

Bradfield College - Reading



Oxford International Education Group

Dear Group Leader, thank you for joining us in the UK this summer.

At Oxford International Junior Programmes (OIJP), our aim is to provide young students from all over the world with a safe, fun, friendly and structured environment in which to improve their knowledge of the English language.

We are one of the top providers of junior programmes in the UK and a unique British Council accredited education provider.

Oxford International Junior Programmes is part of the Oxford International Education Group (OIEG) which was founded in 1991 as ISIS Education and Travel by David Brown and Robert Darell. Oxford International has grown to be one of the top 10 businesses sponsored by the Prince's Trust after it provided OIEG with a £5,000 loan.

OIEG now offers a huge range of university pathways, spring, summer and year round academic programmes and educational tours. Our programmes have grown steadily in size and popularity and we now run 11 centres in the UK and 6 centres in North America welcoming over 10,000 students.

We create life enhancing learning experiences that help students worldwide to develop personally and professionally and that enrich their future opportunities.



Founders David Brown and Robert Darell meeting HM King Charles III

About Bradfield College

Bradfield College is a co-educational independent school for boarding and day pupils. The college was founded in 1850 by Thomas Stevens. It has around 750 students in total during term time. Bradfield is renowned for its Greek plays and Greek Theatre. The first Greek play, *Alcestis* was performed in the original language in 1881 in an attempt to save the school from bankruptcy.

The school still performs these plays and the students who act in them receive no formal training in speaking Ancient Greek. They have only nine months to learn the lines and direction while keeping up with their other studies.

The history of Reading will always include the famous Lion. The Maiwand Lion in Forbury Gardens is the unofficial symbol of Reading, commemorating the fallen men of the 66th, the Berkshire Regiment at the Battle of Maiwand in 1880. The first written mention of a settlement in Reading was on 4 January 871 with the battle of Reading fought between the Danes, King Ethelred and his brother Alfred the Great. The town was then known as Readingum. The name probably derives from Readingas, an Anglo-Saxon tribe whose name means "Reada's People."

Staff at your summer centre

Centre Manager (CM)

The Centre Manager is responsible for the smooth running of the centre. Our Centre Managers are chosen for their experience, professionalism and personalities, and you will have daily contact with them.

Director of Studies (DoS)

The Director of Studies is responsible for the academic management of the centre and ensuring the teaching and learning component of the programme is delivered to the highest possible standards.

Activity Manager (AM)

The Activity Manager is responsible for all aspects of the activity programme, ensuring the onsite activities are inspiring, dynamic focused and enjoyable. The AM will lead the team of activity staff.

Excursion Manager (ExM)

The Excursion Manager will be responsible for the complete over-sight and smooth running of the excursions at the centre. You should meet with them at least 2 or 3 times a week to ensure everything is going okay with your programme. They will also be able to help arrange optional excursions and make additional bookings for you.

Student Support Manager (SSM)

The Student Support Managers look after all of the safeguarding and welfare of the people on-site, including you. They are first aid trained and have knowledge of the local medical services. You will meet with them a few times a week to discuss any concerns.

EFL Teacher/ Senior EFL Teacher

Teaching staff are responsible for planning and delivering lessons from the OIJP Syllabus. Some centres will also have 1 to 2 Senior Teachers who teach 50% of the time and spend the remainder of their time providing academic support to the teachers and DoS.

Activity Leaders (AL)

The Activity Leaders are responsible for running everything outside the lessons! This includes onsite activities, excursions, meal duty supervision and airport transfers.



The Airport

On arrival at the airport, you will be met by one of our Activity Leaders who will welcome you to the UK. The Activity Leaders will be wearing a red T-shirt or hoodie with the Oxford International Junior Programmes logo so you can easily recognise them.

The Activity Leader will accompany you by coach to your centre. During the journey to your centre, the Activity Leader will give you a welcome pack with your specific programme, a welcome letter from the management team, registration forms, lanyards, student ID cards and the optional booklet. You will also receive the rooming configuration allocated to your group on the coach so you can begin to organise the students into bedrooms. When you arrive at your centre, a member of the management team will be waiting to greet you.

Arriving at Bradfield College

When you arrive at Bradfield College you will be shown to your accommodation.

All boarding houses at Bradfield have a mix of bedroom configurations ranging from single rooms to quad rooms. Bedrooms include a bed, cupboard, desk, chair and lamp for each student. Cleaning is every other day, including rooms and the communal areas. Bed linen will be changed once during your stay if this is over 1 week.

At OIJP we aim to ensure students are split by genders (either by corridor, floor or boarding house). If there are students in your group who are a different gender to yourself but you are the only group leader, those students will be supervised by a member of staff.

Once at the accommodation you will be shown to your bedrooms and given the door code for the accommodation block. One of the OIJP staff will escort your group on a tour of the campus and highlight all the key locations you will use during your stay.

Please note if you arrive on campus early in the morning there may be the possibility that your room is still being cleaned. If this is the case we will show you to the nearest common room where your group can relax.



The Centre

Postal Address:

Oxford International Education Group
c/o Bradfield College, Reading,
RG7 6AU

Please ensure the letter/package is clearly labelled with the student's name and school name.

Laundry:

Laundry service is available for students staying more than 2 weeks. Students need to provide their own laundry bags and put their clothes together to make one load.

The washing will be organised and completed by the Group Leaders, Welfare Manager/Assistant. (students are unable to do their own laundry).

Laundry cost is £7 per load.

Computer Access:

Wi-Fi is accessible in certain areas across the campus. Please speak to your centre manager regarding access codes.

Shop/Café:

There is a café on site, the Stunt Café, which will be open both mornings and afternoons. There is no shop onsite but there are a few small shops and cafes available in Theale (a short taxi ride away).

The cafe will be accepting cards and contactless payments only.

Security:

Bradfield College has a 24 hour onsite security team who maintain a constant patrol.

Food:

Breakfast: 07:15 - 08:15

Lunch: 12:30 - 13:30

Dinner: 18:30-19:30

Students should clear away their food trays at the end of their meal. Meal times may vary before and after excursions.

Social Spaces:

Every accommodation block has a large common room. (usually on the ground floor). These can be used for relaxing and socialising in the evening. Often group leaders use this area as an evening meeting point or rehearsal space.

Local Transport:

Theale is a short taxi ride away.

Recommended taxi firm:

Theale Taxis: +44 (0) 1183 111 111

From Theale, there are regular trains to Reading and London. A return train ticket to London is approx. £20.00.

Sports Facilities:

Bradfield College has a range of sports facilities including a large sports hall, indoor tennis courts, 2 all-weather pitches and a 25 metre swimming pool.

Bank/Post Office:

A bank, ATM and post office is located in Theale:

Lloyds Bank, TSB, 40-42 High Street

Post Office, 8 High Street

Currency should be exchanged whilst on excursions to London or Oxford.

Hospital/Doctors:

Nearest Hospital: Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, RG1 5AN.

Nearest Doctor's Surgery:

Tilehurst Village Surgery, Tilehurst, RG31 5PP.

First air trained staff are available on site.

Religious Centres:

Anglican: St Mary's Church, Burghfield.

Roman Catholic: St Joseph's Catholic Church, Reading.

Russian Orthodox: St Edward Brotherhood Orthodox Church, Woking.

Fire Drills + Fire Safety:

It is a requirement that at any residential centre fire drills must take place.

During the fire drill, students should leave all their belongings behind and evacuate the building as quickly as possible. Please ensure that all of your students have left their rooms and stand at the designated evacuation point outside. There will then be a roll call. If any students are unaccounted for or the evacuation is too slow, the fire drill will be classed as a 'failure' and will need to be repeated at a later date.

In the case of a fire:

Raise the alarm.

Use the stairs (not the lift).

Ensure your students do not run out of the building.

Find the nearest fire exit (follow the exit signs) and leave the building safely.

Go to the nearest fire safety point.

Do not re-enter (or encourage your students) to re-enter the building until authorised to do so.

Curfew:

Evening curfew is 10:30pm.

All students must be in their accommodation by this time. They must be in bed with lights off by 11:00pm. We ask that you monitor your own students. If you are on a corridor with other students making noise after this time please report it to the CM.

Student Code of Conduct

- Speak English at all times
- Be polite and friendly to everyone on campus
- Listen to all instructions
- Be on time
- Always ask if you need help
- Respect other people's possessions, cultures and customs
- No alcohol. It is illegal for anyone under 18 to purchase alcohol in the UK
- No smoking. It is illegal for anyone under 18 to purchase cigarettes in the UK



- No chewing gum
- No swearing or foul language
- No vandalism. Any damage to property will be charged for
- No bullying or violence. There is a zero-tolerance policy for this kind of behaviour

If you upload photos to social media don't forget to tag us and use the hashtags:

#oxfordinternational2024
#oiegradfield
#oxfordinternational
#oiegsummer
#oijuniorprogrammes

Don't forget to follow us
@oijuniorprogrammes



Student Packing List

Summer weather can be very unpredictable in the UK. The average daily temperature is 15°C but can go as low as 10°C or as high as 35°C. For this reason, we recommend you encourage your students to come prepared for all occasions and check the predicted weather before departure!

Documents

- Passport and copy of it (email copy to yourself)
- Visa document and copy of it (if required)
- Insurance documents
- A copy of any medication prescriptions in case of emergencies
- UK currency (Pound sterling)
- Debit or credit card

Technology

- Phone/iPod/iPad/Tablet + chargers (we recommend you only bring one of these items)
- Headphones
- Camera and camera charger
- Plug converter/travel adapter (UK 3 pin, 13A, 220V-240V)

Everyday Essentials

- Medication
- Toiletries, washing and sanitary essentials
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Towel
- Hairbrush/comb/hairdryer
- Sleepwear, socks and underwear
- Glasses/contact lens equipment
- Water bottle
- Plastic bags for dirty laundry or wet items



Excursions

- Casual, comfortable clothing
- Umbrella
- Sun protection (cream, spray, lotion)
- Quality rain/wind-proof jacket
- Secure handbag/backpack/travellers wallet
- Sunglasses
- Appropriate footwear for walking

Onsite Activities

- Tracksuit/jogging pants for sport and trainers
- Costumes for discos or International Night (optional)

Excursions

London

During your programme there are two full day excursions to London. Timings for these excursions are 9am to 8.00pm (depart London).

Groups will do our Politics and Royalty walking tour, visit the National Gallery and shopping in Covent Garden.

On one of the excursions students will do the Thameside walking Tour, followed by an afternoon in the Tate Modern Museum. If you would like to visit any other location please speak to the Excursion Manager in advance.

Moving around London

Please note that while in London travel cards are not included in your programme. If you wish to move around using public transport you will need to add these to your programme.

Half Day Excursions

From Bradfield you will have one half day to Reading which an Activity Leader will deliver a walking tour of the town and you will do a "Reading Photo Challenge".

A half day excursion to Windsor is also included, where you will have a walking tour in the historical town.



Lunches

At Bradfield you will receive:

- A mix of packed lunches and meal vouchers during extended excursions to London. Packed lunches for Oxford, and the Optional Day.

Oxford Excursion

From Bradfield College you will visit Oxford. During this excursion you will be taken on a specially designed walking tour by one of our activity leaders and given time to explore the city centre. You will also visit one of the colleges.

This excursion will run from 9am to 4pm (depart Oxford at 4 pm).

Our Activity Leaders ask you to:

- Only take photos when advised to
- do so
- Keep together as a group
- Don't stop for toilet or food breaks without permission
- Stay vigilant of on-coming traffic
- Don't block the pavement
- Walk at a brisk pace
- Don't talk over the guides
- Wear your lanyard at all times
- Ask lots of questions!



Onsite Activities

Challenges

Challenges are great activities that encourage students to work in teams. All challenges are stimulating problem-solving tasks designed to help group members develop their capacity to work effectively together. Challenges at your centre will include an egg drop challenge, team challenges and a photo challenge. Unfortunately, as challenges are a mystery before running the activity, not much information can be revealed in advance!

Sports

Sports sessions are designed for all students to have a good time. The structure of most of the sessions will include a warm-up, improving skills and final games. Otherwise, a tournament structure will be followed. Sports will include running club, basketball and dodgeball. It is important that students wear suitable sports clothes and footwear for sports sessions.

All Campus Activities

These activities will involve all students at the centre to participate; it will be a great opportunity for students to get to know each other and learn about other cultures. Discos are usually the most popular night with the students, one of them will be themed as Union Jack disco and the last disco theme will be decided at the centre; it's up to the students! The talent show is the perfect opportunity for students to show off their music, dance and drama skills. This activity is incredibly popular and even staff may prepare an act to display on the night! Don't forget the International night, where you will be able to share your culture and background with all other students!

Workshops

Workshops are alternative activities for those students who prefer more creative and relaxing sessions. These workshops are focused on specific skills so each session will be based on a particular theme. Students will be able to participate in a group mural, a drama workshop and a self-portraits workshop amongst others. These activities will encourage students to be creative and improve their artistic skills as well as learning specific vocabulary.



Sign Up Activities:
To ensure students take part in onsite activities, they will now need to sign-up in advance and a register will be taken at the beginning of each activity.



Group Leaders

Group Leader Meetings

Group Leader meetings are essential for the smooth running of a residential centre; these are the perfect time to raise any issues you may have. There will be a meeting on your first evening at the centre (or the day after arrival) where you will receive all the essential information about the first few days and will be introduced to all members of Senior Staff.

Information we will need from you at this meeting:

- Student registration forms (a requirement by the British Council)
- Student rooming list (exact room numbers of each child)

Information we will give you at this meeting:

- Centre specific contact details
- Meeting times and points
- GL programme details
- Lunch and dinner rota
- Lessons and excursion procedures

Group Leader Programme

We appreciate how much work each Group Leader puts into a visit to the UK, and it is important for them to have some time to relax and meet other leaders.

The group leader programme is tailored to each centre, at **Bradfield College** it will be made up of different events throughout the weeks.

With so much history at all of our centres, we want leaders to have a **tour of the campus** to know more about their location and the history of each site.

Group leaders will be invited to a traditional English **afternoon tea** within the first few days, allowing them some time to chat with each other and the centre staff, while enjoying a classic British experience.



A **cheese and wine** evening will also be arranged during one of the evenings for group leaders and senior staff only.

Two half-day trips to the local town will also be made available and a **movie night** in the campus organised by the staff.

A **Teacher Training Course** is available to all Group Leaders taking part in the programme. You will be able to attend a 6 hour course during your stay. The training is for practicing teachers of English who work with teenagers and want to experience new and enjoyable techniques, materials and activities to help teach the language more creatively.

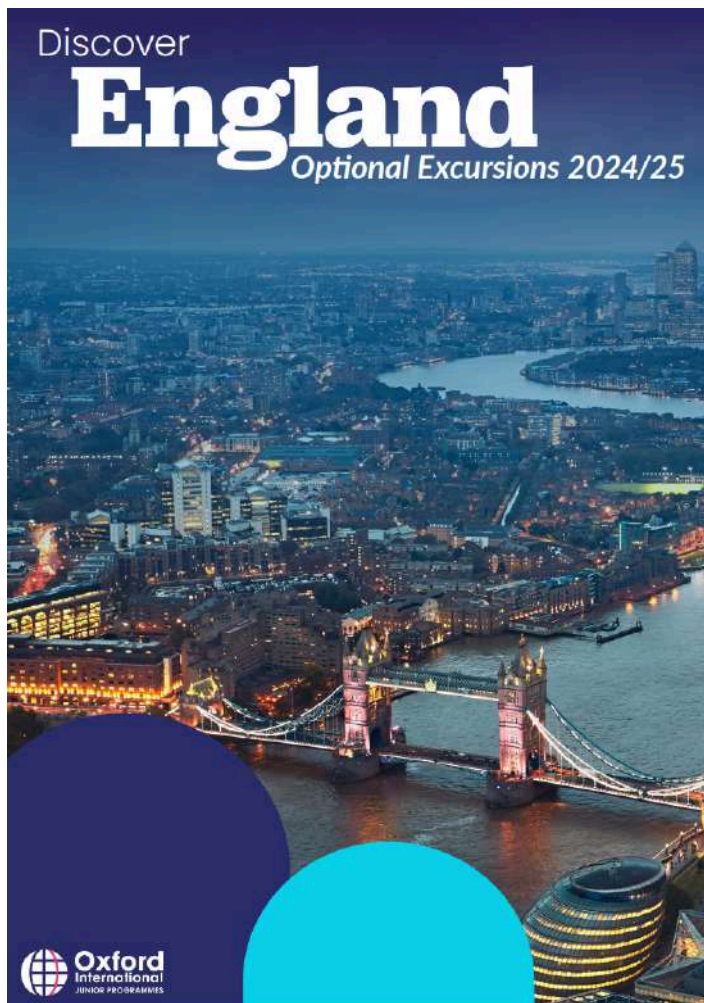
As Group Leaders We Promise To:

- Attend all meetings with OIJP staff
- Ensure that our students are punctual and attend all lessons, excursions and activity sessions
- Supervise students on excursions, in their accommodation and during meal times
- Report any allergies/medical issues to the Centre Manager on arrival at the centre
- Maintain a lively, courteous and friendly atmosphere throughout the whole programme
- Report any issues with the programme/campus whilst in the UK rather than waiting until we are home! This way OIJP can work together to fix it as soon as possible
- **Have fun!**

Optional Booklet

We love our summer programmes and think they are brilliant as they are but we also know that for some students it is a long journey to travel to the UK.

This booklet contains information about destinations across the whole of the UK and attractions you can visit there. If you would like to supplement your programme by purchasing one of these entrances/excursions (and haven't organised this prior to arriving in the UK) please speak to your Excursion Manager. You should have received the Optional Booklet in your Welcome Pack; if not please also refer to your Excursion Manager for more information.



Warner Bros & Theme Parks

Warner Bros. Studio Tour London

Step on to authentic sets, discover the magic behind the spellbinding special effects and explore the behind-the-scenes secrets of the Harry Potter film series. Discover the iconic Hogwarts Great Hall, explore the Forbidden Forest, board the original Hogwarts Express at Platform 9 ¾ and step foot into Gringotts Wizarding Bank.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you wish to add this visit to your programme as there is very limited availability.

New for 2024 there will need to be 1 supervising adult for every 10 students.

Price: £67.00 per student based on 10 paying students and 1 free leader.

Thorpe Park

Join the thrill-masters at THORPE PARK Resort, home to over 20 thrilling rides, exhilarating attractions and incredible events including Mardi Gras, Carnival and Oktoberfest. THORPE PARK Resort is the ultimate destination for thrill seekers featuring some of the UK's most popular rollercoasters to make new memories with your friends!

NEW ride for 2024: 'Hyperia', the UK's tallest and fastest rollercoaster. Reaching heights of 236ft and speeds of over 110mph, once you've experienced Hyperia you'll never fear again!

Price per student: TBC

LEGOLAND® Windsor Resort

For an awesome day out this year visit the LEGOLAND® Windsor Resort and experience the ultimate LEGO® adventure!

With over 55 rides, live shows and attractions set over 150 acres of parkland, the LEGOLAND® Windsor Resort is a destination that is not to be missed!

Price per student: TBC



Sample Programme



Sample Programme - Bradfield A

Group Name							
Students							
Group Leaders							
Date	Days	Morning	Afternoon	Evening			
2-Jul	Tue	Breakfast Airport: Flight Number: Time:	Lunch Airport: Flight Number: Time:	Dinner Campus tour and ice-breaker activities			
3-Jul	Wed	Placement Test and Lesson 1	Onsite Activities	Welcome Disco			
4-Jul	Thu	Lesson 2	Half day excursion to Reading with walking tour and photo challenge	Onsite Activities			
5-Jul	Fri	Full day excursion to London with Thameside walking tour	Visit to TATE Modern and shopping in Covent Garden	Evening in London with late return to campus			
6-Jul	Sat	Lesson 3	Onsite Activities	British Quiz Night			
7-Jul	Sun	Lesson 4	FUN DAY - Whole campus activity	Onsite Activities			
8-Jul	Mon	Onsite Activities	Lesson 5	Karaoke/Lip Sync Battle			
9-Jul	Tue	Full day excursion to Oxford with walking tour of the city	Entrance to an Oxford college	Onsite Activities			
10-Jul	Wed	Onsite Activities	Lesson 6	Talent Show			
11-Jul	Thu	Full day excursion to London with Politics and Royalty walking tour	Entrance to the National Gallery and shopping in Covent Garden	Evening in London with late return to campus			
12-Jul	Fri	Lesson 7	Lesson 8	Onsite Activities			
13-Jul	Sat	Half day excursion to Windsor by coach	Lesson 9	Onsite Activities			
14-Jul	Sun	Onsite Activities	Lesson 10	Farewell Party			
15-Jul	Mon	Optional Excursion	Optional Excursion	Onsite Activities			
16-Jul	Tue	Airport: Flight Number: Time:	Airport: Flight Number: Time:	Airport: Flight Number: Time:			

Example activities available at your campus:

Challenges	Team Challenges, Water Challenges, Build-it Challenge
Sports	British Sports, Football, Running Club, Summer Olympics, Volleyball, Basketball, Tennis
Workshops	Self Portrait, Group Mural, Beauty Night, Friendship Bracelets, Fashion Show, Drama.
Relaxing	Movie Night, Conversation Club, Chill Club (board games).

Please note this is a sample programme.
Please refer to your Welcome Pack for your personalised itinerary.

Meet the Team at Head Office

The Oxford International team, based in London, will be visiting the centre on a regular basis. If you see any of them on campus, don't forget to say hi!



Gary
OIDI & EL UK Managing
Director



Paul
Head of EL UK



Bob
Operations Director
EFL UK



Hanna
Global Sales Director
UK & NA EFL



Berta
EFL Programme
Manager



Nicole
EFL Operations
Manager



Nayeli
EFL Operations
Coordinator



Cassandra
EFL Academic
Manager



Sarah
UK EFL Admissions
Manager



James
Senior Admissions
Officer



Shelina
Admissions Officer



Luke
Recruitment
Manager



Drusilla
Recruitment
Coordinator



Valentina
Recruitment
Administrator



Efe
Marketing
Assistant

Frequently Asked Questions

What happens if someone loses their passport?

We strongly advise that passports are stored safely in the accommodation and remain there. If a passport is lost, the Group Leader will need to accompany the student to the embassy of their home country where they will be issued with a temporary replacement or a permit to travel.

The CM will be able to help locate the embassy and print any forms that might be helpful. We recommend that you have a photocopy of every student's passport as a backup.

What happens if a student is lost on an excursion?

The first thing to do is to contact the student on their mobile. If this is possible then a member of OIJP staff will collect the student whilst you wait with the rest of the group. If they are uncontactable, the Activity Leader will get hold of the CM who will in turn contact Head Office.

Every student is issued with an 'Emergency Number' lanyard and ID Card. Students should call this number if lost and it will be answered by a member of Head Office.

How do students participate in onsite activities?

In most centres, a meeting point is set for activities. All activities and excursions will be advertised on the activity noticeboards and during mealtimes. Students can choose which activity they want to participate in. To ensure students take part in onsite activities they will now need to sign-up in advance and a register will be taken at the beginning of each activity.

Can students lock their room?

Unfortunately not. All of the campuses run as boarding schools during term time and it is their policy not to provide students with keys for their rooms.

We recommend that if this is the case, students keep any valuables in the group leader's bedroom.

What happens on departure day?

Prior to your final day on campus, Group Leaders will be invited to attend a departure meeting where the full procedure is explained.

At this point Centre Managers will indicate the time the group needs to be at the coach (which will arrive at the airport with at least 3 hours to check-in, go through security and reach your gate).

Can my students be taken off campus/programme by a member of their family?

We are happy to have parents or relatives visit the centre as long as they contact the centre in advance to arrange this. It is also possible to have a parent or relative take a student out of the programme for a short time. Parental approval must be sent to the centre email in advance. Original ID of the adult taking them from the centre will be photocopied on arrival. Relatives who accompany the student away from the centre will be asked to sign an 'Unscheduled Activity' form and will need to leave a contact number in case of an emergency.

What should we do if there is a problem with a bedroom?

All accommodation blocks are checked prior to the students' arrival, however, if you do notice a problem when you get to the centre it is essential you report this straight away. All group leaders will be issued with a 'maintenance report card' where they can submit all their students' room problems. If the report card is submitted to the Centre Manager by 10am, the CM will ensure the request is passed onto the maintenance staff that same day.

What do I do if a member of my group has food allergies/dietary requirements?

The campus catering staff are very experienced in catering for all kinds of allergies or dietary requirements. During our 30 years of operation, we have never had a problem with allergic reactions to food prepared on campus. In order for this to continue to be the case we ask that you alert us to any allergies / requirements as early as possible. The admissions team should be notified before arrival in the UK.

What happens if a student is sick?

All sick students should be referred to the Welfare Manager or Centre Manager. If deemed necessary, a member of OIJP staff will escort the student to a GP or hospital. If this does happen, the student must take their passport and any medical insurance documents with them in the instance that they may be required.

Is there a deposit?

Please be aware that a £25 or 30€ deposit will be collected upon arrival which will be returned at the end of the programme if there is no damage to the rooms or loss of keys etc.

Do you have any other questions?

Please do not hesitate to contact the sales team or our OIJP staff if you are on campus!

**Emergency number monitored 24/7
+44 (0) 203 318 3007
Please use only in real emergencies.**

Campus Map



BRADFIELD COLLEGE

COEDUCATIONAL BOARDING & DAY SCHOOL 13 – 18





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