

Oxford College of English

Northampton Programme for Adults

SUNDAY 12 October	Arrive Northampton INTRODUCTION TO HOST FAMILIES
MONDAY 13 October	09:00 – 10:30 & 11:00 – 12:30 LESSONS 12:40 Information meeting 'What's on in Northampton' theatres, concerts etc. 13:30 Depart for GUIDED WALKING TOUR of Northampton Town Centre 20:00 GET-TOGETHER at a local pub for a chat and a drink! Venue to be advised
TUESDAY 14 October	09:00 – 10:30 & 11:00 – 12:30 LESSONS 12:45 EXCURSION TO CAMBRIDGE www.visitcambridge.org a compact cosmopolitan university city with outstanding architecture old and new. The beauty of its ancient centre is preserved with its walkable medieval streets, college courts, gardens and bridges 17:00 DEPART CAMBRIDGE ca.18:30 Arrive back in Northampton
WEDNESDAY 15 October	09:00 – 10:30 & 11:00 – 12:30 LESSONS AFTERNOON VISIT TO A LOCAL INDUSTRY 20:00 PUB VISIT to THE LAMPLIGHTER 66 Overstone Road, Northampton. Bring a pen and take part in a PUB QUIZ Host families welcome
THURSDAY 16 October	09:00 – 10:30 & 11:00 – 12:30 LESSONS 12:45 EXCURSION TO STRATFORD-UPON-AVON a town synonymous with William Shakespeare and more than 800 years of history. Many of the buildings that survive today would have been familiar to Shakespeare www.stratford-upon-avon.co.uk 17:00 DEPART STRATFORD UPON AVON ca.18:30 Arrive back in Northampton
FRIDAY 17 October	09:00 – 10:30 & 11:00 – 12:30 LESSONS 14:00 Visit to Northampton Museum and Art Gallery It reflects Northampton's proud standing as Britain's boot and shoe capital by housing a collection of boots and shoes which is now the largest in the world. Fascinating footwear worn throughout the ages is just one of the attractions in the museum. The 'Life and Sole' gallery provides insights into Northampton's history as a shoe-manufacturing town, including how shoes are made - past and present. EVENING COUNTRY PUB TOUR - An opportunity to visit a couple of local village pubs and sing a few English songs en-route! www.boatinn.co.uk
SATURDAY 18 October	FULL DAY EXCURSION TO LONDON WITH GUIDED TOUR followed by a visit to THE BRITISH MUSEUM www.britishmuseum.org and sightseeing in OXFORD STREET 17:00 DEPART LONDON (Hanover Square outside Barclays Bank) ca. 18:30 Arrive back in Northampton
SUNDAY 19 October	FREE DAY WITH HOST FAMILIES or join MICHAEL & PAMELA for A LOVELY WALK IN THE COUNTRYSIDE , across fields and pastures to the pretty village of GREAT BRINGTON (wear sturdy shoes!) and a drink at the ALTHORP COACHING INN www.althorp-coaching-inn.co.uk a listed stone and thatch building dating back to the 16th century. Situated on the Althorp Estate, this is probably the most famous coaching inn in the country. BINGO EVENING! Come and improve your colloquial English what is Bingo and the nicknames for numbers?

MONDAY 20 October	09:00 – 10:30 & 11:00 – 12:30 LESSONS 13:00 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTRYSIDE TOUR This is a 'Mystery' tour and the places you will see are a secret! Don't forget your camera ca. 17:00 Arrive back in Northampton
TUESDAY 21 October	09:00 – 10:30 & 11:00 – 12:30 LESSONS 14:00 Visit to THE ABINGTON PARK MUSEUM a Grade 1 listed building located in the town's largest park - Abington Park. Topics covered by the museum include Northampton history, 19th Century fashion and a 'Victorian-style' exhibition room. The museum is also home to the collections of the Northamptonshire Regiment and the Northamptonshire Yeomanry. There are many exhibitions including Northampton Life – from cradle to grave 20:00 PUB VISIT venue to be advised
WEDNESDAY 22 October	09:00 – 10:30 & 11:00 – 12:30 LESSONS 12:45 EXCURSION TO OXFORD home to the University of Oxford, the oldest university in the English-speaking world. The buildings in Oxford reflect every English architectural period since the arrival of the Saxons, including the mid-18th century Radcliffe Camera, the hub of the city Welcome to Oxford City Oxford is known as the "city of dreaming spires", a term coined by poet Matthew Arnold in reference to the harmonious architecture of Oxford's university buildings 17:00 DEPART OXFORD ca.18:30 Arrive back in Northampton
THURSDAY 23 October	09:00 – 10:30 & 11:00 – 12:30 LESSONS 14:00 VISIT TO 78 DERNGATE , Northampton. www.78derngate.org.uk This unique house was remodelled in 1916-17 by renowned Scottish architect Charles Rennie Mackintosh for Northampton businessman Wenman Joseph Bassett-Lowke. Mackintosh was one of the leading exponents of the Art Nouveau style during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. He was a designer, artist and architect and produced textiles, furniture and metalwork. Most of his surviving work can be seen in his home town of Glasgow, but Northampton has the highly-prized 78 Derngate, which Mackintosh remodelled for its owner. 20:30 PUB VISIT with live music – venue to be advised
FRIDAY 24 October	09:00 – 10:30 & 11:00 – 12:30 LESSONS 13:00 Oxford College of English ' GOODBYE LUNCH ' You are invited to join us for lunch at a local Chinese Restaurant! There will be no charge for the food, however you will be expected to pay for your own drinks
SATURDAY 25 October	DEPART NORTHAMPTON Please remember: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your passport or identity card • Travel documents • To give the keys back to the host family!
Michael or Pamela will be available every day at the school to offer help and assist you with any queries	
In an emergency, out of school hours, please telephone them at our head office 01604 712 959	
Please remember you are responsible for your own personal belongings	
WE HOPE YOU IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH AND HAVE A GOOD HOLIDAY!	

Although we shall endeavour to run this programme as detailed, please note that it has been compiled on 29 August 2008 and may be subject to some minor changes