

International College



for **university**
for **career**
for **life**



OXFORD – a truly **GLOBAL** academic city



Go punting on the river



Explore the leafy suburbs of north Oxford



Take your learning outside the classroom with our programme of Study Visits and Activities. See pages 8-9

Explore our beautiful university city with its rich historical traditions and vibrant modern lifestyle

Visit world-famous museums, art galleries, university colleges and parks as well as shopping centres, restaurants and pubs.

Oxford is a small, safe city just an hour away from London.



Enjoy socialising with friends in Summertown



Go shopping or try different foods from around the world in the Covered Market and the Westgate Centre

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...such a beautiful school in Oxford...the city feels so safe and small - but has a lot to offer.

Maria from Mexico



Explore the many beautiful buildings and parks

A British Council
**accredited
centre**

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Teaching is excellent and promotes highly effective learning. Teachers are exceptionally knowledgeable and highly experienced.

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One of 25 buildings, close to the city centre

10 GOOD REASONS

to join the St Clare's family

- 1 70 years of experience:** a vibrant Oxford institution that blends tradition with innovation
- 2 International environment:** over 50 different nationalities each year create an amazing cosmopolitan atmosphere, with excellent opportunities for networking
- 3 Academic excellence:** consistently positive feedback from inspection reports, students, parents and agents
- 4 Innovative methods:** interactive lessons take learning beyond the classroom and focus on topical themes each week
- 5 Academic progression:** challenging courses at a variety of levels that combine language support and academic study according to your needs
- 6 Personal support:** our friendly and committed team is available for all your academic, career, welfare and health needs
- 7 Activities and excursions:** a weekly programme, organised in-house, enriches your experience of living in the UK and helps you make new friends
- 8 Elegant location:** 25 buildings in a quiet suburb in the world-famous university city of Oxford
- 9 Educational charity:** we invest any profits in our students, our programmes, our staff and our facilities
- 10 St Clare's family:** trusted by generations of students who recommend us to their friends and family year after year

**Welcome to the
St Clare's family!**

**WE HAVE
WELCOMED
STUDENTS FROM**



FOR 70 YEARS

**FACILITIES INVESTMENT
OVER 3 YEARS**



£6.1 MILLION



INTERNATIONAL outlook

Our mission: to advance international education and understanding



Make memories for life



Access a range of resources in our library



Attend free talks, lectures and seminars in Oxford

St Clare's International College is located in elegant North Oxford with well-equipped classrooms, a Student Hub and student accommodation.

We welcome students from over 50 different countries each year. As a small independent college, we get to know you well and strive to meet your individual needs.

You can be sure of a first-class educational experience.

STUDY RESOURCES

Student Hub: a quiet space to work independently with access to newspapers and online educational resources including e-books and academic journals

Library: four floors with study rooms, a computer suite, as well as an extensive range of academic books and online resources

Art Studio: modern art studio with state of the art facilities for traditional techniques like drawing, painting and printmaking, as well as new media like photography, animation, digital and video art

Open Learning Club: develop your language and exam skills after lessons with a teacher to guide you

St Clare's Seminar Series: experience university-style lectures with expert guest speakers on intellectually-engaging topics



College LIFE

You can choose between college residences for over 18s, boarding accommodation for under 18s and homestay accommodation - according to availability. Our accommodation options include free wifi and 24-hour support.

COLLEGE RESIDENCE

Living in one of our comfortable college residences you:

- have a choice of twin or single room with shared or in-flat bathroom
- mix with other international students
- learn to become more independent
- develop new friendships
- find out about different cultures in a shared living environment

HOMESTAY

Living with one of our welcoming English-speaking homestay providers you:

- have a choice of single room with shared or private bathroom
- immerse yourself in British life and culture
- benefit from support to settle into life in Oxford
- enjoy breakfast and evening meal every day
- practise your English with native speakers



Socialise in our comfortable communal spaces



Relax in a safe and welcoming home

Student **WELFARE** and **SUPPORT**

We work hard to provide a safe, nurturing and engaging environment to stimulate learning and encourage you to succeed. Our excellent staff-to-student ratio provides dedicated support throughout your studies.



Supportive and caring relationships with staff

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*I love the staff here.
Everyone is so kind!
I feel acknowledged,
safe, and respected!
This feels like a home
away from home.*

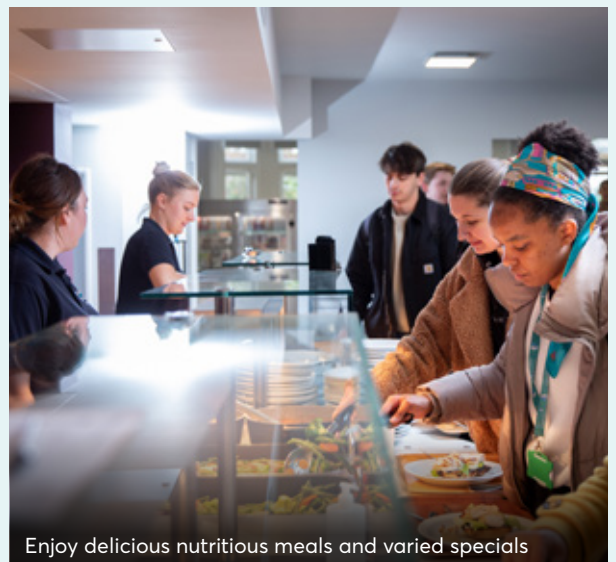
Maya from USA

Students' welfare, including health and safety is excellent.

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Meet your friends and enjoy a meal together



Enjoy delicious nutritious meals and varied specials



ACTIVITIES and excursions

Study Visits, activities and excursions enrich your learning experience

- Join the activities programme each week, created by our in-house Coordinator
- Settle into your new home in Oxford with our orientation tour of the city
- See the cultural sights including London, Bath, Stratford, Warwick, Stonehenge – all just over an hour away
- Let us know what interests you most and we'll do our best to include it in the varied programme
- Visit the Student Hub for advice and support to help you make the most of your time in Oxford and the UK
- Plan ahead and join the weekend excursions to Liverpool, Dublin, Cornwall or the New Forest
- Build a link between the classroom and the real world through Study Visits – recent examples include the law courts, the Ashmolean Museum and a local business



Discover Oxford's shops, university colleges and clubs



Visit Warwick Castle



Relax with friends by the River Thames



What I enjoyed most about studying is the opportunity to do the activities in the afternoon with the new students that you meet here.

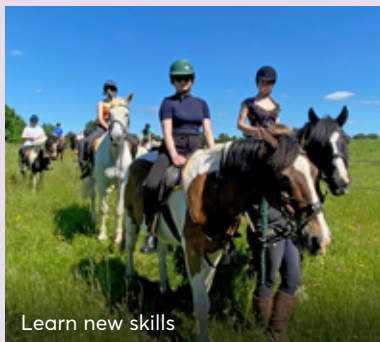
Augusto from Italy



Visit Bicester Village - the famous designer outlet



Learn about UK culture at Blenheim Palace



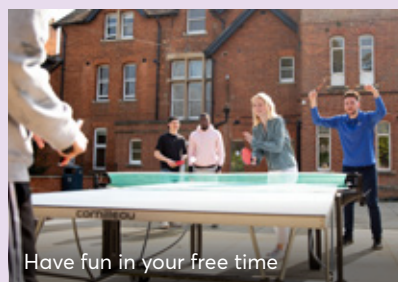
Learn new skills



Make memories at Stonehenge



Build teamwork skills



Have fun in your free time



Travel to a typical seaside town on the south coast



The variety and accessibility of all these activities was fantastic. Hands down my favourite part of the programme. So many amazing opportunities made easy!

Josselyn from USA



**Harry Potter
inspired Study
Visits and excursions
to Christ Church
and Harry Potter
World**



Discover Bath with the beautiful Georgian buildings and Roman Baths

Look out for the Theme of the Week



Environmental Issues, Art and Architecture, Technology and Innovation and many more



ENGLISH Language

Why choose these programmes

- **Different focus:** language learning for career, life or an examination
- **Small class size:** improve your English language skills as an individual in a group of no more than 12
- **Interactive learning:** develop your language competence through structured, communicative activities with classmates
- **Quality teaching:** maximise your learning potential with experienced, supportive teachers
- **Weekly Themes:** consolidate and build your language and your knowledge of the world through culturally, politically and historically interesting topics
- **Study Visits:** take your language learning outside the classroom to local places of interest with your group
- **Academic Tutorials:** review your learning with your **Personal Tutor**, develop new strategies and prepare for your future goals
- **Open Learning Club:** develop your language and exam skills after lessons with a teacher to guide you



Sample timetables on the website



Take learning **beyond the classroom** through topical **Weekly Themes** and **Study Visits** within Oxford



of students taking the IELTS exam
passed with a score of **6.5 or above**

*2021 results

English for Life

Enhance your language skills for everyday life

Age	16+
English Level	B2 – C2 (upper intermediate to very advanced)
Class Size (max)	15
Lessons (hours)	25 (23) per week
Length	7+ weeks
Start Dates	September, November, January, February or April

- Build confidence and fluency in your speaking, listening, reading and writing
- Develop your range of vocabulary and improve your grammatical accuracy
- Explore stimulating topics through Weekly Themes



English for Examinations

Prepare for IELTS or Cambridge exams

Age	16+
English Level	B2 – C2 (upper intermediate to very advanced)
Class Size (max)	15
Lessons (hours)	25 (23) per week
Length	7+ weeks
Start Dates	September, November, January, February or April

- Gain an externally recognised qualification
- Improve your language skills and knowledge for academic study at university
- Focus on examination know-how and strategies to maximise your exam success



I chose St Clare's because my brother was here 2 years ago and had an awesome experience and I wanted to do the same.

I would definitely recommend to other students because it really helps you develop your English level."

Lasse from Germany



Online Personal Language Training

Design your own programme

Age	16+
English Level	A1 – C2 (beginner to very advanced)
Class Size (max)	1-to-1 online
Lessons	10, 15 or 20
Length	1 week minimum – no maximum
Start Dates	Flexible

- Maximise your progress with an intensive 1-to-1 course
- Create a course to fit your specific academic or professional needs and wants
- Build your confidence and competence in using English



Why choose this programme

Guaranteed entry to university: prepare for university study in the UK, Europe or around the world

Language and Study skills: develop the academic English and study skills required for successful university study

Specialist subject teachers: maximise your learning potential with experienced, supportive teachers

Academic options: select from a range of academic subjects to broaden your university degree choices

Small international classes: study and learn as an individual in a group of no more than 12 students from all over the world

Supportive programme design: study in structured modules to help if you are new to the academic subjects

Expert guidance: succeed with the support of our expert team of careers and higher education advisers, who help you find the course and university that is right for you



Sample timetables on the website

University Foundation Programme

Bridge the gap between school and university

Age	16+
English Level	B2 to C2 (upper intermediate to advanced)
Class Size (max)	15
Lessons (hours)	19 to 26 (17.42 to 24) per week
Length	35 or 28 weeks (depending on English language level)
Start Dates	September or October

- Receive support for your academic and personal welfare needs from your Personal Tutor
- Improve your academic literacies and your subject knowledge for your future studies
- Develop your critical thinking, essay writing, research and presentations skills through independent study projects
- Advance your self-awareness to help make informed decisions about your future career path

Course structure:

Core subject

English language and academic study skills for university

IELTS preparation



Academic subjects

Choose 3 of the following:

Business
Economics
Maths

Philosophy
Politics
Psychology



Supplementary subjects

Global Issues
Basic Statistics



Guidance and support

Higher Education sessions and 1-to-1 advice

I have been impressed with the programme and the quality of the provision.

The students are exposed to high quality teaching within a cosmopolitan environment which is caring and supportive.

External examiner from the University of Warwick

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Mixing with people from different cultures while speaking English all the time was challenging at first, but it helped me feel really confident about my future studies. St Clare's prepared me for this very well.

Johanna from Germany

Examples of degree courses taken by our students:

Business Administration
Psychology
Economics, Politics and International Studies
Law
International Business
Media and Communications

Examples of university destinations over the last 3 years:

Bocconi University, Italy
Bucerius Law School, Germany
Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne, Switzerland
Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands
ESCP Business School, Europe
KU Leuven, Belgium
Loughborough University, UK
Maastricht University, Netherlands
Newcastle University, UK
Santa Clara University, the USA
University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
University of York, UK
WHU Otto-Beisheim School of Management, Germany



Linking classroom and local places of interest



Building international friendships



Make the most of your Study Visit to the Natural History Museum

GAP YEAR programmes

Why choose this programme

Academic subjects in English: explore the academic subjects you might like to study at university – perhaps something completely new

English language skills: build the academic literacies you need for success at university

Experience the international classroom: enjoy small interactive classes taught by specialist subject teachers

Go beyond the classroom: take advantage of the academic and cultural life of Oxford

Make connections: build your network as you study with American undergraduates and students from more than 20 countries

Get ready for university: strengthen your academic profile and succeed with the support of our expert team of careers and higher education advisers

Receive support: for your academic and personal welfare needs from your Personal Tutor



Academic courses overview on the website

Course structure:

English for Academic Purposes

- academic & study skills for Higher Education
- preparation for IELTS or Cambridge exams
- critical thinking
- using reliable sources
- academic essay writing
- presentations

Academic subjects – a choice of 3

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| • Art | • Film Studies | • Photography |
| • Art History | • History | • Politics |
| • Business | • International Relations | • Psychology |
| • Communications | • Marketing | • Sociology |
| • Economics | • Maths | |
| • English Literature | • Philosophy | |

Languages: French, Chinese, Russian, Spanish, Japanese and more...

English plus Academic Subjects

Maximise your options for higher education

Age	16+
English Level	B2 to C2 (upper intermediate to very advanced)
Class Size (max)	15
Lessons (hours)	19 (17.4) per week
Length	14 weeks (1 semester) <i>Short course available in May-June</i>
Start Dates	September or January

Examples of university degrees and destinations over the last 3 years:

- BA Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Bachelor of Laws, IE University, Spain
- BSc International Business Administration, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, Netherlands
- BSc Liberal Arts and Sciences (PPE major), Erasmus University College Rotterdam, Netherlands
- BSc Politics and International Relations, UCL, UK

Why choose this programme

University-level study: learn alongside undergraduate students from our partner universities in the USA

Interactive learning: study in small seminars of 3-12 students taught by university-based academic staff

Tutorial research: deepen your understanding of a subject you are passionate about with a 1-to-1 tutorial designed to meet your interests, or choose from a wide range of options

Go beyond the classroom: take advantage of the academic and cultural life of Oxford with university lectures and study trips to our world class museums in Oxford and London

English language study: continue towards a Cambridge exam with our 3-hour tutorial option

Quality assurance: our academic programme is accredited by US universities including the University of San Diego

Academic mentor: your Personal Tutor supports your learning and oversees your welfare needs

Progress to higher education: gain the support of our expert careers and higher education advisers who help you find the course and university that is right for you and help you apply to any country in the world



Academic courses overview on the website

Undergraduate Programme

Expand your academic knowledge in your gap year

Age	16+
English Level	C1 to C2+ (advanced to fluent speaker)
Class Size (max)	15 (Seminar) or 3 (Tutorial)
Lessons (hours)	15 (13.75) per week
Length	14 or 28 weeks 4-week programme in June
Start Dates	September or January

- Explore and develop your academic interests as you prepare for university
- Build confidence, independence and academic skills
- Be challenged intellectually while receiving the individual support you require

The quality of the curriculum, teaching and learners' achievements is excellent

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St Clare's means "international" to me, the possibility to meet and study with people from all over the world – and that's a really enriching experience.

Augustin from Belgium



Course structure:

Your programme comprises: **4 seminar courses, 1 tutorial course** and **1 hour of support** from your Personal Tutor per week.

Our wide range of subject areas means you can choose from over 80 introductory and advanced academic courses:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art History • Economics • Film Studies • Photography • Politics • Maths | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business • History • International Relations • Drawing • Psychology • Religion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications • English Literature • Philosophy • Painting • Marketing • Sociology |
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Languages: French, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, Spanish and more

Special subject tutorials: these are designed to meet your individual needs and interests



SPECIALIST courses

Business & Leadership in Oxford

Prepare for leadership in the 21st century

English level	B2 to C1 (upper intermediate to advanced)
Class size (max)	15
Lessons (hours)	21 (19.25) per week
Length	2 weeks
Start dates	July and August

- Discover the attributes of leadership through case-studies, research topics and debates
- Learn vital business and leadership skills including critical thinking, strong communication and public speaking confidence
- Develop lasting relationships with members of the international business community

Summer English for Life

Enhances language skills for everyday life

English level	A2 to C2 (elementary to very advanced)
Class size (max)	15
Lessons	21 per week (19.25 hours)
Length	2+ weeks
Start dates	June, July and August


- Build confidence and fluency
- Gain a wider range of vocabulary with our topical Weekly themes including Global Issues
- Apply your language skills through Study Visits within Oxford and Guest Speaker events

English for Exam Preparation

Prepares you for IELTS or Cambridge exams

English level	B1 to C2 (intermediate to very advanced)
Class size (max)	15
Lessons	25 per week (22.9 hours)
Length	3 weeks
Start dates	July

- Learn and practise exam techniques
- Develop your study and exam skills
- Take learning beyond the classroom through Weekly Themes and Study Visits within Oxford



SUPPORT for your FUTURE

University success, career progression and personal development

Careers support is embedded into the learning experience.

Benefit from advice on university choices, higher education applications, apprenticeships, entry to professional careers, internships and gap year schemes.

- **personalised support:** through 1-to-1 meetings and group sessions which help you explore future education and career options
- **learn professional skills** for the competitive jobs market: including CV writing, presentation and interview skills

We promote personal growth through experiential learning and self-reflection

HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR

Talk to over 100 universities from more than 20 countries as well as gap year providers.



UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

Over the last 3 years, our students have achieved places at a range of prestigious universities. Examples include:

- Amsterdam University College, Netherlands
- Bocconi University, Italy
- City University of London, UK
- University of York, UK
- Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands
- Maastricht University, Netherlands
- WHU Otto-Beisheim School of Management, Germany
- IE University, Spain
- ESCP Business School, Europe
- University of Manchester, UK
- University of Exeter, UK
- University of Warwick, UK
- University College London, UK
- University of Southampton, UK
- Santa Clara University, the USA



Build your professional network with over 1000 alumni on stclaresconnect.com

Which is the right course for me?

What do
you want to
achieve?

What is your
current level?

How long
can you stay?

Objective	Your Level	Length of stay			Academic year	Course Option	Page
		7 weeks	14 weeks	28 weeks			
University Success	A2-C2	•	•	•	•	English for Exam Preparation (EfEP) EfEP >> EAS	10-11
	B2+	•	•	•	•	English for Examinations (EfE) EfE >> UFP	12-13
	B2-C1				•	University Foundation Programme (UFP)	12-13
	B2-C2		•	•		English plus Academic Subjects (EAS) EAS >> UP	14-15
	C1+		•	•		Undergraduate Programme (UP)	15

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Career Progression	A2-C2	•	•	•	•	Summer English for Life Online Personal Language Training	10-11
	B2+	•	•	•	•	English for Life (EfL) EfL >> UFP	12-13
	B2-C1				•	University Foundation Programme (UFP)	12-13
	B2-C2	•	•			Business and Leadership English plus Academic Subjects (EAS)	16 14
	C1+		•			Undergraduate Programme (UP) EAS >> UP	14-15

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Personal Development	A1-C2	•	•	•	•	Online Personal Language Training Summer English for Life	10-11
	B2+	•	•	•		English for Life English for Examinations	10-11
	B2-C2	•				English plus Academic Subjects Compact	14

English Language
Course
Autumn term

English plus
Academic Subjects
Spring term

St Clare's is an
amazing place to learn.
I would recommend
this experience to
everyone.

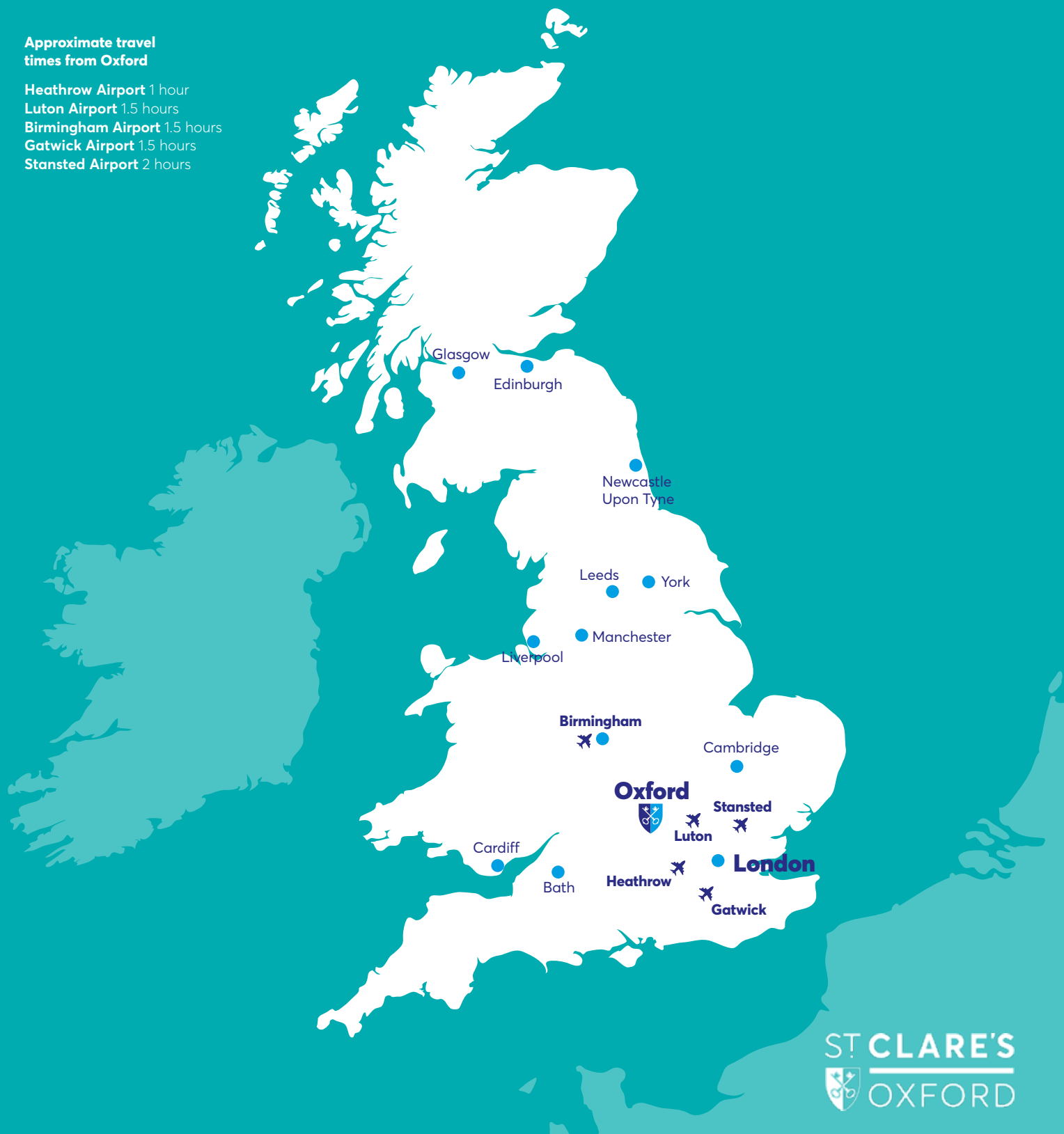
Marleen from Germany
Ines from Spain



Oxford – a truly global academic city

Approximate travel times from Oxford

Heathrow Airport 1 hour
Luton Airport 1.5 hours
Birmingham Airport 1.5 hours
Gatwick Airport 1.5 hours
Stansted Airport 2 hours



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