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Saint Michael's College is an international co-educational boarding school located in the Worcestershire countryside less than three hours away from London. During the summer months of July and August we run our own summer school on the school campus. Students come from all over the world to improve their English, visit historic British cities, make new friends and have a great holiday. The school is conveniently located in the centre of England which makes visiting many different cities and attractions throughout the country simple. Our English course is intensive but our well qualified and experienced teachers, sports & social and residential assistants all strive to make sure students are challenged, happy and well looked after.





AIMS OF THE COURSE

The summer school course is designed for students between the ages of 10 - 17.

The aims of our courses are as follows:

- to help students learn as much English as possible in their time at the school
- to ensure that students have an enjoyable holiday with us
- to encourage students to make new friends from all over the world.



LOCATION

The school is located in Tenbury Wells, only three hours away from central London, deep in the British countryside. Our central location makes travelling throughout the country very simple and our students visit many famous and historic cities right across the country. The school campus is spread over 22 acres of land, and all of our residences, classrooms and sports facilities are all within walking distance.

Teaching Programme

On arrival at the school all students are placement tested and allocated to class on the basis of age and ability. Classes range from beginner to advanced and the maximum number of students in a class is 15.

Students have 19 classes of English each week (15.8 hours) which consist of 10 'main' and 9 'subsidiary' lessons. The emphasis in all the classes is on speaking and listening.

Students often work with partners or in small groups to complete tasks and projects.

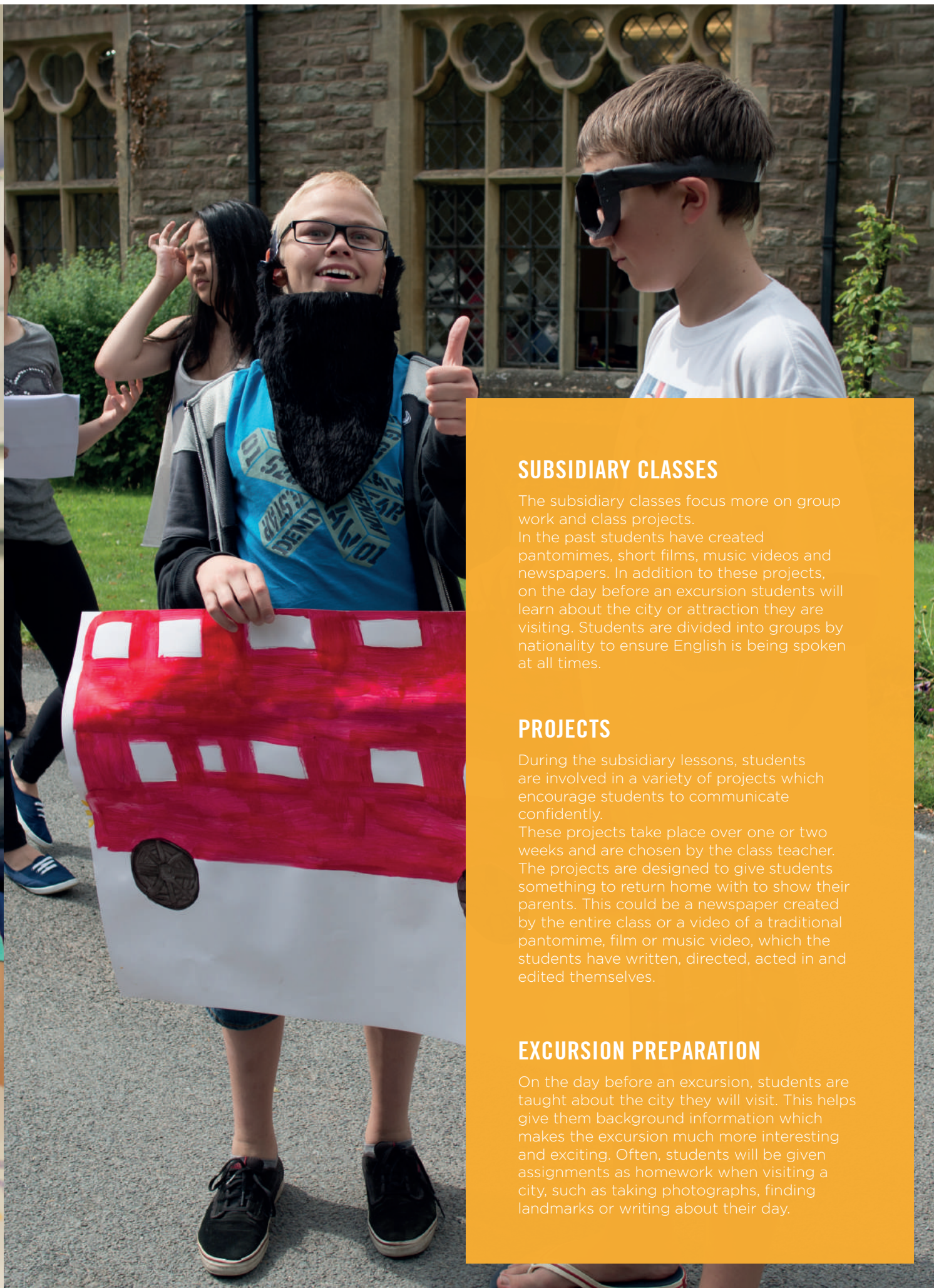
At the end of the course they are given a certificate of attendance and a school report from their teacher to take back home. Every Friday evening, our departing students receive their

certificate and report in a special 'leavers' ceremony, which is followed by a disco. This is a final chance for students to say goodbye to their new friends.

MAIN CLASSES

During main classes students are focussed on making progression in the four language skills: reading, writing, listening and speaking. Students work as individuals or in small groups to complete tasks, and work from their textbooks. Though challenging, lessons are still enjoyable and students who work hard are able to advance to a higher level class midway through the course.





SUBSIDIARY CLASSES

The subsidiary classes focus more on group work and class projects.

In the past students have created pantomimes, short films, music videos and newspapers. In addition to these projects, on the day before an excursion students will learn about the city or attraction they are visiting. Students are divided into groups by nationality to ensure English is being spoken at all times.

PROJECTS

During the subsidiary lessons, students are involved in a variety of projects which encourage students to communicate confidently.

These projects take place over one or two weeks and are chosen by the class teacher. The projects are designed to give students something to return home with to show their parents. This could be a newspaper created by the entire class or a video of a traditional pantomime, film or music video, which the students have written, directed, acted in and edited themselves.

EXCURSION PREPARATION

On the day before an excursion, students are taught about the city they will visit. This helps give them background information which makes the excursion much more interesting and exciting. Often, students will be given assignments as homework when visiting a city, such as taking photographs, finding landmarks or writing about their day.

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Sports and Social programme

Every afternoon when students finish class, our sports and social team organise a number of different sports and activities, which all take place within the school grounds.

During the daily assembly students are told about all of the day's different sports and activities. Although participation is not mandatory we do encourage everybody to take part in as many sports and activities as possible.

For the students with interests outside of sports, we provide daily activities such as art and crafts, treasure hunts, quizzes, a talent show and karaoke. We also invite professional entertainers to the school at least once a week to run interactive workshops. These include exotic animal displays, archery, circus and magic tricks, drumming workshops and Zumba. We also arrange an 'International Day' every two weeks where students work together to introduce their national culture to all the other students.



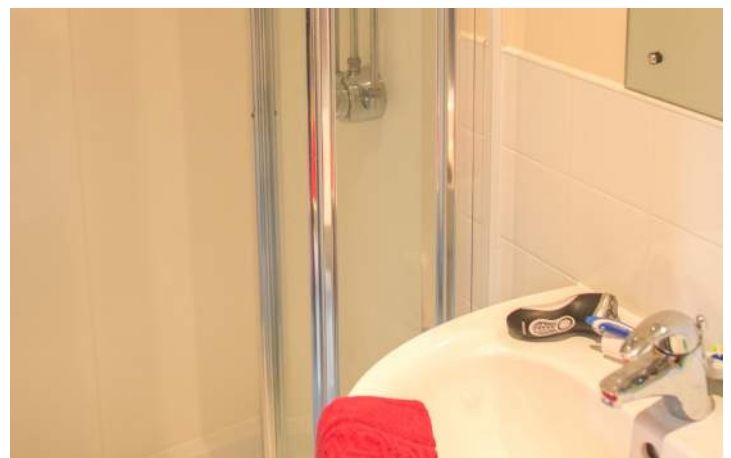
Excursions

Every Wednesday and Saturday we have 2 FULL DAY excursions to historic famous cities across the United Kingdom. In the morning they visit a famous tourist attraction and in the afternoon they are given some free time to explore the city or go shopping. Students under the age of 14 are supervised by a member of our team and we insist that even our older students, stay together in groups of no less than three.

EACH YEAR WE VISIT CITIES SUCH AS:

- London (sightseeing & various activities)
- Manchester (Old Trafford football stadium)
- Cardiff (Castle)
- Birmingham (Cadbury's Chocolate factory)
- Liverpool (Beatles museum)
- Bristol (Aquarium)

On Fridays, students also go on a half day excursion to a local place of interest for the afternoon. The school also offers an extra 'optional' Sunday excursion. These incur an extra cost, and prices can be found in our separate 'dates and fees' booklet.



ACCOMMODATION

During the summer school, students sleep in the same on-campus residences as our academic year students. Recently described as 'maintained to a high standard' in an ISI report and of 'exceptional quality' in a British Council inspection report, the accommodation is spread over six comfortable residential buildings, divided into male and female residences.

Students share their room with a maximum of three other students who are carefully selected by nationality, age and language. Each residence also houses a member of our residential team who is responsible for the welfare and safety of the students. Our residential assistants can be reached by students at all times—day or night.

Each weekday morning the school nurse is available to assist any students who may be feeling unwell. Outside of her working hours, or for any serious problems, students are taken to the local doctor's surgery.

There is a weekly laundry service, and rooms are cleaned and beds are changed frequently. Students must keep their rooms tidy during their stay at Saint Michael's, and our residential assistants conduct daily room checks to make sure they are tidy.

A TYPICAL DAY AT SAINT MICHAEL'S SUMMER SCHOOL

07:45 - 08:30	Breakfast
09:00 - 10:40	Classes
10:40 - 11:00	Break
11:00 - 12:40	Classes
12:40 - 13:40	Lunch
13:40 - 14:30	Classes
14:30 - 14:40	Assembly
14:40 - 17:00	Sports and Social
17:45 - 18:30	Evening meal
18:30 - 19:00	Free time
19:00 - 19:10	Assembly
21:00 - 21:30	Supper
21:30 - 22:00	Free time
22:00	Return to residence
22:00 - 22:30	Get ready for bed
22:30	Lights out and sleep



FOOD

The school catering team prepare a varied diet on site every day, providing breakfast, lunch and dinner. At each mealtime, there is a vegetarian option and students are also offered a wide range of salads, fruit and vegetables. During lunch service, there is also a pasta bar with a selection of sauces. When the weather is good, we often sit outside and enjoy a traditional British barbeque.



Useful Information

Airport transfers: The school provides an airport transfer service for students. Upon arrival to the airport they are met by a member of staff and taken to the school in either a taxi or a private coach. Although the transfer costs are not included in the fees, the school does subsidise the cost of the transport.* We are happy to meet students from all major UK airports.

Pocket money: Upon arrival to the school a member of staff will collect all valuables—such as passports, money and flight tickets. Twice every week on the day

before an excursion, students will be able to take the money they wish to spend and keep the rest locked away in our safe. For students coming to the school independently, a member of staff will monitor how much students withdraw.

Things to bring with you: Suitable clothing (raincoat, swimming wear, sportswear, pyjamas, etc.), towels, toiletries, sunscreen, a small padlock for your suitcase or wardrobe and any personal medication you may need.

