

2017

ETON COLLEGE

UNIVERSITIES SUMMER SCHOOL

Only students in maintained schools are eligible

The Summer School (established in 1982) is a ten-day residential course for pupils at the end of their first year in the Sixth Form and contemplating entry to University in 2018. Applicants should have the intention of going to a British university and be of the calibre of those applying for admission to Oxford or Cambridge. As far as possible the course supplements normal school work and avoids the topics covered during Advanced Level teaching. The aim is to provide an intensive and exciting programme to enrich the intellectual experience of those participating and to give them the opportunity to exchange ideas with able students with similar interests from other schools.

Further information can be obtained on the Eton College Website www.etoncollege.com

**Applications must reach:
Universities Summer School Secretary
Eton College
Windsor SL4 6DW
by 1 March 2017
Late applications will not be considered.**

If further copies of this document are required please duplicate it. However, it is very important that all applicants should read carefully the details of the entire document before applying for a place on the Summer School.

GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Date: Tuesday 4th July until Friday 14th July 2017.

Numbers: 130 boys and girls.

Accommodation: Individual rooms in boarding houses.

Teaching: By Eton staff.

Fee: Thanks to generous sponsorship, the inclusive fee for board, lodging and tuition will be £450. The fee may be remitted partially or wholly, in a case of need. Application for remission of the fee should be made by letter, at the time of application, explaining the circumstances to the Summer School Secretary.

Attendance: As this course is short, intensive and financially sponsored it is essential that attendance is uninterrupted.

Subjects: Each student will follow a Specialist Course; a list of the courses offered appears overleaf. In addition, all students will attend a General Studies Course of lectures and informal tutorial sessions.

The Time-Table

Morning: Two one-and-a-half hour sessions (with coffee break) for lectures, classes and discussions in specialist subjects.

Lunch

Afternoon: There is a further one hour session for specialist subjects after lunch. There will be time for relaxation, and opportunities for students to use most of Eton's recreational facilities: swimming, tennis, squash, fives, golf, football etc., and the galleries, museums and libraries may be visited.

Tea is followed by tutorial and the General Studies Course lecture.

Evening: Supper. About two-and-a-half hours of private study, reading or written work is set each day to be done after supper.

The Weekend: Saturday will be a working day, and some preparation or written work may be expected to be done on Sunday, when there will be a voluntary service in College Chapel followed by an afternoon comprising a variety of social and relaxing activities.

University: Some university dons will visit the course, and students will have an opportunity to talk to them informally.

Application:

The Application Form (Parts One and Two), Work Record Form(s) (Part Three) and Head Teacher's/Sixth Form Head's Confidential Reference (Part Four), must be returned stapled together to **reach Eton by 1 March**. **Please note: late applications will not be considered.**

Applicants will be notified by early April as to whether or not there will be room for them on the Summer School. Thereafter, details of all relevant arrangements will be forwarded in due course.

Address: Universities Summer School Secretary, Eton College, Windsor SL4 6DW

SUBJECTS

A	Mathematics (Double)	See note below
B	Mathematics (Single) with Physics	See note below
C	Mathematics (Single) with Chemistry	See note below
D	Physics with Chemistry	See note below
E	Chemistry with Biology	See note below
F	English	
G	Religious studies and philosophy	
H1	History	
H2	History of Art	
I	Politics and Economics	
J	Geography	
K	French	
L1	Classics – Latin only	See note below
L2	Classics – Ancient History only	See note below
L3	Classics – Combination (from Latin, Greek and Ancient History)	See note below

Scientists

Applicants for the composite courses B, C, D and E are asked to complete a separate **Work Record Form** for **each** subject.

Mathematicians

Definitions: course A is suitable and designed for those intending to read Mathematics at university and taking Mathematics as a double subject at Advanced Level. Students are likely to be doing 12 to 16 lessons per week of Mathematics and should have been studying Mechanics for one year. They may be taking Single Maths or Double Maths A-level. Able mathematicians who are unsuccessful when applying for Course A may, if they wish, opt for a second choice of either Course B or C. This alternative must be indicated on the **Application Form**, and separate a **Work Record Form** should be completed for **each** subject.

Classicists

It may be possible to offer a combination of Latin and Greek, or Ancient History with Latin or Greek - if required enter L3 on the **Application Form** and state which combination you would like. If you are prepared to follow a course of second choice please indicate this on the application form.

THE COURSES

It is important to note that these courses are not designed for students wishing only to improve their Advanced Level grades; they aim to be an intellectual stimulus giving a taste of university work. Elements of examination and interview technique will be included in all courses. Under-subscribed courses may be withdrawn.

MATHEMATICS - DOUBLE (26 sessions). The course will concentrate largely on topics that are *not* part of the single Advanced Level Syllabus. It is not intended for those who only wish to improve their Advanced Level prospects. **Prerequisites:** at least one year of a Double Mathematics course *and ideally one year of mechanics*. Content (these are examples - the exact topics offered may vary): Number Theory; Calculus; Complex Numbers; Differential Equations; Planetary Motion; Vertical Circles. The course is intended to give would-be undergraduate Mathematicians a broader base of mathematical skills and a taste of what university Mathematics entails. Some time will be devoted to studying Oxbridge examination papers or problems of equivalent difficulty.

MATHEMATICS - SINGLE (13 sessions). This course is intended for students who have an interest in Science and Mathematics and it will cover some of the advanced topics in most single and double mathematics syllabuses. **Content will include:** Calculus; Complex Numbers; Differential Equations. The Single Mathematics course is suitable for students studying Double Mathematics A level as well as those studying Single Mathematics A level and is geared towards those who intend to read a mathematics related science course at university.

PHYSICS - The course will be suitable for those who are planning to read Physical Science or Engineering at university and who are currently studying Physics and Mathematics at Advanced Level. A wide range of topics will be discussed. Some, such as numerical estimates or the use of differential equations in physics, are included because they are widely applicable. Others, such as relativity and quantum physics reflect the contribution of twentieth-century physics to our deeper understanding of matter and the universe.

CHEMISTRY - This course is not designed to give participants a greater grasp of chemical fact, but rather to enhance their chemical understanding. Students can expect to study a variety of topics chosen from different branches of the subject, including some aspects and applications of Chemistry which would probably not be covered by an A level course. The teaching will be supported by practical work in our well-equipped laboratories. The course should suit anyone thinking of studying Science or Medicine at university.

BIOLOGY - This course aims to cover a broad range of topical, current issues in biology, whilst also deepening students' understanding of fundamental biological principles. Areas which may be covered include; cellular biology; genetic engineering; animal anatomy and physiology; evolution; conservation; genetics and forensics. We aim to use a practical, hands-on approach, making use of our own Natural History Museum, well equipped laboratories and live organisms wherever possible. This course will be suitable for anyone thinking of reading a Biology related subject or Medicine at university.

ENGLISH - The course aims to introduce students to a range of literature from all genres and periods - metaphysical poetry, Romanticism, modernism, Shakespeare, 18th-Century satire and *Paradise Lost* all featured on last year's course. The course is designed specifically to suit students who plan to read English at university and who have a well-established interest in reading. As well as seminars, there will also be two drama workshops, a trip to the Globe Theatre and a visit by an Oxbridge don. Students complete three written essays during the ten-day course. Focus is given to Personal Statements and mock interviews for English applications. Successful applicants will be sent a short reading list to cover before the course begins.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES AND PHILOSOPHY – Religious Studies and Philosophy are two of the oldest academic disciplines found at university. They are subjects which develop critical and analytical thinking and are thus ideal for careers which require these qualities: law, civil service, journalism, the media, etc. Religious Studies and Philosophy can be pursued at university either separately as Religious Studies (often called 'Theology' at university) or Philosophy, or as a combination of the two disciplines. The ECUSS course will comprise of two elements: firstly, a study of ethical theory and applied ethics (looking at issues such as euthanasia and human sexuality) and, secondly, an introduction into some of the major issues in the philosophy of religion – e.g. human nature, epistemology (the study of knowledge) and hermeneutics (the study of interpretation). Throughout the course, emphasis will be placed on students developing their ability to formulate coherent arguments, both in writing and in discussion.

HISTORY - It is appreciated students applying for this course will have completed courses of AS study, and will be proceeding to A2 study, from a variety of Examining Boards and possibly studying a variety of chronological areas. The course offered will aim to accommodate what has been studied up to now, and to broaden and deepen students' historical knowledge and appreciation. There will be a quantity of set reading, possibly some of it in advance of the course, and some essays under examination conditions. The exact focus of the groups taught will depend very much on their composition. The main purpose of the course is to question the nature of the subject, through a study of historiography and work with historical documents, and the philosophy of History. In past years field work has been undertaken such as day visits to a gallery or place of historic interest and we expect this to be the case this year.

HISTORY OF ART - The Universities Summer School is offering a course in the History of Art. History of Art is now established as a major subject at most British Universities with Oxford the last to develop a course in 2004. Recognizing that the subject is not often taught in the state sector we have developed an introductory course which will give students the opportunity to develop their skills in analysing images, understand the principles of architectural design and discuss the different media used by sculptors. We will use Eton's excellent collection of art as well as undertaking field trips to provide first-hand experience of the subject. It is hoped that this course will encourage those with an interest in the subject to develop their knowledge and support an application to university in future. This course is only offered when there is sufficient interest and a decision is taken after the initial round of applications.

POLITICS & ECONOMICS - The Politics part of the course will emphasise both the contemporary nature of this subject and also the underlying questions which inform it. Sessions will be run on developments in current political ideas, on selected policy areas and on a textual introduction to social and political thought. The importance of developing a conceptual framework for analysis will be stressed. No prior study of political theory will be assumed. The Economics part of the course is intended for students who are thinking about studying Economics at university whether by itself or in combination with other subjects (e.g. PPE). Most successful applicants are already taking A Level Economics. By focusing on debates *about* Economics as well as the background to a number of contemporary issues, the aim will also be for material to be of added value to those doing Economics A-Level. The emphasis will be on applied Economics and Policy Studies as well as a look at some alternative approaches to Economic thinking. There is a substantial element of mathematics in the course and most applicants are studying single maths. Some are studying further maths.

GEOGRAPHY - The course reflects the interests and strengths of those teaching it, with a balance of human and physical geography. The course adopts a synoptic approach to analysing and seeking to solve discrete geographical issues that might form the basis of university interviews. In recent years students have undertaken two days of fieldwork in London and Oxford. Other topics covered have included: the nature of geography, image interpretation, global cities, hazards, geology, rivers, climate change, relationship with landscape, epidemiology and demography.

FRENCH – The French course in the Summer School places emphasis on the study of literature. No previous classroom acquaintance with literature is essential, but students will be asked to do some preparatory reading before arriving. Texts, on loan, will be sent out in advance. The teaching of literature, which will mainly be conducted in English and which will be in small university-style seminar groups, will focus on prescribed texts and poem commentaries. There will be formal teaching of grammar as a background to written translation work into, and from, the French. These courses will be appropriate for anyone considering entry to one or more of the traditional university courses.

CLASSICS - In Latin, themes such as 'Love Poetry' and 'Bread and Circuses' are studied as a way of introducing students to a broader range of authors than the A level courses allow. This is also the case for Greek, although a more basic course can be offered to those who have started Greek more recently. The aims in teaching both languages are to improve nuts- and-bolts linguistic ability and broaden students' understanding of the ancient world through literature. Students may choose to study either or both languages. There may be the possibility of some combination with Ancient History.

ANCIENT HISTORY - The course is flexible, catering for Ancient History and Classical Civilisation students alike, or for Modern Historians who are considering an application for Ancient and Modern History. There will be work on both 5th Century Greek and Imperial Roman topics focusing very much on the use of primary sources. No knowledge of Ancient History is necessary, but applicants should indicate what Ancient History or Classical Civilisation, if any, they have studied. There may be the possibility of some combination with Latin and/or Greek.

APPLICATION FORM (PART ONE)

To the applicant:

- Fill in the Application Forms Part One and Part Two. Ask your parent or guardian to sign Part Two.
- Give the Work Record Form(s) to the appropriate teacher(s) to fill in.
- Pass the Application Forms, Work Record Form(s) the Confidential Reference Form to your Head Teacher/Head of Sixth Form for completion.

Don't delay: applications must reach Eton by 1 March - late applications will not be considered.

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY USING CAPITAL LETTERS:

Surname		Forename		Male/Female	
Home Address					
				Postcode	
Applicant's email address:					
Home Telephone Number (inc Code)					
Father's Occupation					
Mother's Occupation					
School Name					
School Type (please circle)		Comprehensive / Grammar / Sixth Form College / Community College / Other (please state) _____			
GCSE results in descending order of grade, with * where appropriate					
Subject	Grade	Subject	Grade	Subject	Grade
1		5		9	
2		6		10	
3		7		11	
4		8		12	
AS Levels or Pre-U being studied (please asterisk those subjects you are continuing to A2 Level)					
1		3		5	
2		4		6	
Summer School Subject:		Subject		Code	
Intended university subject:					
Preferred university:		1st		2nd	

In **Classics** every effort will be made to meet your first choice, but if you are prepared to apply for a second choice course would you please indicate an order of preference.

Classics preference:		1st		2nd	
Classics Combination preference:		1st		2nd	

APPLICATION FORM (PART TWO)

The applicant is asked to write in the space below an account (in no more than 100 words) outlining why he / she would like to come on the Summer School course, with a brief comment on his / her hobbies and interests.

Signed:

Parent/Guardian Approval:

I support this application of my son/daughter/ward to join the Eton College Universities Summer School from Tuesday 4th July to Friday 14th July 2017 inclusive, and I understand that the subsidised fee of £450 will be payable when notified that there is a place reserved for him/her on the course, unless an application for part or whole remission of the fee is granted.

A request for the fee to be waived, in part or in whole, should be submitted at the time of application.

Signed:

Date:

APPLICATION FORM (PART THREE)

WORK RECORD FORM

Applicant's name:			
Summer School Subject:		Proposed University Subject:	
<p>Student: Please consult your present teacher(s) and ask them to fill in this form. Teacher: Please give details as set out below.</p>			
Composite Courses:	Applicants for the composite courses (B, C, D & E) are asked to complete a separate Work Record Form for each subject. Applicants for other courses should complete only one Work Record Form.		
Double Mathematics	Has this student covered at least one year of Mechanics?	Yes / No	
Single Mathematics	How many lessons does this student have each week in Mathematics?		
<p>Please state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal textbooks • Topics which will have been covered in the academic year to July • Set books being studied 			
Examination Board:		Syllabus:	

APPLICATION FORM (PART FOUR)
HEAD TEACHER'S/SIXTH FORM HEAD'S CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE

Applicant's Name			
School Name			
School Telephone No (inc Code)			
School Type (please circle)	Comprehensive / Grammar / Sixth Form College / Community College / Other (please state) _____		
LEA/County/Borough			
Number in Sixth Form		Number applying for Summer School	
If this student applied to Oxford or Cambridge is it likely that they would be successful?			
Is the student likely to read the subject of this Summer School application at university? If not, what is their most likely course of study?			
Is the student academically ambitious and strongly motivated?			
In what ways would this candidate particularly benefit from the Summer School? Are there any circumstances which specially support the candidate's application?			
Are there any circumstances of health, disability, family difficulty, or behaviour of which it would be helpful for us to know?			
If this student's parents cannot afford the course fee please explain briefly the circumstances. (There is provision for remitting the fee, in whole or part, in case of genuine need such as unemployment or financial difficulties.)			
Signature		Date	
Name		Position	

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