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TED Summer School



Find your voice. Unlock your ideas.

TED Summer School

A transformative two-week summer programme for motivated students, built around the art of communication, storytelling, and public speaking.

Through a blend of theory and practice, small-group collaboration, and personal coaching, participants learn to shape powerful ideas and deliver them with clarity, confidence, and presence. The experience culminates in each student presenting their own TED-style talk to a live audience, captured on video.

Residential programme

LONDON | NEW YORK | SINGAPORE

For ages 15-18

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Virtual programme

ONLINE

For ages 14-18

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Admissions

This is a selective programme. We look for curiosity, creativity, and a genuine desire to learn and grow.

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What you'll take away

- Public speaking, communication, and presentation skills
- A recorded TED-style talk
- A portfolio including your script and feedback
- An official certificate of completion

Learn more



Why choose TED Summer School?

Great communicators don’t just inform, they inspire action. TED Summer School offers ambitious students a rigorous, high-support environment to master the skills that make ideas resonate: clear structure, compelling narrative, evidence, voice, presence, and visual design.

Beyond the talk, participants leave with a toolkit they can use across essays, interviews, leadership roles, and academic or professional pursuits.

What makes this different?



Leave with a professionally recorded TED-style talk, to share with universities, scholarships, or internship applications.



A student-focused curriculum rooted in TED's exclusive approach helps students develop communication, public speaking, digital literacy, and critical thinking skills.



Personalised feedback built around your own stories and curiosities, ensuring every student finds a voice that feels authentic.



Who’s it for?

- Students who want to communicate complex ideas with clarity and confidence
- Emerging leaders looking to influence teams, communities, or causes
- Applicants preparing for university interviews, assessments, or scholarship panels
- Young thinkers ready to transform research, stories, or passions into compelling talks

Learning outcomes

Step by step, students move from idea to impact. Along the way, they will learn to:

1

Speak with clarity, structure, and purpose.

2

Listen to feedback and observe audience response to make effective communication choices.

3

Write and edit a structured narrative using detail, evidence, and new approaches.

4

Apply critical thinking to evaluate information, construct arguments, and examine issues from multiple viewpoints.

5

Conduct research to gather and summarise evidence supporting claims.

6

Exchange perspectives, values, and traditions with empathy.

7

Explore real-world issues from different personal, local, and global perspectives.

8

Build digital literacy by using technology to communicate ideas and connect with others.

9

Develop presentation literacy by delivering messages that move an audience.



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Residential programme structure

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Core components



Core Theory

Daily sessions on idea development, storytelling, narrative structure, audience engagement, persuasive techniques, and stage presence.



Practical Application

Collaborative small-group sessions focused on practical skills building: drafting, and refining each student's talk with helpful feedback.



1:1 Coaching

Personalised and group guidance on ideas, research, scriptwriting, delivery techniques, and visual design, tailored to each student's strengths and goals.

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Core components



Guest Speaker Sessions

Inspiring communicators who have taken ideas from conception to stage, sharing insight into real-world pathways to impact.



The Final Showcase

The programme culminates in each student delivering a TED-style talk to a live audience, professionally recorded and celebrated.

SAMPLE TIMETABLE

Week one

TIME	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
07:30 - 09:30		BREAKFAST					
09:30 - 11:15		Theory 1: Introduction	Theory 2: Uncovering Your Best Idea	Theory 3: Guiding Your Audience	Theory 4: Building Credibility	Theory 5: Storytelling	Full-Day Excursion
11:15 - 13:15		LUNCH					
13:15 - 15:00	Arrivals	Practical 1: TED Feedback Model	Practical 2: Idea Statements	Practical 3: Talk Roadmaps	Practical 4: Using Research	Practical 5: Storytelling	
15:00 - 15:30		BREAK					
15:30 - 17:30		Walking Tour	Coaching 1: Idea Statements	Location Based Activity	Coaching 2: Talk Roadmaps	Sports Day	
17:30 - 19:30		DINNER					
19:30 - 21:00	Welcome Talk & Icebreaker Games	Scavenger Hunt	Guest Speaker	Free Time	Quiz Night	Fireside Chat	Movie Night

Note: This is a sample timetable and is subject to change.

SAMPLE TIMETABLE

Week two

TIME	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
07:30 - 09:30	BREAKFAST						
09:30 - 11:15	Full-Day City Activities Museum Visit	Theory 6: Planning Your Talk	Theory 7: Connecting With an Audience	Theory 8: Leveraging Emotion	Theory 9: Final Preparation	Final Showcase	Departures
11:15 - 13:15		LUNCH					
13:15 - 15:00		Practical 6: Refining a Draft	Practical 7: Script Practice	Practical 8: Feedback Hats	Practical 9: Rehearsal & Feedback	Final Showcase	
15:00 - 15:30		BREAK					
15:30 - 17:30		Location-Based Activity	Coaching 3: Script Review	Location-Based Activity	Coaching 4: Showcase Rehearsals	Graduation	
17:30 - 19:30	DINNER						
19:30 - 21:00	Free Time	Cake & Canvas	STEAM Challenge	Free Time	Talent Show	Final Night Party	

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Faculty and speaker highlights

Our programme is delivered by an expert team of tutors, mentors, and guest speakers who bring together communication expertise, real-world experience, and presentation mastery. All tutors receive dedicated training and guidance from the TED team, ensuring that every session reflects high standards in storytelling, communication, and idea sharing.

FACULTY AND SPEAKER SAMPLE

Your teaching team

Communication experts

Experienced professionals and educators who help you find your voice and refine your presence.



Example: Jillisa

Educator and writer with extensive experience in communication and storytelling

Dedicated mentors

Current students and recent graduates from leading global universities who help you progress with your ideas.



Example: Poppy

Recent Politics, Philosophy & Economics graduate with public speaking experience



Pictured: Kate Atkin

Guest speakers

Founders, activists, artists, and scientists who have shared ideas on global stages, and now share them with our students.

Example: Kate Atkin

As an inspirational speaker and expert facilitator, Kate has presented at conferences in North America and Europe as well as around the UK.



Locations and dates

LONDON



Where global ideas meet historic tradition

UNITED KINGDOM | AGES 15-18 | SMALL CLASS SIZE

Immerse yourself in the heart of a world capital known for its intellectual history, global influence, and cultural energy.

Set at a University College London campus in the heart of the city, this session places students in a vibrant learning environment steps away from world-renowned museums, institutions, and iconic landmarks.

Session dates 12th July - 25th July 2026 | 26th July - 8th August 2026

Highlights



Academic lecture halls, seminar rooms, and breakout spaces



Accommodation in a historic London university college or residence



Cultural excursions, from the British Museum to famous landmarks



Guest speakers from media, government, science, and industry



NEW YORK

The city that never stops sharing ideas

UNITED STATES | AGES 15-18 | SMALL CLASS SIZE

Fuel your storytelling in the city of influence, ambition, and bold ideas. Based at Barnard College, Columbia University, this session offers the pulse of New York with the intimacy of a focused experience, in the same city that's home to TED's global headquarters.

Session dates 28th June - 11th July 2026 | 12th July - 25th July 2026

Highlights



Central Manhattan campus with premium facilities



Stay in secure, student-friendly accommodation



Explore NYC icons like Broadway or the United Nations



Guest speakers from publishing, journalism, and entrepreneurship

SINGAPORE



A global hub at the intersection of East and West

SINGAPORE | AGES 15-18 | SMALL CLASS SIZE

Discover a future-facing city where innovation, culture, and academic excellence converge. This programme is hosted at the heart of Singapore, offering students a unique platform for growth and connection in Asia.

Session dates 28th June - 11th July 2026* | 12th July - 25th July 2026

** available for students aged 16-18 only*

Highlights



State-of-the-art spaces with access to professional venues



Safe, residential accommodation with 24/7 supervision



Guided cultural experiences: Chinatown, Little India, and more



Guest speakers from tech, education, and social impact sectors



Student support and welfare

- Dedicated pastoral team, 24-hour supervision for residential students
- Small class sizes for academic and skill-building sessions
- Safeguarding and risk management policies aligned to international best practice
- Nutritious meals catering to all dietary requirements
- Secure city-centre accommodation with trained residential staff



Policies and practicalities

- Visa support letters available after enrolment
- Travel and medical insurance advised for all participants
- Accessibility accommodations available with advance notice



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Online programme structure

VIRTUAL TED Summer School



A global learning experience - from anywhere in the world.

ONLINE | AGES 14-18 | SMALL CLASS SIZE

This virtual programme brings the TED Summer School to high school students worldwide. Over two transformative weeks, students follow a guided journey: discovering, developing, and sharing their ideas through TED's exclusive student-focused curriculum. Through a blend of live online teaching and flexible independent study, students build confidence, clarity, and complete the programme with a polished TED-style talk they can proudly share.

Session dates* 15 June – 26 June | 6 July – 17 July | 20 July – 31 July | 3 Aug – 14 Aug

**Different cohort times are available to support accessibility across global time zones.*
*Exact session dates and time options are available on the **website**. Please check for the most up-to-date availability.*

Highlights



Follow the exclusive curriculum shaped by TED and Immerse



Study from anywhere through a combination of daily live teaching and independent learning



Learn in small, international cohorts with support from tutors trained by the TED team



Build and refine your own authentic idea and deliver it as a polished TED-style talk

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Core components



Live Online Sessions

Two weeks of daily, live classes bring together small cohorts with a dedicated tutor for interactive, practice-focused learning. These sessions focus on crafting your very own TED-style talk. You'll learn by following a roadmap that includes idea sharing, peer and tutor feedback, discussion activities, refining structure and messaging, and delivery practice. These collaborative exercises help students strengthen their talk step by step.



Self-Paced Learning

Alongside their live classes, students use a bespoke TED platform for their daily independent learning. They watch videos and read curated materials, complete reflective tasks, explore research linked to their idea, draft and refine their script, and work through structured assignments at their own pace. Each task is designed to build the key skills needed to become a confident speaker and make steady progress on their TED-style talk.



Final Showcase

At the end of the programme, each student presents the TED-style talk they have prepared and refined throughout the course. Their talk is recorded and shared with them as part of their final portfolio.

SAMPLE TIMETABLE

Week one

TIME	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
Flexible Time	Self-paced Learning	Self-paced Learning	Self-paced Learning	Self-paced Learning	Self-paced Learning
Two Hours	Live Session	Live Session	Live Session	Live Session	Live Session
Flexible Time	Self-paced Learning	Self-paced Learning	Self-paced Learning	Self-paced Learning	Self-paced Learning

Week two

TIME	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI
Flexible Time	Self-paced Learning	Self-paced Learning	Self-paced Learning	Self-paced Learning	Self-paced Learning
Two Hours	Live Session	Live Session	Live Session	Live Session	Final Showcase
Flexible Time	Self-paced Learning	Self-paced Learning	Self-paced Learning	Self-paced Learning	

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What you will take away



A professionally recorded TED-style talk

A high-quality video of your final talk, ideal for university applications, scholarships, and personal portfolios.



Essential public speaking, communication, and presentation literacy skills

Future-proof 21st-century abilities that strengthen confidence, influence, and leadership for life.



A personalised portfolio

Your recorded TED-style talk, final script, and feedback, designed to showcase your communication growth, knowledge, and potential.



A formal certificate of completion

Official recognition, affirming your achievement in public speaking and idea development.

Residential programme pricing and what's included

All programmes include tuition in small groups and 1:1 coaching, supervised study, a capstone showcase, a recording of a final TED-style talk, and a certificate.

RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMMES				
Location	Dates	Duration	Price (Residential)	Price (Non-Residential)*
London	12th July - 25th July 2026 26th July - 8th August 2026	2 weeks	£7,495	£5,995
New York	28th June - 11th July 2026 12th July - 25th July 2026	2 weeks	£7,495	£5,995
Singapore	28th June - 11th July 2026 12th July - 25th July 2026	2 weeks	£7,495	£5,995

Included

- Accommodation*
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Evening and weekend activities
- 24-hour pastoral care

Not included

- Flights and visas
- Travel insurance
- Personal spending
- Airport transfers (available on request)

**For non-residential students, accommodation is NOT included in the programme price. Participants would be expected to participate in all scheduled academic and social activities between 9:30 am and 9:00 pm on weekdays, and are welcome to join the full-day weekend excursions.*

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Virtual programme pricing and what's included

All programmes include live virtual sessions and self-paced tuition with access to a dedicated platform, a capstone showcase, a recording of a final TED-style talk, and a certificate.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMMES			
Location	Dates	Duration	Price
Online	15th June - 26th June 6th July - 17th July 20th July - 31st July 3rd August - 14th August	2 weeks	£2,495



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Admissions



Selection criteria

We are looking for students who bring:

- Diversity of ideas and perspectives
- Commitment to learning and collaboration
- A growth mindset and readiness to engage

We welcome students who are curious, motivated, and eager to grow as communicators, those with original ideas and open minds.

Eligibility

Applicants must be aged 15–18 at the start of their chosen session (or 14–18 for the virtual programme).

We recommend a minimum English level of B1–B2 (intermediate or higher) to ensure students can participate confidently in discussions and workshops

How to enrol

Admission to the TED Summer School is selective. We're looking for curious, motivated students who are ready to develop their ideas and their voice.

1

Start your enrolment

Begin by completing the online enrolment form together with your parent or legal guardian.

You'll need to share your basic details, contact information, and choose your preferred programme location and dates.

2

Submit your motivation

To help us understand your motivation please answer the following question:
"*Why do you want to build your communication and public speaking skills?*"

You can either:

- Write a short personal statement (200-250 words)
- Upload a 90-second video as your answer

3

Confirm your enrolment

To complete the submission, a £995 deposit is required. This deposit will be applied toward the total programme fee if your enrolment is successful. If we are unable to offer a place, it will be refunded in full.

We ask parents/legal guardians to confirm the enrolment before payment to ensure full awareness and consent.

4

Admissions review

Our admissions team carefully reviews each enrolment to assess motivation and curiosity. We're not looking for perfection, we're looking for promise.

5

Receive your decision

You'll hear from us within 7 days of submitting a complete enrolment. If successful, you'll receive an offer of place along with next steps for enrolment.

6

Get ready

Once enrolled, you'll receive further guidance, with recommended reading and preparation tips closer to the programme start.

START YOUR APPLICATION

Next steps

Explore the website to get details on locations, dates, and updates

EXPLORE WEBSITE

Begin your enrolment to be considered in our first round of offers

START APPLICATION

Book a 1:1 consultation with our team to discuss your goals, fit, or enrolment materials

BOOK A CONSULTATION

Frequently asked questions

Will talks be published online?

Students will receive a high-quality recording. Some talks may be shared on Immerse or TED channels.

How big are classes?

The programme is organised in small cohorts of about 7-8 students on average, allowing time for individual sessions and feedback.

Is this the same as a TED or TEDx conference?

No. This is a residential 2-week programme that is part of a partnership between Immerse Education and TED.

Do I need prior speaking experience?

No experience is required, just curiosity and enthusiasm. We believe everyone has an idea worth spreading, and we welcome students who are passionate about developing their speaking skills. Our model is tailored to each student's starting point.

What is the supervision model?

Residential programmes provide 24-hour pastoral care with trained staff, secure accommodation, and clear curfews.

What level of English is required?

We recommend students have a minimum English level of B2 to feel confident in discussions and presentations. If in doubt, include a short video sample with your enrolment.

Are there scholarships available?

We offer needs-based Financial Aid for the TED Summer School. This opportunity is open to students worldwide and ensures that every motivated learner can join the programme, regardless of financial background.

If you'd like to be considered, please complete the Financial Aid Application with your parent or guardian before enrolling directly on the programme. All required details and supporting information are provided within the enrolment form.

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