



# CONCORD COLLEGE

## SUMMER COURSES

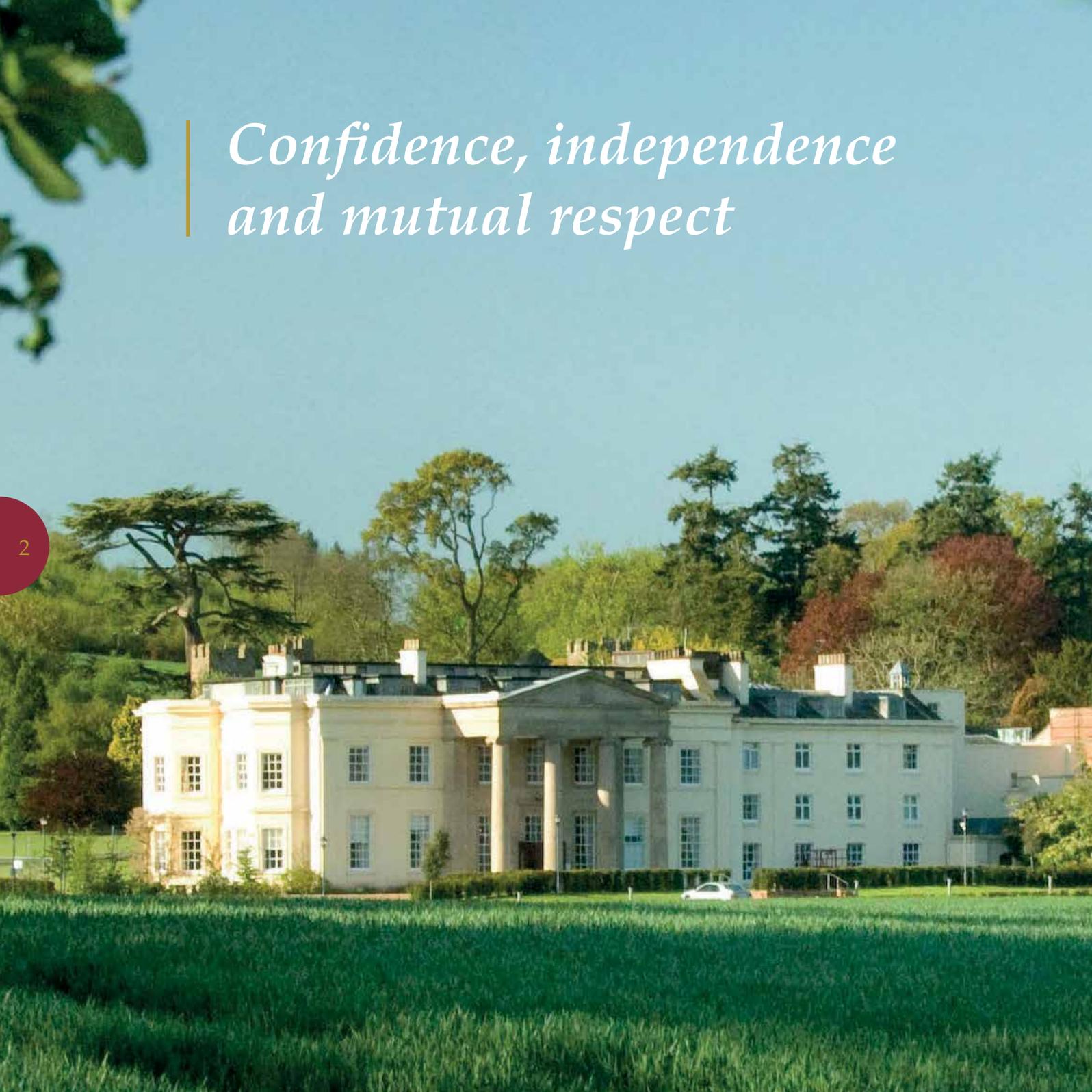
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of English in the UK



*Confidence, independence  
and mutual respect*





## WELCOME TO CONCORD COLLEGE SUMMER SCHOOL

Concord College is a prestigious international boarding school that was established in 1949. Set in 77 acres of beautiful English countryside in the heart 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.

Student life during the summer programme is busy and full with timetabled lessons between 09:00 to 15:00 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.

The aims of Concord's summer courses are to provide a foundation for learning:

- To build students' confidence
- To improve academic skills and knowledge
- To find self-worth in a range of enrichment activities
- To experience aspects of Britain and the British way of life
- To meet and make friends from around the world, and enhance international understanding
- To provide a safe and caring environment in which all students can flourish.

We look forward to welcoming you to our campus and helping create many wonderful memories of your time with us.



## 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.

Students are issued with an electronic identity card which they use for registrations. This system ensures the whereabouts of students is known regularly throughout the day. In addition to this, Concord has an extensive CCTV network and a number of staff who monitor it throughout the day and night.

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

Students have a bedtime routine of 21:00 (for students under 12) and 22:15 (for students over 12). House parents use bedtime room check to talk to each student individually to see if they have any worries and to make sure they are making the most of the opportunities available to them at Concord.

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

A dedicated safeguarding team monitors the students' welfare throughout the course to ensure that they are all happy, healthy and safe.

*We are located in a beautiful and safe location that helps to ensure that young people enjoy the environment and feel secure*

## BOARDING ACCOMMODATION

Students live on campus in modern, well-furnished, single gender boarding houses. Older students have en suite facilities, and the younger students share bathrooms. Rooms are cleaned each weekday with bedroom linen changed on a weekly basis; communal areas are cleaned every day. There is a weekly laundry and ironing service provided.

All front doors are accessed through an electronic key pad and magnetic locks operate through the night for increased protection and security. Each bedroom has a security safe for personal possessions. Students are responsible for their own keys.

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. Fruit and refreshments are available throughout the day and cakes provided for each student if their birthday occurs during a course.

## MEDICAL CARE

Being ill away from home can be a difficult and lonely experience. The College has a purpose built medical centre which is staffed by qualified nurses. The nurses provide care for the students and ensure that illness and pre-existing medical conditions are professionally handled. The medical centre is open on weekdays and weekends when students are not on a whole college excursion from 08:30 to 22:00.

Students are not permitted to store medication in their rooms.



# ENGLISH (AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE)

Our English programme consists of 21 hours of tuition per week. 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.



## *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

# SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS AND ECONOMICS

Our Science, Mathematics 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) and Advanced level (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 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
<b>Junior/Primary</b>	10-12
<b>GCSE</b>	13-15
<b>Pre-Advanced</b>	16-17

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.

## *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





## 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, all young learners must attend a supervised Cubs' Club from 15:00-21:00.

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.

All 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, outdoor giant 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 mountain biking, first aid, golf, horse riding, tennis, and music lessons (brass, piano, strings, or woodwind) with weekly sessions of tuition by qualified coaches and trainers over the course duration.

There is also the opportunity to undertake 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.



## 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, Liverpool, 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, Performing Arts, 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.



## UNIVERSITY PREPARATION COURSES

Concord's University Preparation Summer Courses are designed to support students who are preparing to apply to top universities, both in the UK and overseas. These four unique programmes – for applicants in Medicine, Natural Sciences, Engineering & PPE – offer students the opportunity to gain insight into their chosen degree subject, and to be better prepared for the rigorous selection process.

Concord's record of offers from top universities is impressive (see dates & fees insert) and should give confidence to students enrolling on these courses. Concord expertise will be combined with an impressive programme of guest academics from top universities, with Oxford and Cambridge represented on every programme.

Students will benefit from lectures and seminars from guest speakers at the forefront of their disciplines; they will also enjoy tailored admissions test and interview preparation, and be given the feedback they need to improve. These intensive academic programmes will both challenge students, and support them to develop in confidence as they make this transition to the next stage of their academic career. Places are limited to ensure quality of student experience, so early booking is strongly advised.

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

# 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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