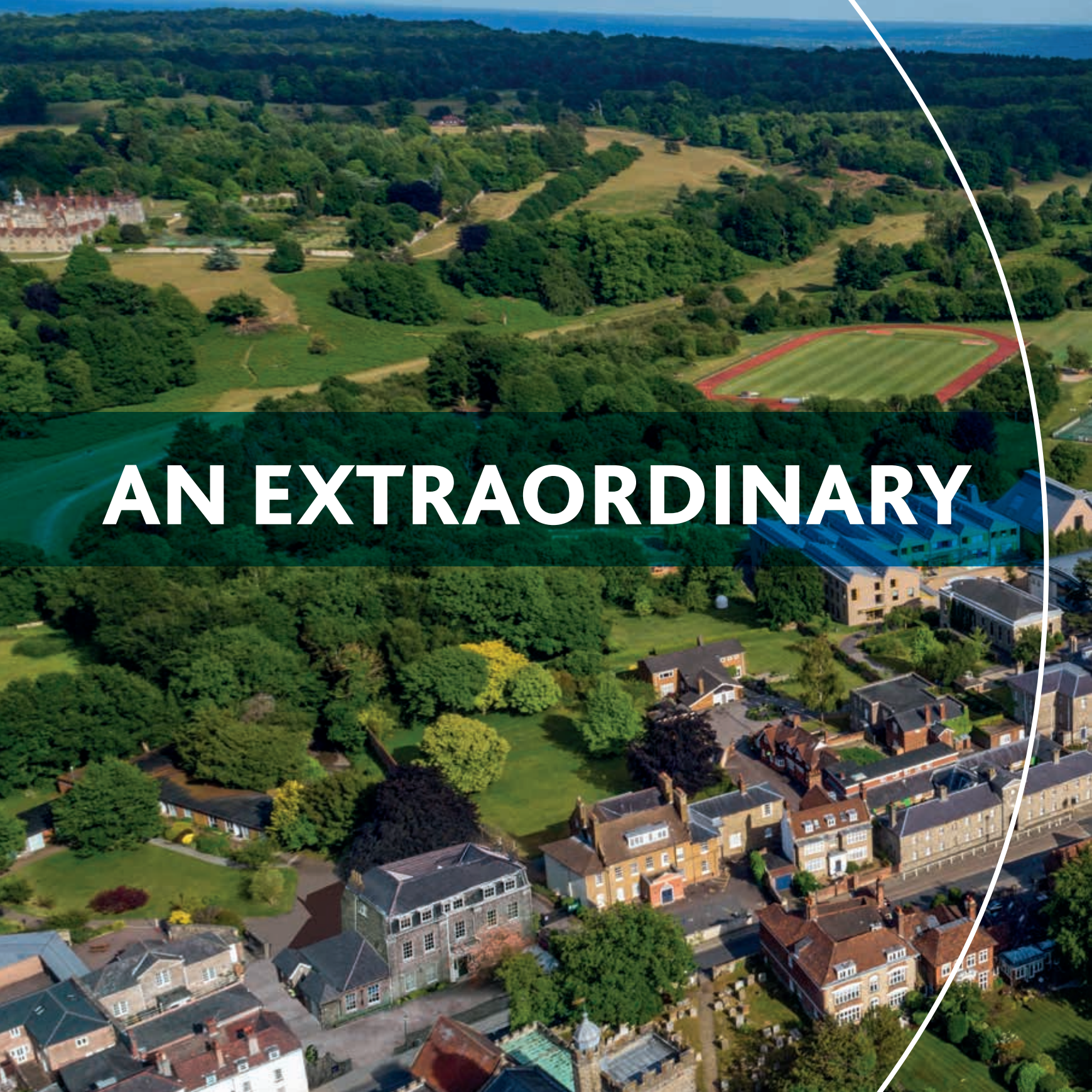
TIMETABLE

An example timetable, subject to course dates.

DAY	07:45–08:30	08:45–12:00	12:00–13:00	13:00–15:00
Wednesday	ARRIVALS			
Thursday	Breakfast	Lessons	Lunch	Lessons
Friday	Breakfast	Lessons	Lunch	Lessons
Saturday	Breakfast	Theme Park Excursion		
Sunday	Quiet Morning and Brunch			Bubble
Monday	Breakfast	Lessons	Lunch	Lessons
Tuesday	Breakfast	Lessons	Lunch	Lessons
Wednesday	Breakfast			
Thursday	Breakfast	Lessons	Lunch	Lessons
Friday	Breakfast	Lessons	Lunch	Lessons
Saturday	Breakfast	Oxford or Cambridge Excursion		
Sunday	Quiet Morning and Brunch			
Monday	Breakfast	Lessons	Lunch	Lessons
Tuesday	Breakfast	Lessons	Lunch	Lessons
Wednesday	Breakfast			

15:15	15:30–17:00	17:00–17:45	17:45–18:30	18:30–21:45	21:45–22:30
			BBQ	Team Building	Quiet Time
	Co-Curricular	Free Time	Dinner	Options Night	Quiet Time
	Co-Curricular	Free Time	Dinner	Disco	Quiet Time
				Evening Activity	Quiet Time
Football and Laser Tag			Dinner	Pool Party	Quiet Time
	Co-Curricular	Bluewater Excursion			Quiet Time
	Co-Curricular	Free Time	Dinner	Free Time	Quiet Time
London Excursion				Evening Activity	Quiet Time
	Co-Curricular	Free Time	Dinner	Options Night	Quiet Time
	Co-Curricular	Free Time	Dinner	Karaoke	Quiet Time
				BBQ and Music	Quiet Time
Colour Run			Dinner	Food Trucks	Quiet Time
	Co-Curricular	Free Time	Dinner	Talent Show	Quiet Time
	Co-Curricular	Graduation	Formal Dinner	Leavers' Ball	Quiet Time
DEPARTURES					



An aerial photograph of a university campus. The top half shows a large green field with a red baseball diamond, surrounded by dense trees. In the background, a long, historic stone building is visible. The bottom half shows a cluster of historic stone buildings with red roofs, interspersed with green lawns and trees. A white curved line runs along the right edge of the image.

AN EXTRAORDINARY

An aerial photograph of a school campus. In the foreground, there's a large green field with two soccer goals. To the left, there's a parking lot and some smaller buildings. In the middle ground, there are several large, multi-story buildings, likely schoolhouses or dormitories, surrounded by trees. In the background, there's a residential area with many houses and a dense forest. The word "EXPERIENCE" is overlaid in large, white, bold letters across the center of the image. A white curved line runs diagonally from the top left corner towards the bottom left corner.

EXPERIENCE



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	Fitness
Art	Football
Athletics	Golf
Badminton	Martial Arts
Baking	Photography
Basketball	Self-Defence
Boxing	Survival Skills
Climbing	Swimming
Cooking	Tennis
Dance	Videography
Explore Sevenoaks	Volleyball

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 organise a variety of evening activities, ranging from dodgeball to karaoke. The course ends with the eagerly anticipated Leavers' Ball and graduation.



A composite image featuring the Tower Bridge in London as the background. A dark blue horizontal band across the middle contains the word "EXCURSIONS" in white. On the right side, a white curved graphic element separates the bridge scene from a roller coaster track and cars. The roller coaster is blue and white, with several cars visible. The bridge is shown from a low angle, with its stone towers and blue suspension cables. The water of the River Thames is in the foreground, and the London skyline is visible in the background under a clear blue sky.

EXCURSIONS



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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 a 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

Following an excursions day, students have the opportunity to relax 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. There are a number of optional activities organised by boarding house staff and discreet supervision for those who do leave the school campus.



BOARDING



Sevenoaks School Summer Programmes aim to furnish students with a structured but relaxed, consistent and friendly home in which to develop into young adults, full of self-esteem, with a sense of responsibility. It is our belief that young people thrive on high expectations and plenty of justified praise. Our experienced 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 varied 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 programme, 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. Each house has a well-stocked kitchen as well as several social areas.

For students who are interested in studying at Sevenoaks or another top UK boarding school in the future, this is the ideal way to get a taste of boarding 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 a junior and senior split. Older students are placed in single and double bedrooms while younger students stay in larger dormitories.



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 every year.

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





TESTIMONIALS

"WE CHOSE THIS SUMMER PROGRAMME BECAUSE SOME OF OUR FRIENDS RECOMMENDED IT – AND IT WAS THE BEST DECISION EVER!"

Parent

"I DON'T HAVE ANY WORDS TO DESCRIBE IT. THESE WERE THE MOST WONDERFUL DAYS I HAVE HAD IN ALL MY LIFE. THEY HAVE TAUGHT ME SO MUCH AND I REALLY FOUND A FAMILY HERE. I LOVED IT SO MUCH. I WILL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL TO EVERYONE THAT MADE THIS POSSIBLE FOR ME. THANK YOU SO MUCH!"

Chloe, Italy

"I REALLY ENJOYED THE VARIOUS ASPECTS I WAS ABLE TO EXPERIENCE AND FOR ME THE HIGHLIGHT WAS ALL THE DIFFERENT PEOPLE I WAS ABLE TO CONNECT WITH DUE TO THE PROGRAMME."

Ferdinand, Germany

"I WANTED TO EXPRESS MY HEARTFELT THANKS... MY CHILD HAS ENJOYED THIS AMAZING EXPERIENCE: IT HAS WIDENED HER HORIZON, GIVEN HER A MEMORABLE TASTE OF BOARDING LIFE AND FOSTERED GREAT FRIENDSHIPS."

Parent

"OUR SON THOROUGHLY ENJOYED HIS TWO WEEKS WITH YOU THIS YEAR. HIS ENGLISH HAS IMPROVED ENORMOUSLY ONCE AGAIN. PLEASE THANK YOUR EXCELLENT TEAM FOR THEIR KINDNESS AND THOUGHTFULNESS IN MAKING THE TWO WEEKS SUCH AN IMPRESSIVE AND ENRICHING EXPERIENCE."

Parent

"MY DAUGHTER HAS HAD A WONDERFUL TIME, BOTH IN TERMS OF AN EYE-OPENING LEARNING EXPERIENCE AND BONDING WITH AN INCREDIBLE COMMUNITY OF OUTSTANDING TEACHERS AND LIKE-MINDED PEERS."

Parent

"I REALLY ENJOYED COMING HERE! THE PROGRAMME WAS FUN, INTERESTING AND TAUGHT ME A LOT OF NEW SKILLS. THE TWO WEEKS FLEW BY...I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE!"

Amélie, Italy

"OUR SON WAS ABSOLUTELY DELIGHTED WITH HIS EXPERIENCE — NOT ONLY FROM AN ACADEMIC PERSPECTIVE, BUT ALSO IN TERMS OF THE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES. HE WAS TRULY IMPRESSED BY THE KINDNESS AND THE POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE AT THE SCHOOL AND THE BOARDING HOUSE."

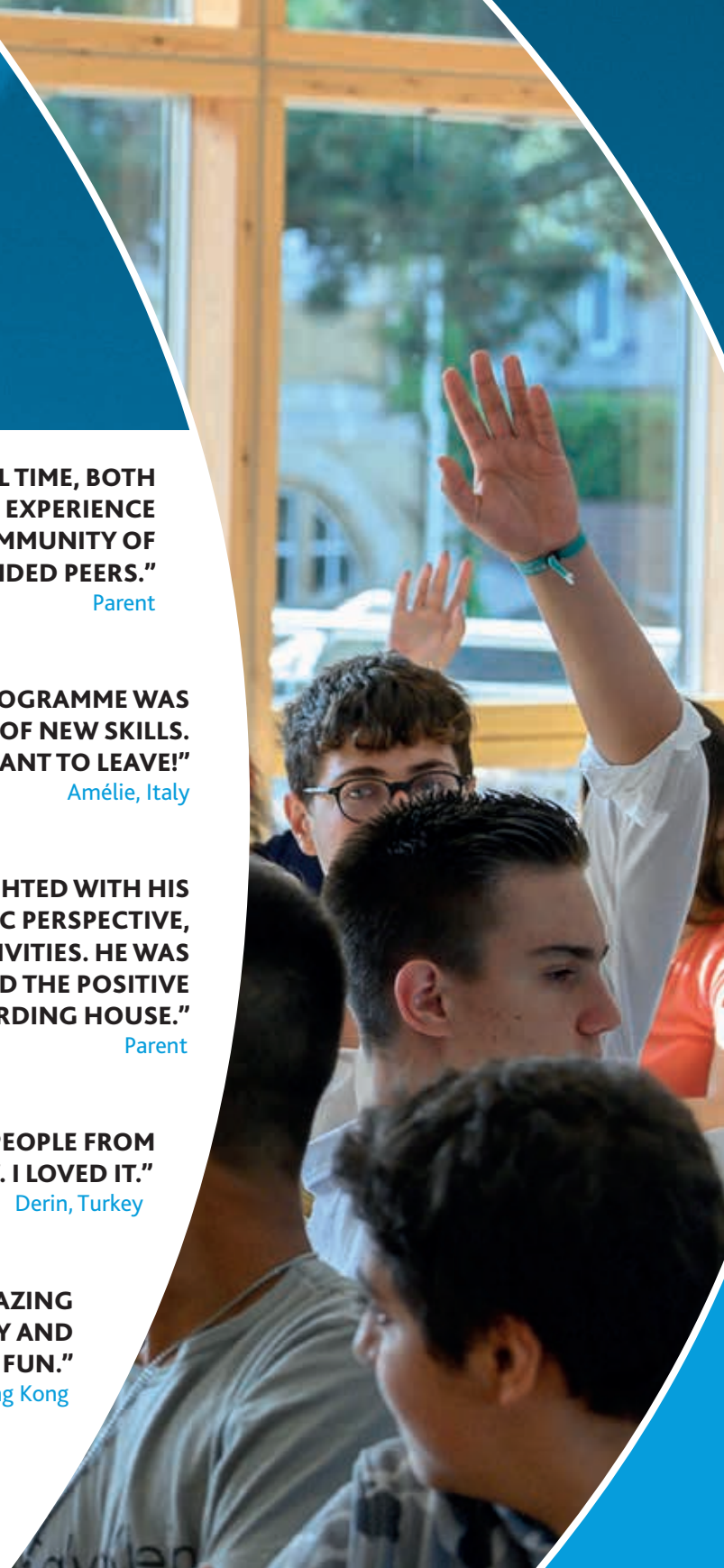
Parent

"A GREAT EXPERIENCE WHERE I MADE FRIENDS WITH PEOPLE FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD AND LEARNED NEW STUFF. I LOVED IT."

Derin, Turkey

"ALL MY DAYS WERE PACKED AND I MADE SO MANY AMAZING FRIENDS. THE STAFF WERE ALL INCREDIBLY FRIENDLY AND THE ACTIVITY LEADERS WERE SO FUN."

Jolie, Hong Kong



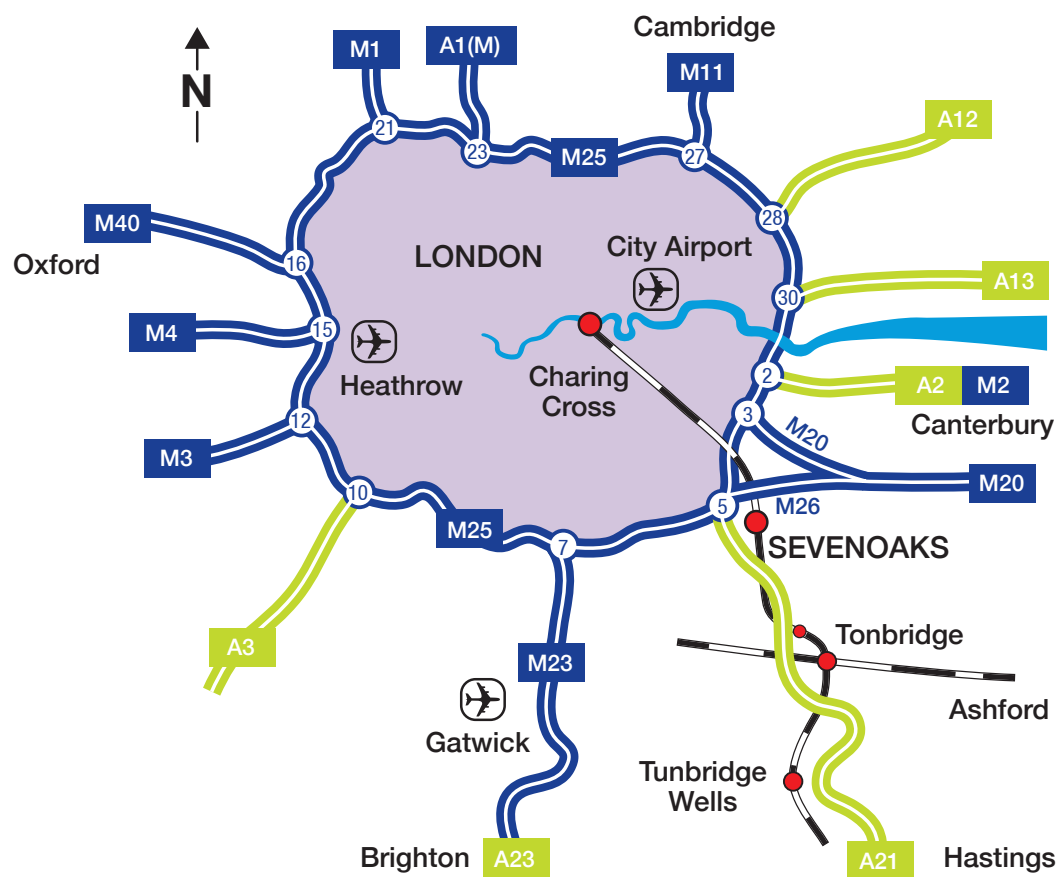
LOCATION





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.





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