



Newbury, Downe House

Downe House School is a traditional boarding school built with a modern twist. The amazing sports, social and residential facilities are tastefully built around traditional old chapels and cloisters.

The school is in the heart of Berkshire, only 45 minutes from Heathrow and 1 hour 30 minutes from central London.

The school is ideally located to see the capital.

Course offered

Summer Course

This course is specially designed for juniors and teenagers who are looking for a boarding school experience on an expansive, enclosed campus whilst still getting a visit to London weekly.

The 15 hours of English tuition each week are complemented by a full programme of on-campus activities and exciting trips.

+ Golf: Summer course + 6 hours per week of professional golf coaching at a local golf course.

+ Harry Potter: Summer Course + 3 hours of magic, wizardry and Potter related fun + 1 excursion per week to a Harry Potter themed location.

Key information

Course length: 1 – 4 weeks

(2-week set length for + Harry Potter course)

Start dates:

- Summer Course & Summer Course + Golf: 9, 16, 23, 30 July, 6 August
- Summer Course + Harry Potter: 9 – 23 July or 30 July – 13th August

Course ends: 13 August

Lessons: 15 hours of English lessons per week

Minimum age – maximum age:

12 – 17 (10 as part of a group)

Maximum class size: 15

Minimum entry level: Beginner

Included in the price of all courses

- 15 hours of English lessons per week
- Full-board residential accommodation
- Day-time sports and activities programme
- Full programme of evening activities
- Full-day excursions every Tuesday and Wednesday (every Wednesday to London)
- Placement test
- Wi-fi on campus
- End-of-course certificate
- 24-hour supervision
- School bank service

Included in the price of + Golf course

- 6 hours of professional coaching in golf at local golf course

Included in the price of + Harry Potter course

- 3 hours of Harry Potter related on site activities per week.

Visit to the Warner Brothers Studios in London & dedicated Harry Potter related attractions in Oxford

Centre facilities

- Variety of residential boarding houses each with large common rooms
- Stunning modern classrooms
- Large dining facility
- Performing arts centre
- Indoor swimming pool
- Outdoor playing fields
- Tennis courts
- Large indoor sports hall



Dining Hall



Swimming Pool



Common Room



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Accommodation

On-campus residential accommodation

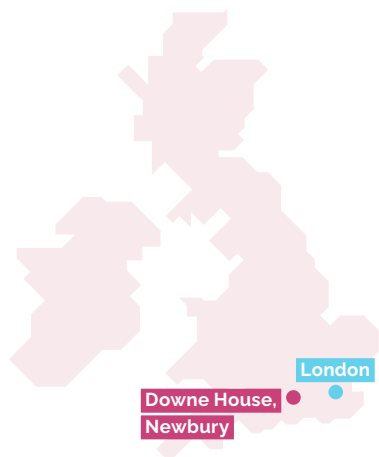
Stunning modernised residential boarding houses each with twin, triple and quad rooms (few singles) with shared bathrooms on a ratio of 1:4.

Each house has its own individualised large common room area where students can hang out in the evenings.

Towels and toiletries are not provided.

Meal plan

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are supplied every day. Lunch and dinner are usually hot (with packed lunches on excursion days) and there is usually a choice of at least two main courses. We can cater for vegetarian and other dietary requirements on request



Airports and distances	
Heathrow	45 Miles / 73 Km
Gatwick	82 Miles / 134 Km
St. Pancras Int	62 Miles / 99 Km

Sample Provisional Excursions 2025	
Week 1	
Newbury shopping	Half-day
Cotswold Wildlife Park	Extended Half-day
Bournemouth Oceanarium & Beach	Full-day
+ Harry Potter will instead have Warner Brothers Studios tour	Full-day
Week 2	
London with London Eye	Full-day
Reading shopping	Half-day
Windsor & Windsor Castle	Extended Half-day
Stratford-upon-Avon with Shakespeare's birthplace	Full-day
+ Harry Potter will instead have Oxford special tour and entrance	Full-day
Week 3	
London with Natural History Museum	Full-day
Newbury shopping	Half-day
Winchester & Winchester Cathedral	Extended Half-day
Warwick Castle	Full-day

Sample Provisional Excursions 2025	
Week 4	
London with River Cruise	Full-day
Reading shopping	Half-day
Oxford with Punting	Extended Half-day
Portsmouth with HMS Victory	Full-day
+ Harry Potter will instead have Warner Brothers Studios tour	Full-day
Week 5	
London with Science Museum & Knightsbridge	Full-day
Newbury shopping	Half-day
Cotswold Wildlife Park	Extended Half-day
Stratford-upon-Avon with Shakespeare's birthplace	Full-day
+ Harry Potter will instead have Oxford special tour and entrance	Full-day

All excursions include a tour segment and some allocated shopping time. Excursion entrances are included where shown on the timetable above. All excursions are led by Kings staff. Alternative excursions and entrances may be available upon request – contact us in advance for more details.

Sample timetable

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Morning	Arrivals/ Departures	Book-based / Project-based lessons	Book-based / Project-based lessons	Book-based / Project-based lessons	Book-based / Project-based lessons	Book-based / Project-based lessons	Stratford-upon-Avon with Shakespeare's Birthplace
	or	Lunch			Lunch		or
Afternoon	London with Science Museum & Knightsbridge (Packed Lunch)	Activities Harry Potter* Golf*	Newbury shopping	Activities	Cotswold Wildlife Park (Packed Lunch)	Activities Golf*	Warner Brothers Studios Tour* (Harry Potter) (Packed Lunch)
	Dinner						
Evening	Evening Activities	Evening Activities	Evening Activities	Evening Activities Harry Potter*	Evening Activities	Evening Activities	Evening Activities

*These activities are only available to Summer Course + students and must be pre-booked for a supplement. The above is a SAMPLE timetable and Kings reserves the right to make alterations to it as/when necessary.