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CHENGDU ROYAL FOREIGN LANGUAGE SCHOOL

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CHINA: THE RISING DRAGON

Introduction

This information pack specifies the academic, co-curricular, as well as logistical aspects of the summer program.

This is a very exciting opportunity for students as they interact with the tutors and professors of Oxford University in the beautiful city of Chengdu. Previous students who have attended our summer programme regard it as ‘very inspiring, stimulating, and life changing’.



In 2018, the Oxford Institute conducted its first summer camp in China. A team of Oxford tutors flew to Sichuan province of China and successfully completed 12 days residential camp attended by both local and Chinese students. At OCSC 2020, a team of Oxford tutors shall fly to China’s largest city Chengdu, the provincial capital of Sichuan province. This region is home to giant pandas and is a center for traditional Sichuanese opera and is also famous for its delicious local cuisine.



The program will be hosted at Chengdu Royal Foreign Language School; a leading boarding school in Chengdu, where students are educated within the 75 acres of beautiful grounds. Alongside such an enviable location, the school prides itself on exceptional academic achievement, genuine pastoral care and empathy, and superb facilities.



Why China?

Study abroad in China provides opportunities for international students to view things from Chinese perspective. Merging the knowledge of both China and their home countries will give students an advantage to explore potential opportunities in China for the future. China has become one of the most popular study abroad destinations for international students because of its long history and exciting culture.

China is an increasingly popular destination for students from around the world, with the number of international students in China doubling in the past 10 years. Chinese universities gaining more and more respect with the time. The number of Chinese universities included in major global university rankings has risen significantly over the past five years. Having a knowledge and lived-experience of China is becoming increasingly valuable asset in many industries. As the fourth most popular destination for international travel, with nearly 12 million business trips to China in 2015, the country is growing in economic and cultural significance. Chinese Mandarin is the third most popular language to learn in the world and educational and lived experience in China could give a student great career boost. Unlike most languages, Chinese has a unique ideographic writing system, which provides visual comprehensibility. The grammatical structure of Chinese is not only logical, but also pragmatic, related to the particular way of Chinese thinking.

International students are increasingly choosing to study Chinese language with the expectation of better employment opportunities in fields such as travel, news media, academics, diplomatic work, finance, trade, banking and many other fields. International companies are competing for talents with Mandarin Chinese skills to be placed as executives for their China ventures. With China as an emerging economic superpower, understanding the Chinese language and the value acquired by speaking Chinese (Mandarin) is becoming increasingly important. Our programme will have native Chinese speakers as tutors to teach Chinese language, culture and history course.

Academic Activities

The programme focuses on individual learning and tailored counseling. Courses offered in our programme are tailor-made for each student because every student has his/her own unique needs, interests and competencies in each subject. At OCSC 2020, a team of Ox-ford tutors will fly to China to teach five main stream of courses. Students will be taught in modern classrooms as well as state-of-the-art rooms for Science, Art, Music, and Design.



Range of Courses

Students are exposed to five main streams: Business Studies, Leadership, English Language and Debates, Engineering and Mathematics, World History. An optional module also has also been offered for International students --- Chinese Culture, History, and Language.



1. Business Studies:

Business studies introduce students to a range of business functions to develop a holistic understanding of the business processes and its interaction with the outside world. It will help students to identify specific business activities that they are interested in and would like to pursue in the future.

2. Leadership:

Are leaders born or made? Our leadership module teaches the essential skills to develop and expand students leadership repertoire. Students will engage in self-assessment to analyse their leadership style, develop team charters to optimise their groups, and develop a game plan for effective negotiation.

3. English Language and Debates:

The English language course focuses on the writing, speaking and reading skills for students at all levels of competency from everyday conversation to the language of literature and the media. It involves the study of the structure of modern English, the history of English and identifying the basic tools for describing and discussing the English language with the aim of improving communications skills.

Students will also be introduced to Parliamentary debate (also referred to as “parli”).

4. Engineering and Mathematics:

Engineering is a vast field and this course aims to provide students an introduction to a number of sub-fields within Engineering. The objective is to invoke interests in the field so that they can consider taking it up as a career and to enable them to make an informed choice about the sub-field they would like to specialise in.

Mathematics includes the study of topics encompassing quantity, structure, space, change and other properties

5. World History:

History involves the analysis and interpretation of the human past with the aim of studying continuity and change over time. The subject uses a wide variety of evidence to examine, interpret, revisit, and reinterpret the past. These include written documents, oral communication, and objects such as buildings, artifacts, photographs, and paintings. This course will provide grounding in some of the broad themes within the global history literature.

6. Chinese Culture, History and Language:

This is the only module which will be delivered by a local Chinese teacher.



Study Materials

We use our own bespoke study materials that include audio-video content as well as other multi-media formats. All study materials will be provided by the Oxford Institute and are included in the fees.



Oxford University Tutors/Lectures

All subjects are taught by the tutors and lecturers associated with the University of Oxford. These include senior professors, research fellows. The optional module is taught by the local Chinese teacher.



Lecture/Tutorial Rooms

These include bright modern classrooms as well as state-of-the-art rooms for Science, Art, Music and Design.

Features of the Summer Program:

1. Experienced tutorial team:

The team consists of distinguished researchers and professors associated with the University of Oxford. The programme provides students a unique opportunity to learn from world-class academics.

2. Certificates and References:

Our tutors happily provide personalized academic references to their students. An academic reference from a tutor associated with Oxford University is generally considered highly valuable by universities and helps students make an effective case for admission. Students also get certificate for the successful completion of the course and a transcript with details of their grades. All summer courses are accredited and approved by the British Accreditation Council.

3. Career Counselling and University Admissions:

Expert career counsellors as well as subject tutors provide extensive career counselling and advice for university admissions to students in accordance with their individual circumstances.

4. International Capabilities:

The Oxford summer school program offers debates, leadership talks, and team competitions. It enhances the capacity of students to develop self-confidence, teamwork and leadership abilities.



5. Co-Curricular Activities:

At OCSC, students are given an opportunity to take part in various different extracurricular and sports activities such as Drama Classes, Dance Classes, Floor-ball, Flag Football, and Kung Fu etc. For all participants of the programme, the day starts with a Kung Fu Class and ends with different games and a hearty Szechuan meal. Moreover, there will be a chess competition for chess enthusiasts and several other fun and educational activities to ensure that students make best of their summer programme.

6. Oxford style debating & spoken English:

Debating is a compulsory module as part of our English module. We will be onboarding an expert trainer associated with Oxford University. The aim is to improve and polish the students' communications skill as they learn from the best.

7. Excursion trips:

The camp takes place in Sichuan province, which is a southwestern Chinese province. Some of the cultural tours planned for our students include Tour of Chengdu Town Center and Landmarks, day trip to Panda Base, trip to Dujiangyan Irrigation project and practice Taiji, trip to the Museum of Sichuan Cuisine and cultural discovery. Chengdu, the provincial capital is a center of traditional Sichuanese opera including fire-breathing and sleight-of-hand mask changes. Therefore, the excitement never ends in this program with fun-filled trips planned for many attractions.

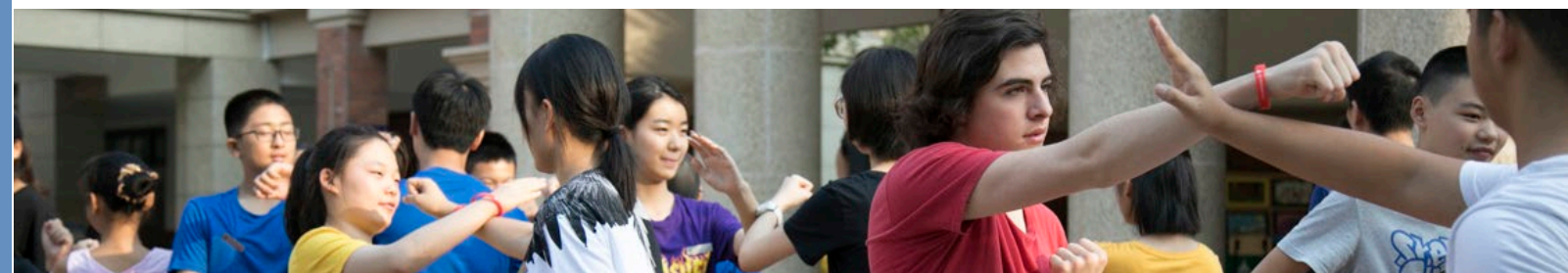


8. Movie night/Musical evening:

Movie (screening) and musical evening (with live music) are organised for our students either within the camp premises or at a nearby venue.

9. Sports:

A range of in-door and out-door sports activities are organised including Kung Fu, football, cricket, table tennis, ice-skating, ten-pin bowling and others.



10: Diversified learning environment:

The Oxford summer school program in China is open for registration for students from across the world. Students will meet students of the same age groups from different parts of the world. This will enable students to make friends and appreciate the significance of diversity. Students will also get to appreciate cultural and academic diversity by interacting with diverse body of students and leading faculty members of Oxford University



Campus Accommodation and Surroundings

A high standard of accommodation is provided to students with all facilities of a comfortable living. In terms of surroundings, there is a good combination of Chinese and Western food options located at the nearby main shopping center. Also, situated nearby is a big utility store, movie-theater and fitness center. The school location remains serene, it is outside of a big busy city, yet close enough to enjoy all that Chengdu (big city) and its surrounding have to offer.

Free Wi-Fi Internet Access

Students will have free internet access in rooms as well as other parts of the campus.

Travel (Within China)

All travel within China is organised by the Oxford Institute through private transportation companies.

Airport Pick & Drop

All students are received at the airport by Deans and staff members of the Oxford Institute. They are then transported to their accommodation using private transport arrangements. We also drop them back at the airport at the end of the course.

Transport for Excursion/other Trips

Coaches are hired for excursion trips so that the students can go in a group so that they can enjoy and learn from the experience.

Health & Safety

A detailed risk assessment has been done of all activities and have they been found to be of extremely low risk. Our staff members are trained in first-aid and fire-fighting and will be available 24 hours. We do cater for the students with special requirements. Please do let us know in detail about any additional assistance that you may require and we shall be happy to make required arrangements for you.

We operate a 24 hours telephone hotline through which parents/guardians (or a designated person) can contact us round the clock to enquire where exactly their child is.

Security

The school has a very stringent and thorough security service with specialized team on duty 24/7. All our students are accompanied at all times by our deans and staff members. Our deans also stay within the same accommodation block that is used by our students to ensure 24 hours availability. Security staff is available round the clock on campus. We also maintain a 24 hours hotline for the parents to call and speak to the staff or students at any time.

Fees

Please note that all the activities, tuition, accommodation, food and logistics described above are included in our programme fee.

Standard Fee: 1999 GBP

Age Group

7 - 18 years old.

Application Process & Selection Criteria

Application form is available online (www.theoxfordinstitute.co.uk). Students are required to send documents, namely, recent transcripts and an academic reference to be considered for scholarships. Academically advanced students with adequate language skills and knowledge of their subjects are admitted to the programme. The decision of the Admission's Committee is final.

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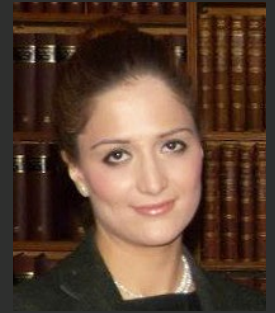
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