

NAE UNIVERSITY HEADSTART

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TARGETED SUPPORT FOR PRE-UNIVERSITY PREPARATION

NAE University Headstart is an exclusive academic programme designed to provide unique access and valuable pre-university advice to NAE students.

This course is designed and delivered in collaboration with Bucksmore Education, an industry-leading academic provider. It provides NAE students with an exclusive immersive university experience through a series of admissions talks and workshops, subject-specific tutorials, university masterclasses, and guided university tours. Students will gain unique insights into UK university life with an opportunity to make informed and prepared decisions on their future university applications.

Students will also receive academically relevant and challenging subject tuition from expert tutors as well as personalised advice and support on their future university and career aspiration.

INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAMME:

- Special access and insight to selected university admissions departments and university tours
- Specialised University Masterclasses
- Diverse array of university visits to help students decide which environment is best for them
- Individualized advice and support during programme
- Excursions and local cultural experiences in England
- Based at The University of Cambridge (St Catherine's College)
- Visiting top Oxbridge, G5 Russell Group UK universities
- 2-week itinerary
- Subject specific tutorials aimed at first year of university level to give students a taste of their future academic careers

WHY CHOOSE A HEADSTART SUMMER CAMP?

- Living and learning in a university location
- Range of degree-aligned subjects available
- Weekly guest lectures & workshops
- University preparation masterclasses
- Expert academic tutors
- Debate society
- Small class sizes for personalised learning
- Formal hall and graduation ceremony at Oxbridge University
- Tours of top UK universities

£2,652
per week
(excluding flights)

7th-21st
July 2026

ENQUIRE NOW



SAMPLE TIMETABLE (subject to change):

WEEK ONE	B R E A K F A S T	AM		L U N C H	PM		D I N N E R	EVENING			
Tuesday 7th July		Arrivals			Arrivals			Welcome Meeting			
Wednesday 8th July		Subject Tutorials	Subject Tutorials		University Visit: Cambridge Colleges			Activity: Quiz Night			
Thursday 9th July		Subject Tutorials	Subject Tutorials		Subject Tutorials			University Masterclass			
Friday 10th July		University Visit: University of Nottingham			University Visit: University of Nottingham & City Visit			Activity: Pamper Club			
Saturday 11th July		07:45 - 08:30	Subject Tutorials		Subject Tutorials	12:45 - 13:45		University Masterclass	Guest Lecture Series	17:45 - 18:45	Activity: Sports Choice
Sunday 12th July		University Visit: London Universities			University Visit: London Universities & London Exploration			Activity: Movie Night			
Monday 13th July		Subject Tutorials			Subject Tutorials			Debate preparation		Debate society	End of Week Party

WEEK TWO	B R E A K F A S T	AM		L U N C H	PM		D I N N E R	EVENING			
Tuesday 14th July		Lazy Tuesday			Masterclass			Guest Lecture Series		Activity: Murder Mystery	
Wednesday 15th July		Subject Tutorials	Subject Tutorials		Excursion: Cambridge Punting			Activity: Spa Night /Chill Club			
Thursday 16th July		Subject Tutorials	Subject Tutorials		Subject Tutorials			University Masterclass			
Friday 17th July		University Visit: University of Oxford			University Visit: University of Oxford			Activity: Trash Fashion			
Saturday 18th July		07:45 - 08:30	Subject Tutorials		Subject Tutorials	12:45 - 13:45		University Masterclass	Essay/Project preparation	17:45 - 18:45	Essay/Project preparation
Sunday 19th July		University Visit: University of Warwick			University Visit: University of Warwick			Activity: Movie Night			
Monday 20th July		Subject Tutorials			Subject Tutorials			Sports		Free Time	Formal Hall & Graduation Ceremony

IMMERSIVE UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

At St Catharine's College, Cambridge, the NAE University Headstart programme is set against the backdrop of a university celebrated for pioneering research and innovation. Students engage with undergraduate-level subjects in an environment that combines academic tradition with forward-thinking perspectives. Cambridge's culture of analytical problem-solving and discovery equips participants with the skills and confidence to excel in higher education and beyond.



KEY FACTS:

Location:

St. Catharine's College Cambridge

Date:

7th July 2026

Class size:

12 (max), 8 (average)

Certificate:

Personalised report card, certificate and letter of recommendation (on request)

Minimum language level:

B2 (upper intermediate)

Hours per week:

23 hours tuition plus 2 full-day,
1 half-day university tours

Duration:

2 weeks

Price:

£2,652 per week (excluding flights)





Bucksmore Education is part of the Nord Anglia Education family, working hand-in-hand with our schools to deliver exceptional academic enrichment and university preparation. With over 45 years of experience and a longstanding reputation for high-quality teaching, Bucksmore brings specialist expertise to this exclusive Nord Anglia programme – designed to give our students a genuine head start on their future pathways.

WHO WILL I LEARN FROM?

Aliza Samorly

*MA International Journalism,
MA (Hons) Political Science*



Aliza is a political psychologist, educator and artist, and the founder of Imanuel Education Oxford, which supports advanced academic development across a wide range of subjects. She has built her career in international education, working as an academic counsellor and lecturing at both undergraduate and postgraduate level. Aliza completed her BA in Psychology and Political Science and her MA in Political Science with distinction at the University of Haifa, before undertaking doctoral research in Politics at the University of Oxford and further study in International Journalism at City University London.

Dr Trevelyan Wing

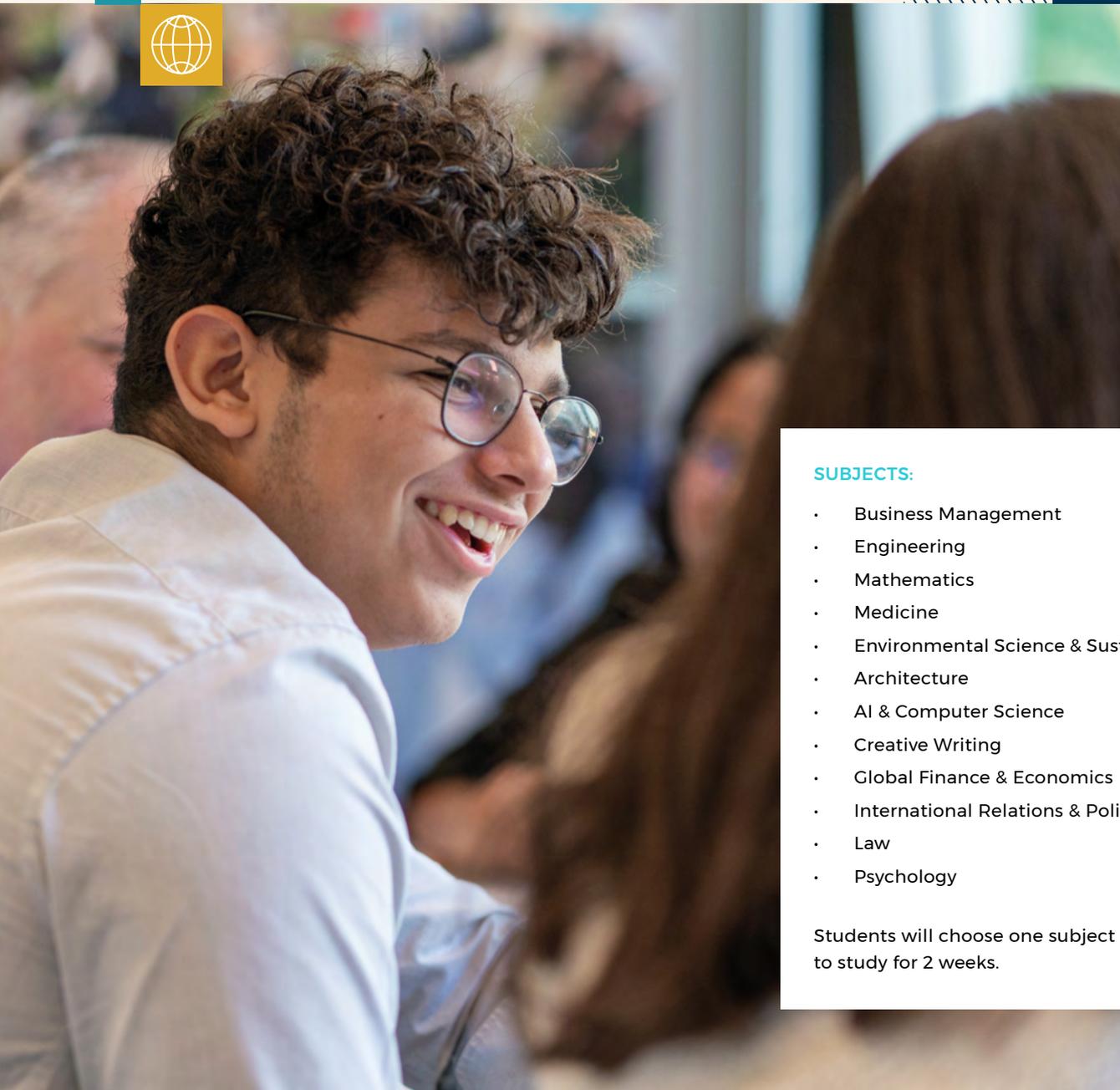
*PhD (Cantab), MPhil
(Oxon), BA (Dartmouth)*



Dr Trevelyan Wing is a Baltic Fellow at Cambridge's Centre for Geopolitics, where his research focuses on security and defence in the Baltic Sea region, Northern Europe, and the High North. Trevelyan teaches politics and energy policy across Cambridge's undergraduate and master's programmes and is a Fellow of CEENRG. He holds a PhD from Cambridge, an MPhil from Oxford, and a BA from Dartmouth. Recognised as a 'Young Leader' by EURO CITIES, he brings academic depth and policy insight to global sustainability challenges.

EXPERIENCE YOUR FUTURE

Receive individualised support and guided exploration to help you decide on the best university for you.



SUBJECTS:

- Business Management
- Engineering
- Mathematics
- Medicine
- Environmental Science & Sustainability
- Architecture
- AI & Computer Science
- Creative Writing
- Global Finance & Economics
- International Relations & Politics
- Law
- Psychology

Students will choose one subject to study for 2 weeks.





FORMAL HALL AND GRADUATION

Students will receive their graduation certificates and experience a traditional formal dinner at the University.

UNIVERSITY INSIGHT VISITS

Students will visit leading UK universities and receive exclusive tours designed to give students a deeper understanding of what life at university is like. These tours aim to help students make a decision on the type of university they would like to attend in the future. Across the 2-week programme, students will visit universities such as Oxford University, Cambridge University, King's College London and more!

UNIVERSITY PREPARATION MASTERCLASSES

These sessions help build essential skills for successful entrance to universities. Students will participate in masterclasses designed to connect their skills, strengths, and interests to potential careers. They will gain insights into the various types of universities and acquire a comprehensive understanding of the full application cycle for UK universities, including detailed guidance on structuring a personal statement.

SMALL GROUP TUTORIALS

Teaching on the The NAE University Headstart programme mirrors Oxbridge university learning in many ways, including small group learning. The tutorials are a key educational strategy that reflects the active, student-centred learning model of Bucksmore Education. This method encourages active exploration and autonomous learning whilst facilitating peer collaboration and team building.

GUEST LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS

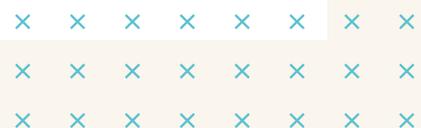
Each week, students will attend a Guest Lecture by a renowned scholar or professional who shares their expertise and insight. These lectures are tailored to students' interests and academic levels. Lecture topics often include sharing cutting-edge research, a discussion of current events, or exploring the future of one area of academic study.

DEBATE SOCIETY

Debate Societies are an integral part of University life. The debate sessions will give students the chance to explore and discuss a range of topics they are passionate about, outside of the subjects they are studying. They encourage students to develop strong critical thinking and analytical skills, plus building teamwork, leadership and communication skills.

IMMERSIVE UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

Students will get to experience life as an Cambridge University student throughout their stay with us, whether they are attending guest lectures from inspiring speakers, in aspirational lecture halls and auditoriums, or graduating with a formal hall, to waking up in their University accommodation. The NAE University Headstart Preparation programme provides an immersive and broad University experience.



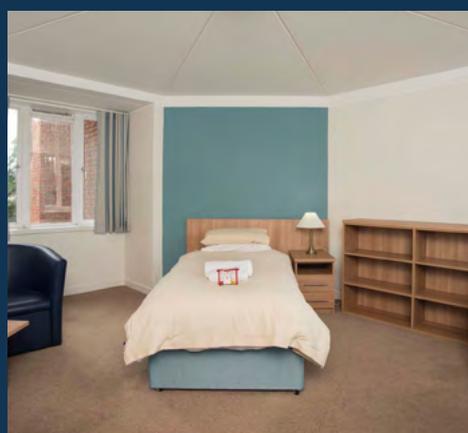


ST. CATHARINE'S COLLEGE

Cambridge University

UNIVERSITY CAMPUS-BASED EXPERIENCE

St. Catharine's College's central location offers students easy access to Cambridge's rich history and attractions, with iconic landmarks just steps away. Accommodation is provided in the college's student residences, set within its historic courts and peaceful gardens. From here, students can explore nearby Cambridge highlights such as King's College Chapel, the River Cam with its famous punts, and the lively city centre, all within easy reach.



KEY FACTS:

Age range:
15-17

Board Type:
Single rooms with shared bathrooms

Facilities:
Central location, nearby sports facilities, boarding flats with common areas

Security:
24 hours security Porter's lodge

Airports:
Stansted, 40 minutes
Heathrow, 1 hour 40 minutes



NEXT STEPS

Our range of courses means that it can sometimes be difficult to choose which one to attend. Our expert admissions teams are here to help!



APPLY NOW!

Go to apply.nae.iqschools.net to complete our online application form.



PREFER TO SPEAK TO US?

Scan the QR code below to book a free 30-minute consultation call to discuss more about the programme.

NEED HELP?

If you need to speak to a member of the admissions team at any point, you can email shortcourses@nordanglia.com or call us on +44 (0) 203 334 9300.



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A STEP BY STEP GUIDE...

1

APPLY ONLINE

Complete our online application form at apply.nae.iqschools.net, or scan the QR code below. A £500 non-refundable deposit is required to secure your booking.



2

APPLICATION REVIEW

Upon receipt of your application, we will review the information provided and send a booking summary and invoices with further instructions.

English Level Check

The course requires a specific level of English, and we may ask you to provide proof of your language level or alternatively, to complete our language test. We check language levels to ensure students are able to make the most out of their time with Bucksmore Education. This should be received at least 1 month before the start of your course. The earlier we receive this, the better so we can advise if an alternative programme will be most suitable.

3

VISA SUPPORT

Upon receipt of the deposit payment, we can provide a visa letter of support if you need to make a visa application. We would recommend checking the UK government website for advice on visa and ETA applications.



4

FINAL PAYMENTS & MEDICAL FORM

By the end of April, all outstanding payments should have been received, and a booking confirmation is issued to reflect this. We will require a completed medical form to ensure we are aware of any specific medical or dietary needs ahead of your arrival.

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AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Bucksmore offers a complimentary transfer service at major UK airports between certain hours. We require a completed transfer form at least 4 weeks before course start date to confirm your complimentary space. More information is available at bucksmore.com/arrivals-and-departures

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PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Prior to arrival, we will provide Pre-Departure guides to all students and host a Pre-Departure Webinar to discuss important information including centre contact details, timetables and packing lists.

We look forward
to seeing you
soon!



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Bucksmore Education is a part of the Nord Anglia Education family.

Founded in 1979, the Bucksmore team works every day to inspire our staff, our tutors and our students to be the best they can be, and we are ambitious for them all to achieve more than they thought possible in their personal, social and academic endeavours. This aspiration is underpinned by a commitment to always act with respect, integrity, openness and ambition.

Get in touch if you have any questions or would like to find out more.

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