NIIGATA UNIVERSITY

at

Hertford College, Oxford

English Language and Japan-UK Comparative Culture Programme
A very warm welcome to Hertford College and to Oxford!

Hertford College was founded in 1282 – it is one of the oldest of Oxford University’s 38 colleges. Located in the centre of historic Oxford, our beautiful college boasts the Bridge of Sighs, which is one of the most famous sights of the city. This is an ideal setting for students wishing to improve their language skills and knowledge of Britain and British culture.

Welcome to Oxford!
MEALS

Meals:

- **On class days**, you are offered breakfast, lunch and dinner.

- **On trip days** you are offered breakfast, a packed lunch and dinner.

- **Weekend**: Saturday you are offered breakfast. Sunday you are offered breakfast and dinner.

- **On free-weekdays** (Monday-Friday) you are offered breakfast, lunch and dinner.

The following pages outline your academic programme. Please note that this programme may change to suit the needs and interests of the students.
### Week One

#### Arrival Day
**Day 1**

**Sunday 13th March**

- Arrive at Heathrow Airport, London.
- Hertford College Residential Advisors (RAs) will meet you.
- Travel to Oxford by private coach. You will stay in Oxford University Accommodation. Your rooms will be available from 5:00pm.
- On arrival: supper and welcome information.

#### Day 2
**Monday 14th March**

- **English Language Assessment**
  - Students complete a placement test.
- **Speaking activities**
  - Teachers and students meet in a relaxed setting for a chance to get to know each other before the programme formally begins.
- **Welcome Tea at 3:00pm**
  - Sample a delicious and traditional cream tea in the splendid surroundings of Hertford College’s historic dining hall. *Please wear smart clothes and remember to bring your camera!*

#### Day 3
**Tuesday 15th March**

- **Language you will need in Oxford**
  - Learn functional English for socialising, shopping, travelling, eating out, dealing with emergencies and requesting information.
- **Introduction to Oxford and the university**
  - Explore the development of the leading university in the English speaking world.
  - A lecture will be followed by activities and a Q&A session with students.
- **An introduction to UK and Japan Comparative Culture**
  - *Class vote for comparative culture topics to study during afternoon sessions.*

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<td>Active communication skills – participate in a range of activities designed to increase your fluency and confidence.</td>
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<td>Enjoy an essential trip to the capital and experience all the magical sights and sounds of London. You will travel in the comfort and safety of your private coach and have the opportunity to visit the National Gallery and the British Museum with your RAs.</td>
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### Day 7
**Saturday 19th March**

#### Weekend Free Day

At the weekend you have free time. If you wish to stay in Oxford, your RAs are available for Oxford activities, such as punting, walking tours, shopping, college and museum visits. Alternatively, some students choose to travel independently to nearby places of interest such as:

- London
- Stratford upon Avon
- Warwick Castle
- Cambridge
- Bath
- Brighton
- Liverpool

These trips are not included in the programme price.

Your RAs are available to offer advice and support about travel arrangements.

### Day 8
**Sunday 20th March**

#### Weekend Free Day

Free time (as explained for Day 7)
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| **Day 9** | **Language Focus**  
Improve your conversational abilities and learn about the difference between formal and informal spoken English.  
- Keep a conversation going with ease and confidence  
- Listen for the gist  
- Language fillers  
- Linking words  
- Slang (colloquial English) | **Language Focus**  
Take part in a collaborative writing activity: work as part of a group to plan and create an effective text. | **UK and Japan Comparative Culture Session**  
*(Example Topic)*  
Lifestyles, Fashions and Leisure Time | Cultural activities with RAs |
| **Monday 21st March** | **BRACK** | **LUCK** | **DINNER** |
| **Day 10** | **Language Focus**  
Listening activities: learn to recognise and use idiomatic expressions.  
- Body/Animal idioms  
- The Mad Hatter  
- Multi-word verbs | **Newspaper Headline Lesson**  
Discover how newspapers capture the interest of their readers by creating effective headlines. | **UK and Japan Comparative Culture Session**  
*(Example Topic)*  
Food and Drink | Cultural activities with RAs |
| **Tuesday 22nd March** | **BRACK** | **LUCK** | **DINNER** |
| **Day 11** | **Preparation for Final Presentations**  
Learn and practise advanced techniques to give your presentations greater impact.  
- Emphatic language  
- Handling Questions  
- Intonation and sentence/word stress | **Workplace English and Job-Seeking Skills**  
Applying for a job: learn how to write successful personal statements and CVs. | **UK and Japan Comparative Culture Session**  
*(Example Topic)*  
Seasons and Festivals in Britain and Japan | Cultural activities with RAs |
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**Day 12**

**Thursday 24th March**

**End of Course Presentations**

Students deliver presentations in small groups before an audience.

**Feedback Session and End of Programme Assessment**

**GALA DINNER**

19.00

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**Day 13**

**Friday 25th March**

**Free Day**

Free time (as explained for Day 7)

**Day 14**

**Saturday 26th March**

**Departure Day**

You will be accompanied by your RAs in a private coach to the airport.