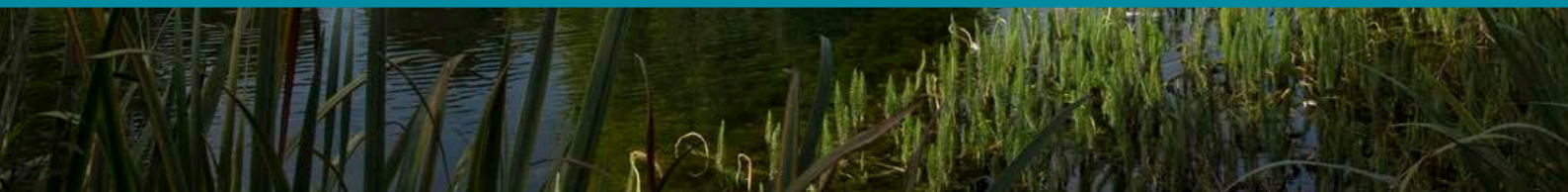




WYCOMBE ABBEY SUMMER PROGRAMME



CENTRE HANDBOOK 2026



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Thank you very much for your interest in the Wycombe Abbey Summer Programme.

Wycombe Abbey Summer Programme is an innovative experience for young leaders of tomorrow.

We hope you find everything you need in the following pages.

For more information, please visit our website: www.wycombeabbeysummerprogramme.com

If you have any questions or specific requests, please get in touch with the Wycombe Abbey Summer Programme team by emailing summerprogramme@wycombeabbey.com

Quick Facts

Dates:

Monday 6th July to Monday 20th July 2026

Monday 20th July to Monday 3rd August 2026

Monday 3rd August to Monday 17th August 2026

Ages:

11 – 17 years

Min English Level:

B1

[A2 can be accepted, the Wycombe Abbey Summer Programme team reserves the right to make a decision on a case-by-case basis]

The Centre

Wycombe Abbey is a world-renowned boarding school in Buckinghamshire, and the Summer Programme continues to grow, now entering its third year of operation.

The School was founded in 1896 and it boasts a wide collection of facilities within 170 acres of grounds, including tennis courts, a swimming pool, sports pitches, performing arts centre and a gym. The campus includes woods, gardens, and a lake, and rises up to 150 metres above sea level in the Chiltern Hills. The buildings across the site are a mixture of old and new architectural styles and include Grade II listed buildings, giving this centre a real traditional English boarding school feel.



Location

Wycombe Abbey, Frances Dove Way, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire HP11 1PE

[How To Find Us - Wycombe Abbey](#)

The School is a short walk to High Wycombe with attractions and amenities including:

- Eden Shopping centre (0.5 miles, 12-minute walk)
- Wycombe Museum (0.4 miles, 10-minute walk)

High Wycombe is a thriving market town with a population of 83,523 and is situated northwest of London. The town has a long and colourful history, appearing in the Domesday Book and known to have been inhabited by the Romans. The town centre presents some beautiful Georgian architecture, including the Little Market House (or Pepper Pot, as it's often referred to), and the stunning Guildhall.

History and heritage buffs should also visit the National Trust's West Wycombe Park, an elegant country house set in 45 acres of landscaped beauty, boasting unrivalled views of the Chilterns. Also, Hughenden Manor is a Victorian mansion, with earlier origins, that served as the country house of the Prime Minister, Benjamin Disraeli, 1st Earl of Beaconsfield. It is now owned by the National Trust and open to the public.

High Wycombe is well located being just a 23 min train ride from Marylebone Station in London and 23 miles southeast of Oxford, home of one of the world's top research universities.

Airport Transfers

London Heathrow: 30 minutes

London Gatwick: 1 hour 20 minutes

London Luton: 1 hour





Entrances/Exits

- 1 Main Entrance
- 2 Clarence Gate
- 3 Green Gate
- 4 Rupert Lodge Gate
- 5 Dover/Crispin Way Gates
- 6 War Office Gates

Boarding Houses

- 1 Junior House
- 2 Airlie
- 3 Barry
- 4 Butler
- 5 Campbell
- 6 Cloister
- 7 Pitt
- 8 Rubens
- 9 Shelburne
- 10 Wendover
- 11 Clarence

School Venues

- 1 Main Abbey (Reception)
- 2 Libraries
- 3 Big School and Arts Room
- 4 Chapel
- 5 Courtyard Gate
- 6 Main School Dining Room
- 7 Health Centre

Sports Areas

- 1 Upper Courts (Tennis, Netball)
- 2 AstroTurf (Multi-Purpose)
- 3 Sports Pitches (Lacrosse, Athletics, Cricket)
- 4 Davies Sports Centre
- 5 Daws Hill Tennis Courts

- 8 Walpole Wing
- 9 T-Block
- 10 Carrington Building
- 11 Cookery
- 12 Performing Arts Centre
- 13 Daws Hill Houses
- 14 Pine Trees Estates Office

Local Amenities

Post Office

High Wycombe Post Office

Address: High Wycombe Post Office, 3 Castle St, High Wycombe HP13 6RZ (0.4 miles / 9-minute walk)

Supermarket

Sainsbury's

Address: Oxford Rd, High Wycombe HP11 2DN (0.5 miles / 12-minute walk)

ATM

Sainsbury's

Address: Oxford Rd, High Wycombe HP11 2DN (0.5 miles / 12-minute walk)

Pharmacy

Centra Pharmacy

Address: 20 Queens Sq, High Wycombe HP11 2DF (0.4 miles / 9-minute walk)

Hospital

Wycombe Hospital

Address: Queen Alexandra Rd, High Wycombe HP11 2TT (0.4 miles / 10-minute walk)

Doctors

Chiltern House Medical Centre

Address: 45-47 Temple End, High Wycombe HP13 5DN (0.6 miles / 15-minute walk)

NB If a student is ill and requires a doctor, a Wycombe Abbey Summer Programme team member (and Group Leader if applicable) will take the student to the NHS medical centre at Chiltern House Medical Centre. The student will be required to fill out a temporary patient form and will be seen on the same day.

Dentist

Enhance Dental Centre

Address: 26 High St, High Wycombe HP11 2AG (0.3 miles / 6-minute walk)

Train Station

High Wycombe Railway Station

Address: Amersham Hill, High Wycombe HP13 6NN (0.4 miles / 9-minute walk). Regular trains to London.

Taxi Companies

Greyhound Taxi Services 01494 444751

Yellow Cars 0117 950 0600

First Choice Car 01494 857579

Coffee Shops

The Front Room

Located on Castle Street, the Front Room offers locally sourced food, upcycled interiors and freshly ground coffee. With a beautifully decorated space filled with books and plants, this is the perfect place to lose yourself in a chat or a novel.

Address: 9 Castle St, High Wycombe HP13 6RZ (0.5 miles / 10-minute walk)

Hatch Coffee

With a mission of “bringing high end, barista-crafted coffee to High Wycombe”– Hatch Coffee has cemented itself as a trendy, forward thinking coffee spot. This hidden treasure offers a takeaway nook to the side of the building, so you can grab a coffee or take a seat within the Bluegrass BBQ restaurant for some ribs on a rainy day.

Address: 12-13 Pauls Row, High Wycombe, HP11 2HQ (0.2 miles / 5-minute walk)

Air Raid Shelter Cafe and Tea Room

The Air Raid Shelter Cafe and Tea Room was created to recognise and pay tribute to the efforts and sacrifices made by thousands of families throughout the Second World War. This a must-visit café that offers a quirky take on WWII with historical artefacts, and guests can enjoy tea and cakes with 1930s-40s radio music playing in the background.

Address: Frogmoor High Wycombe HP13 5DQ, High Wycombe, (0.5miles/11-minute walk)

Restaurants

Merletto Lounge

You can't miss the pretty Merletto Lounge with its tasty food and eccentric interiors. Situated in the grand white building on the High Street, in the centre of High Wycombe, it is the perfect spot to sit in and soak up the rays when the sun is shining!

Address: 4 High St, High Wycombe HP11 2AZ (0.4 miles / 7-minute walk)

Bluegrass BBQ Smokehouse

A meat-lover's heaven. Bluegrass BBQ Smokehouse has the genuine taste of the southern United States' taste of low-n-slow smoked meats in a friendly and fast-paced smokehouse.

Address: 13 Paul's Row, High Wycombe HP11 2HQ (0.2 miles / 5-minute walk)

Café Roberto

Situated in the heart of High Wycombe, Café Roberto has an authentic Italian vibe with great food and a family-friendly atmosphere. The inside is nice and spacious and gives a great feel. With fresh ingredients, outstanding service and a lovely outside area, this place should be on your next go-to list in the upcoming summer period.

Buon Appetito!

Address: 26-28 White Hart St, High Wycombe HP11 2HL (0.4 miles / 8-minute walk)

Wagamama

Located in a busy shopping centre, this is a casual restaurant serving Asian dishes in a Japanese-inspired setting with long communal benches.

Address: Wagamama, Eden Shopping Centre, Denmark Street, High Wycombe HP11 2DB (0.5 miles/12-minute walk)

Nando's

Located in a busy shopping centre, Nando's is a South African multinational fast casual chain that specialises in Portuguese flame-grilled peri-peri style chicken.

Address: Nando's, Eden Shopping Centre, Denmark Street, High Wycombe HP11 2DB (0.5 miles/12-minute walk)

Accommodation

The Summer Programme is accommodated in two of the Schools 11 Boarding Houses. Pitt and Rubens are two modern and connecting residential blocks on-site, each able to accommodate up to 65 students in rooms for two to four people, all of which have en-suite facilities. Each building also comprises two living rooms, two kitchens and six study rooms. Accessibility rooms are available, and the building has lifts available for wheelchair access.

Room Allocation

We allocate students according to their age, gender and group where possible. We take into consideration any specific requests, such as friends who want to be close to each other. Room allocation is normally done prior to the student's arrival. If you would like any further information, please contact us.



Meals

When the students are on campus, they will eat their meals in the light and airy dining room on site. When they are out on full-day excursions, they will be provided with packed lunches.

Meal Times

- Breakfast: 07:45 – 08:45
- Morning Tea Break: 10:00 – 10:15
- Lunch: 12:30 – 13:30
- Afternoon Tea Break: 15:00 – 15:15
- Dinner: 18:30 – 19:30

If we are aware in advance, we can advise the catering staff of any dietary requirements or allergies.

Mealtimes are subject to change.

The Chapel Horse Box on campus offers a lovely atmosphere and a range of sweets, cakes and beverages (at an extra cost).

Sample Menu

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Breakfast	Croissant Bacon Scrambled eggs Sautéed potatoes Baked beans	Pain Au chocolate Sausage Fried eggs Hash browns Baked beans	Fruit bun Bacon Scrambled eggs Fried bread Baked beans	Bagel Sausage Fried eggs Mushrooms Hash browns Baked beans	Waffles Bacon Scrambled eggs Sautéed potatoes Baked beans	Pancakes Sausages Fried eggs Fried bread Baked beans	Full English Bacon Sausage Fried eggs Mushrooms Tomatoes Hash browns Baked beans
	Selection of cereals / toast with spreads and preserves, cut fruit and natural yoghurt with a selection of toppings available each day.						
Lunch	Bangers and mash Cumberland sausage or Vegetarian sausage	Thai chicken curry or Thai vegetable curry	Breaded turkey escalope with tomato sauce or Chickpea and vegetable filo parcels	Traditional beef lasagne or Vegetable lasagne	Oven baked breaded fish or Crispy coated cauliflower buffalo wings	Packed Lunches	Packed Lunches
	Mashed potato Peas Onion gravy Baked potatoes Baked beans Seasonal salad bar	Stir fried noodles Broccoli Baked potatoes Baked beans Seasonal salad bar	Cumin roast carrots New potatoes Baked potatoes Baked beans Seasonal salad bar	Garlic bread Roasted vegetables Baked potatoes Baked beans Seasonal salad bar	Chips Mushy peas Tartare sauce Baked potatoes Baked beans Seasonal salad bar		
	Ginger cake with yoghurt	Steamed syrup sponge with custard	Summer berry sponge with cream	Marble cake with chocolate sauce	Apple crumble with custard		
Dinner	Fish finger wrap with lettuce or Summer vegetable paella	Chargrilled chicken in a brioche bun or Halloumi burger with sweet chilli and red cabbage slaw	Mac and cheese with BBQ pulled chicken or Mac and Cheese with BBQ pulled jackfruit and Quorn	Pizza night	Lemon and herb roast chicken traybake or Mushroom risotto	BBQ night with hotdogs, beef burgers, veggie burgers, BBQ chicken, cheese slices, fried onions and sauces	Chargrilled gammon steak or Stuffed roast peppers
	Green beans Chopped house salad Crusty bread Baked potatoes Baked beans	Sweet potato fries Sweetcorn Baked potatoes Baked beans	House salad Garlic bread Baked potatoes Baked beans	Curly fries Corn on the cob Baked potatoes Baked beans	Roast new potatoes Green vegetable medley Baked potatoes Baked beans	Classic potato Salad Ruby slaw Baked potatoes Baked beans	Roast potato Buttered carrots Gravy Baked potatoes Baked beans
	Banoffee pie Fresh fruit	Chocolate and orange sponge Fresh fruit	Summer berry crumble with custard Fresh fruit	Chocolate brownie Fresh fruit	Lemon and poppy cake Fresh fruit	Ice cream with toppings Fresh fruit	Chocolate brownie

Technology

Wi-Fi is available campus wide and is password protected. Being a private boarding school, internet access is firewalled as per the boarding school regulations.

Security

Emergency contacts

Each student will be given a wristband upon arrival. This will have the emergency telephone number printed on it. If you need to contact the centre in the event of an emergency, please call this number and you will be directed to the person on duty.

Certain basic guidelines are common to all centres and students. Students should:

- never walk away alone;
- never leave the residence without permission in the evening;
- always make sure they have understood when and where the meeting point is whilst out on excursions;
- always wear their identification lanyard and their Wycombe Abbey Summer Programme wristband.

Safety

- Remember that there is a 24-hour emergency telephone number on the wristband and that the number for the emergency services (Ambulance/Police/Fire) in England is **999**, or the single emergency number for the EU including the UK is **112**, or you can call **101** to report a crime where you do not need an emergency response.
- The police are there to help and protect and can be asked for assistance.
- Never respond to someone if you feel threatened, simply walk away and speak to your team leader for help or guidance.
- Always give your money to the Wycombe Abbey Summer Programme management team to put in the safe and never carry large amounts of cash around.
- Be careful crossing the road. Remember that in the UK we drive on the left.

- If students are ill or need a doctor, they should tell a member of the Wycombe Abbey Summer Programme team immediately and they will be happy to help.
- Keep all windows closed when not in your bedrooms.

Insurance and valuables

Although residences will be accessed via swipe cards, it is suggested that students try to avoid bringing very expensive items with them. If they are bringing valuables with them, it is essential that they have sufficient insurance to cover any loss or damage as neither the centre, nor the company can be held responsible if anything goes missing. The Centre Manager will have access to a safe if it is required.

Teaching

Attending a summer school in England gives participants the perfect opportunity to immerse themselves in British culture through the use of the English language while engaging with other students from across the world. The programme is fully inclusive, with an emphasis on supporting dyslexic and ADHD students through tailor-made lessons and resources that successfully engage and enhance the learning of neurodiverse students. All teachers are trained on how to recognise signs of dyslexia and ADHD, and how to support these students during lessons.

All of our students receive **three hours** of lessons every morning. These are delivered through our effective teaching, which draws from a variety of state-of-the art methodologies in language learning. Each lesson is aimed at inspiring our students through the use of engaging topics and tasks that they are able to discuss, debate and present as they work creatively and collaboratively. Every morning students will receive **three different lessons**:

1. **British Culture:** During these lessons, students will learn about contemporary themes in British culture and society. They will delve into British history, geography and literature and will enhance their critical and presentation skills. This part of the lesson will be brought to life during the London full day trip.
2. **English for Academic Purposes / Examinations:** These lessons aim at empowering students' linguistic awareness and capabilities to better understand and produce different texts (e.g. reports, essays, scientific articles). By working on all language skills, accuracy, vocabulary and pronunciation, students will increase their chances of being successful when taking an English examination (PET, FCE, CAE, CPE, TOEFL, IELTS, GESE). This part of the lesson ties in with the visits to Oxford and Cambridge's renowned universities.

3. **21st Century Skills:** These lessons are specifically tailored to provide participants with the 21st century skills they need in order to become global leaders of tomorrow. Students learn about sustainability and global issues facing our world and how to deal with these as they enhance their presentation design and delivery skills, debating skills, and creative-thinking.

The syllabus is brought to life by our professional and highly experienced teachers, who create an energetic and unforgettable classroom experience supported by a range of teaching techniques and creative materials that engage and cater for students' individual learning journeys. This is further supported by the afternoon electives, which create a holistic learning approach that supports the overall progression of each student.

Learning Outcomes

- Increase confidence in spoken English
- Enhance creative and collaborative skillset
- Practice presentation design, delivery, and debating skills
- Build and broaden English vocabulary
- Boost understanding of different texts and media
- Improve English skills and systems - from lexis and pronunciation to reading and writing
- Develop power skills (soft skills) to succeed in the modern world.

Electives

All of our students receive **two hours** of electives every afternoon. They will be able to choose one out of the four electives offered, for the duration of their two week stay:

1. Leadership and Sustainability

Embark on a transformative journey, delving into essential leadership skills while exploring the principles of sustainability. Providing a comprehensive insight into different leadership styles, emphasising the application of fostering sustainable practices, and inspiring creative thinking. Students will learn the most important skills needed to succeed in the modern world of business and work. We value these skills very highly and strongly believe that honing these practical and creative skills will give students the tools they need to become the ethical living leaders of tomorrow.

The Leadership and Sustainability elective grants students the perfect opportunity to explore a wide range of interesting topics and is perfect for those who dream of making a difference in the world. This elective will change

the way students perceive the world around them, challenging them to think outside of the box as they hone their creative and innovative skillset to inspire and lead those around them.

Drawing from real-life examples of inspirational leaders throughout history, students will understand what made them great leaders and how they managed to leave their footprint on society. Students will transform this understanding into practical skills through research, debates, interactive discussions, presentations, and interviews. The module also allows students to delve into the critical aspects of sustainability, covering environmental, social, and economic dimensions. Students will engage with sustainability frameworks and explore global challenges and solutions by examining success stories in creating viable and sustainable alternatives in different industries.

Students will develop critical skills in creative thinking, problem solving, research and analysis, presenting important information, and managing a team, enabling them to enhance their spoken English while honing leadership abilities and preparing them for future roles as responsible and influential leaders.

Learning Outcomes

- Increase confidence in spoken English
- Enhance creative and collaborative skillset
- Practice presentation design, delivery, and debating skills
- Build and broaden English vocabulary
- Improve ability to lead and manage a team
- Boost knowledge of business and management techniques
- Deepen understanding of the world around us.

2. Coding and Game Design

In this hands-on course, students will dive into the exciting world of coding and game design, learning the fundamentals of programming, game mechanics, and creative design to build their own playable games. From brainstorming ideas, building and coding with Lego robotics to creating captivating visuals. Participants will develop problem-solving skills, teamwork, and digital creativity.

This module will focus on design methodology, developing, computer programming and creative-problem solving as students work in small groups to form an idea and bring it to life.

Perfect for students who are interested in robotics, video games or computer science, this elective will turn their love for games and design into the skills of the future.

Learning Outcomes

- Increase confidence in spoken English
- Enhance creative and collaborative skillset
- Practice design, robotics and coding
- Build and broaden English vocabulary
- Improve digital literacy and learn 21st century skills
- Boost technological design and computer programming skills

3. Performing Arts

Embark on a captivating journey through the realms of creativity and expression with our Performing Arts elective. This module offers a unique fusion of language development and artistic exploration through acting, dance, singing, musical performances, choreography, and staging. Perfect for anyone interested in drama, dance, singing or expressing themselves creatively, this course will build students' confidence as well as their ability to express themselves in English.

Creativity comes in many forms and encouraging students to showcase their passion and express themselves in different ways, is something that we strongly believe in promoting. With the state-of-the-art theatre available at Wycombe Abbey, we have the perfect modern facilities to allow students to go through the creative process before bringing their production to life.

Students will explore a wide range of creative mediums and will be supported by our highly experienced teachers. From writing, staging, and performing a play or a musical, to choreographing and performing a dance routine, this elective covers a range of essential skills. Students will explore different techniques of acting, improvisation, voice projection and control, movement on stage and staging, as well as writing and producing a show.

Learning Outcomes

- Increase confidence in communicating in English

- Enhance creative and collaborative skillset
- Build skillset in creative writing and production
- Develop acting, dance, and singing techniques
- Boost ability to engage with an audience.

4. Sports, Health and Wellbeing

This transformative course integrates language development with the essential principles of physical health, mental wellbeing, and the importance of adopting an active lifestyle. Students will dive into foundational aspects of fitness, exploring various exercises, sports, and the significance of maintaining an active lifestyle. Looking at vocabulary related to health and fitness, and understanding the science behind nutrition and exercise, students will enhance their spoken English while learning the fundamentals of constructing a healthy lifestyle.

The elective course extends its focus beyond physical health to encompass mental wellbeing. Students will delve into mindfulness techniques, stress management, and the correlation between physical activity and mental health. Engaging in discussions and presenting information, students will learn a wealth of skills that go beyond everyday English.

Outside of the classroom, students will benefit from the modern facilities available at Wycombe Abbey as they engage in different sports and activities. From swimming and volleyball to football and hockey, students will explore different sports and physical activities, working together as a team and immersing themselves in an active lifestyle.

The sports, health and wellbeing elective ensures that students will not only improve their language skills but also cultivate a foundation for a healthier and more balanced lifestyle.

Learning Outcomes

- Increase confidence in spoken English
- Deepen understanding of the science behind health, nutrition, and fitness
- Enhance knowledge of how to maintain an active lifestyle
- Engage in a variety of physical sports and exercises
- Improve collaborative skills by working as part of a team
- Improve fitness and mental wellbeing.

Placement Tests

Students are pre-tested online before the start of the course to ensure they are placed at the correct level and that they can start lessons from day one, to get the most out of their time with us. If students are not happy with their level and wish to change class, we can accommodate their request after discussing it with the teacher, Course Director and student. We always try to split groups into different classes to mix nationalities, but this does depend on their levels and the numbers of students that we have on site.

We will provide all course materials including an exercise book and a pen.

Students are taught in class sizes up to 12.

Excursions

London Walking Tour, London Eye and British Museum

Explore the best of London's attractions with must-visit experiences. Begin your journey by elevating your perspective on the London Eye, enjoying breathtaking panoramic views of the city. Next, explore the beauty of London as you walk past Buckingham Palace, Hyde Park and some of the most beautiful spots in the city. After a ride on the world famous London Underground, venture into the British Museum and delve into a world of cultural treasures and historical artifacts.



Oxford Tour with Colleges and Museums

Immerse yourself in the enchanting world of Oxford. Explore the historic and picturesque Christ Church College, where iconic scenes from the *Harry Potter* films were brought to life. Wander through the captivating halls and courtyards that served as inspiration for Hogwarts. Walk through the many colleges with chapels and buildings designed by some of the most famous architects in the world.

Windsor Castle

Embark on a regal adventure with a visit to Windsor Castle. Nestled on a picturesque hill, this historic fortress invites you to explore centuries of royal history. Wander through opulent state apartments, with priceless art and exquisite furnishings. Marvel at St. George's Chapel, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture and the final resting place of many monarchs.





Cambridge Tour with King's College

Go on an intellectual and scenic journey with a visit to Cambridge and its renowned university. Roam through the cobblestone streets adorned with historic architecture, and marvel at the world-famous colleges along the River Cam. Explore the hallowed halls of the University of Cambridge, where the likes of Newton and Darwin once studied. Admire the iconic King's College Chapel and the Bridge of Sighs immersing yourself in the vibrant academic atmosphere.

National Gallery and West End Theatre Show

Enjoy an afternoon at the National Gallery in London: a world-renowned art museum located in Trafalgar Square. It houses a vast collection of over 2,300 paintings, spanning from the 13th to the 19th century. Conclude your stay with us by experiencing the epitome of entertainment and culture with a visit to London's West End. Renowned for its world-class theatres, this vibrant district offers a spectacular array of theatrical productions, musicals, and performances.



Facilities

- Large Sports Hall
- 25m Indoor Swimming Pool
- 12 x Tennis Courts
- 5 x Sports Pitches
- Cricket Pitch
- Athletic Track
- Gym and Fitness Suite
- Astro turf Pitch
- Climbing Wall
- 4 x Squash Courts
- Golf Simulator Bays
- 364-seat Theatre

Sports available at this centre include football, handball, basketball, rounders, volleyball, cricket, indoor hockey, badminton, lacrosse, tag rugby and tennis.

Evening Entertainment

The Wycombe Abbey Summer Programme team plan fantastic activities to make sure the students enjoy their evenings. For example: discos, quizzes, fashion shows, sports tournaments etc. We ask and encourage students to participate as much as possible and to communicate any special ideas or requests.

Here are a few brief descriptions of just some of our activities for students to join in on:

Around the World consists of a number of different stations based on activities from different countries. One team member will be placed at each activity station. They will each represent a country and have to create an activity related to that country (for example: New Zealand – The Haka). Students will be divided into groups and given a time for each station.

Oscars Night involves students watching a number of scenes from selected films. They will have the chance to re-enact a famous selected scene, creating their own script, which must be in English and costumes (out of various given equipment). Scenes will be shown on a big screen for everyone to watch. Awards will be given by the Wycombe Abbey Summer Programme team for the best reproduction.

Speed Meeting enables students from mixed nationalities to socialise and get to know each other. Students will have prompted questions to ask in a short period of time. Once the given time finishes, they will move to another student and begin the same process again. This will allow them to get to know a lot of their peers in a short amount of time. We usually do this activity on the first evening as an ice breaker for their entire experience.

Talent Show gives students the opportunity to show their talents such as singing, dancing and acting in front of the whole centre. Sign-up sheets will be available in the centre a few days before the event. There will be judges who will score the performances and give positive feedback to each student who performs during the evening.

We look forward to welcoming you to Wycombe Abbey in summer 2025!



Packing List

- Wash bag
- Toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, toothbrush and toothpaste, sanitary products)
- Hairbrush
- Flip-flops/shower shoes
- Clothes, socks and underwear suitable for a range of weathers
- Nightwear (pyjamas)
- Dressing gown (optional)
- Slippers
- Waterproof coat
- Umbrella (optional)
- Trainers, casual and waterproof shoes
- Mobile Phone (can be stored away at night and can be charged at this time)
- Phone charger cable
- Reading book (Kindles may be used)
- Sports kit:
 - T-shirts
 - Shorts/leggings
 - Joggers
 - Long-sleeved jumper
 - Swimsuit
 - Trainers only for sport/gym [if Sport, Health and Wellbeing Electives is chosen]

LOST PROPERTY

The best way to make sure your belongings do not go missing is to make sure they are named.

ELECTRICAL ITEMS

It is important that any electrical items brought to School are safe and it is the responsibility of parent/guardian to ensure the safety of any private electrical equipment.

- Only bring equipment that is designed to be used with the British 240-volt system. Do not plug in anything from outside the UK until it has been checked by the Wycombe Abbey Summer Programme team.
- Do not use any room heaters, kettles, cooking appliances or cup heaters in your dorm.
- Be careful when using hair dryers or straighteners and make sure that you always unplug them after use and take care where you leave them when still warm.
- Do not use multi-point adapters. Ask your House Staff for a trailing lead extension instead.
- If you are not sure then please ask House Staff before using an item.

FAQs

Wycombe Abbey FAQs	Answers
Can students choose more than one elective?	No, students choose one elective for the duration of the two weeks programme. They will be able to change their mind latest by the second day of classes.
Do students get a course certificate at the end of their stay?	Yes, students will receive a British Council accredited certificate.
Do students get an academic report at the end of their stay?	Yes, students will receive a report with the CEFR Level.
Is homework given after class?	No, homework is not assigned after class by teachers.
Are evening activities compulsory?	Yes, there is a full evening entertainment programme with fun and exciting activities. As they are a central part of the students stay, it will be required of them to attend.
Do students have any free time for socialising?	Yes, during the breaks throughout the day and in the evening. At the end of the day, they will be able to socialize in their common rooms.
How much pocket money do students need to bring?	Students aren't required to bring pocket money, as everything is included for them during the stay. We suggest to have a credit/debit card if they would like to have some money to use during excursions. It is desirable to check the UK entrance requirements specific to the country the students are flying from, if they decide to bring cash with them. There will be a safe in the management office to store valuables, if needed.
Can the students wash their clothes?	Laundry will be provided on site at least once per stay.
Should students provide their own laptop/tablet for classes?	No, there is no need for laptops or tablets, it is probably best to not travel with them, but if they really want to have their personal devices for school projects, the safer option is travel with them in your carry-on bag.
Can students freely use the sports facilities?	No, the sports facilities can only be used at our allocated times. The programme is comprehensive of different activities and sports, and the students will have time during their stay to enjoy the beautiful facilities that Wycombe Abbey has to offer.
Can students share a room with a friend or sibling?	Yes, all the students will share a room, and during the booking process they will be able to express their preference on who they would like to share the room with.

Can students choose a specific sport during the sports activities?	No, there will be different sports every evening. Due to some capacity limitations for specific activities, there will be a preference check at the beginning of the students stay.
Are towels provided?	Yes, towels are provided and are replaced once a week; students should bring their own toiletries and sanitary products.
Is bed linen provided?	Yes, bed linen is provided and is changed once a week, on Wednesday.
Can students use the kitchen and common rooms?	The students will not be able to use the kitchen. There are common rooms accessible to the students throughout their stay.
Do you cater for dietary requirements?	Wycombe Abbey is equipped to cater to all dietary requirements. During the booking process the students should let the team know about any specific requirements, they will be confirmed by the team on site at the beginning of the stay.
Is there a number parents can utilise to contact people on Campus, when is not an Emergency?	The Duty Phone Number will be given to parents closer to the starting date of the Programme.
Will phones be taken off students at night or during classes?	No, phones will be with the students at all times as they might need to use them during specific classes, and as the internet is firewalled and supervised, they can keep it during the night and utilise the phones as morning alarms.
If I have a pre-existing placement test [PET, First, ...] do I need to take the UKLC placement test?	Yes, we need you to take the placement test to make sure you are placed in the correct level and class.