

ACADEMIC YEAR BROCHURE 2026



“English for Tomorrow, Today”

Experience Oxford with our year-round English Language courses for students aged 15 and above, starting every Monday.



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A Warm Welcome

We aim to provide a safe, positive and stimulating environment

Our Promise

The aim of CIE is to enhance the academic and social potential of students, while promoting their understanding and appreciation of the diversity of various cultural traditions. The school provides courses that widen students' social, professional and educational opportunities.

CIE is accredited by the British Council and British Accreditation Council to ensure the courses are delivered to a high standard and appropriate to the abilities and needs of each student. We aim to provide a safe, positive and stimulating environment in which students and teachers feel empowered, valued and respected.

All of our academic subject teachers are qualified, experienced, and professional. Our academic and CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning) courses are accredited by the British Accreditation Council (BAC). Our English language courses are accredited by the British Council, which requires that our teachers have a degree and certificate - level teaching qualifications such as the Cambridge CELTA (Certificate of English Language Teaching to Adults) or Trinity TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages). For more information on our staff and to contact us directly, please see our 'about us' section on our website, then 'meet the team.'



Why Choose CIE

The College of International Education (CIE), located in the heart of Oxford, has been offering a range of short courses in English as a Foreign Language (EFL), exam preparation, 1-1 tutorials and a number of content and language integrated learning (CLIL) courses since 1974. We specialise in small classes, which ensure fast progress and attention to individual needs with a team of dedicated staff always there to offer academic as well as pastoral support.

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Small classes with personal support.

During the academic year, our classes usually contain **no more than 8 students**. CIE's close family atmosphere helps to make intensive study easier and much more pleasant.

02

Study in the city centre.

CIE's Bocardo House is in **the centre of Oxford**, opposite the world-famous Oxford Union.

03

CIE was established in 1974.

Since 1974 we have been building up an excellent reputation for the quality of our courses, the success of our students, and the friendly atmosphere at the school.

04

Access to Oxford's academic and city history.

Some students will have lessons in **Oxford University buildings** such as Jesus College, the Oxford Union, and St Peter's college, which we use to give our students a taste of the university.

05

Aimed at students from the age 14.

Our summer courses offer opportunities to spend the holidays learning English and meeting new friends where we provide a safe environment where everyone is cared for.

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Accreditation and Membership.

CIE is accredited by **the British Council and the British Accreditation Council** to ensure our courses are delivered to a high standard. We are also a member of **English UK**, the national association of English language centres in the UK.



Meet the team



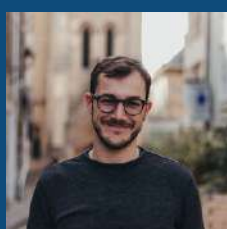
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Oxford**

CIE Oxford embodies a unique blend of academic excellence and personal support, dedicated to nurturing your journey in the English language. Our school, nestled in the heart of this historic city, offers small class sizes led by experienced teachers who are attentive to each student's needs. We focus on fostering a stimulating learning environment that encourages curiosity, growth, and confidence in using English.

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Director of Studies**



**Luca
Welfare Officer**



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**Hisashi
Finance Manager**



**Julie
Accommodation Officer**



**John
Honorary Director**



**Teresa
Honorary Director, HR**



**Jennifer
Agent Liaison Officer**

CIE celebrates our 50th Anniversary since our doors opened.

We are small, fun and friendly English language school in the heart of beautiful Oxford. Our classes are tailored to suit the group and the individuals within it, no matter your age or background. Whether you already live in Oxford, are visiting England on a short trip, a student preparing for university or looking to improve your job prospects, our dedicated qualified team are here to help build your English skills today.

English Language Courses

Intensive English and General English Course

Our lessons are interactive and focused, with a strong emphasis on communication. Thanks to the small class sizes, teachers can tailor the lessons to meet your individual needs.

Intensive English

Our Intensive English Course has been carefully designed to immerse our students in English Language studies while at the same time help them learn about Oxford and a variety of academic topics. We will aim to help you achieve your goals in a realistic way as quickly as possible. Every day at CIE begins with an hour of functional English practice which allows students the chance to role play everyday situations. Then General English follows to achieve monitored improvements in all of the receptive and productive skills. Afternoon classes focus on a different specialised topic each week. From History and Architecture to Technology and Sustainable Development Goals.

Topic

In the afternoon we have topic lessons. Our tutors have designed a portfolio that will broaden student knowledge on a number of topics while improving their language skills. Based in the heart of Oxford, a city steeped in centuries of academic prestige, it serves as the muse for much of our project work. For example, Architecture allows students to understand the different historical influences seen in the amazing Oxford buildings and Sustainable Development Goals includes face to face research with the general public and final presentations on how Oxford can be improved.

General English

This allows students to study our morning General English programme as described above. This includes an hour of Functional English and two hours of coursebook English. We work with a course book to learn vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation in order to improve both receptive (listening and reading) and productive skills (speaking and writing). Every Friday there is a test to monitor weekly progress and an opportunity to review any content that might need more support.

Conversation café and progress

Every Friday, students from different levels meet in the common room for a 'Conversation Café'. This is a fantastic opportunity to get to know your peers and exchange opinions, experiences and compare each other's cultures. Students will have homework most nights and a test at the end of each week so they can monitor their progress. Long term students have progress tests, tutorials and monthly progress reports. At the end of the course, students receive a certificate stating their level according to the Common European Framework.

9:00 ~ 10:00	10:15 ~ 11:15	11:30 ~ 12:30	13:30~ 15:45
Functional English and study skills. An opportunity to practise English in everyday situations.	General English A balance of grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation and skills	General English A balance of grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation and skills	Topic based classes Project work, educational visits and presentations; developing communication, critical thinking and teamwork

Academic Courses

IELTS Exam Preparation Course

This course focuses on IELTS Academic which is essential for students who want an internationally recognised exam in English and want to study at an English speaking University,

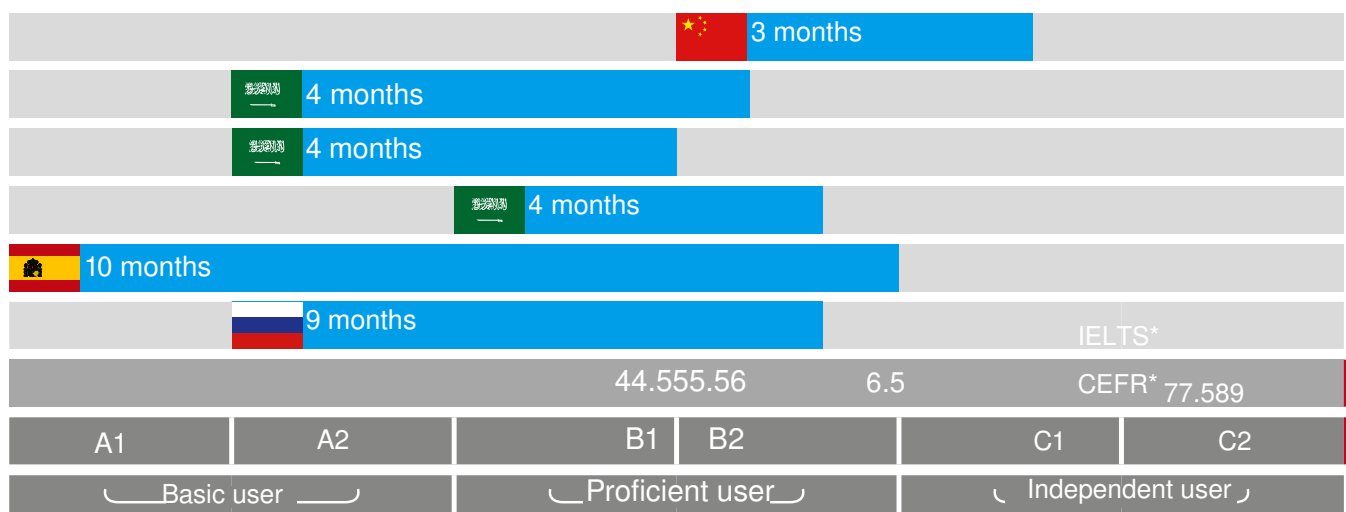
The test also provides students of English with a global advantage and it is accepted by over 12,500 organisations all over the world. Our course is designed for small classes so that every student's progress and skill requirements are closely monitored. We have lots of materials and our teachers focus on quick error correction in all the key skills as well as helping you to quickly understand the structure of each unit part of the test.

In the morning, students attend Functional Skills and General English classes. In the afternoon, they join the IELTS preparation class.

“Progress tests throughout the course to check students’ development. In this College students do not feel sad or bored during class time. Teachers are well trained for IELTS and English learning.”

Until you are B1 level, (the necessary level to study IELTS), you will study General English + 2 hours of English Extra per day.

We are happy to help students book the IELTS exam at a test centre nearby. This normally needs to be done one month before the exam and costs, on average, £200 for the test. Please note that in the summer the exam gets booked up quickly, so talk to a member of staff to check the dates of the exam.



*IELTS is the International English Language Testing System; *CEFR is the Common European Framework of Reference

This chart shows how much our students improved during their time on the IELTS course.

Private Lessons

Combination (General English + Private) Course

General English + Private Lessons offers you the chance to study English in a group class combined with either one or two private lessons tailored to you and your needs. The General English Course is 3 hours of English every morning. This includes one hour of functional English that relates to communication challenges experienced in every day life.

This is followed by a 2 hour coursebook class to learn vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation to achieve improvements in both receptive (listening and reading) and productive skills (speaking and writing). Extra Private lessons in the afternoon are specifically tailored to focus on areas that are identified as needing extra individual practice and are completely flexible to suite the needs and requests of the student.

Popular Topics for Private Lessons

- Everyday Conversation
- Business English
- Pronunciation Practice
- Travel
- Academic English



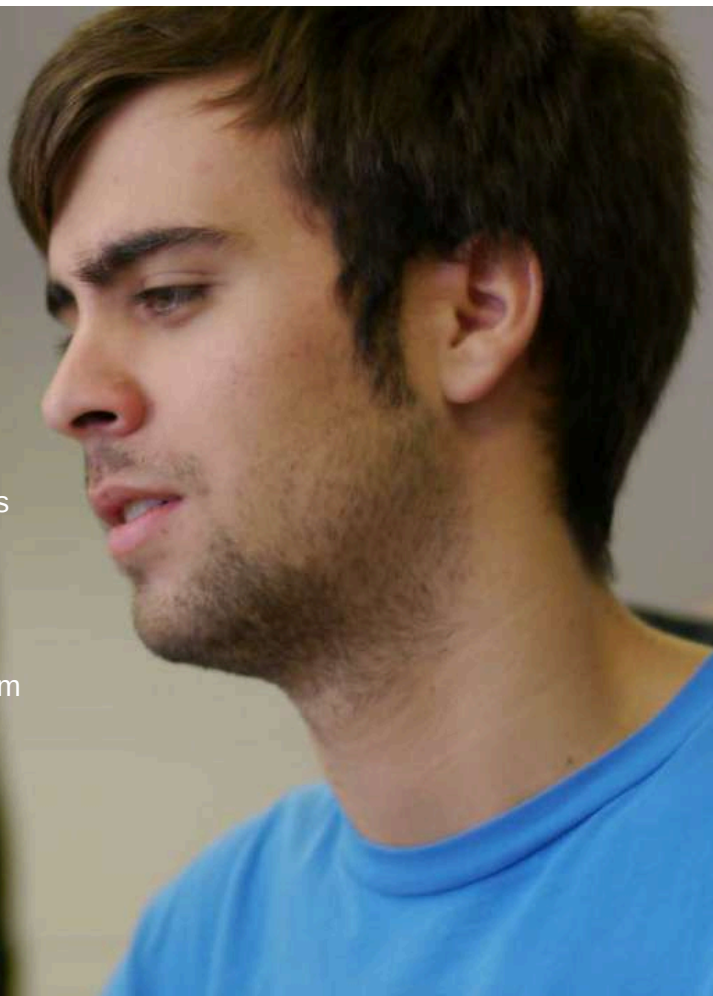
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Online Lessons

1-to-1 Online Course

Our 1-to-1 online classes help you to make maximum progress with a personalized programme of study based on your needs. We cater for any student from beginner to proficiency. Before booking we formulate a study plan and pair you with an online teacher who is most experienced and best suited for your needs, be it for exam skills or a specific academic or work based language.

- Full individual attention to your specific language needs
- The experience of face to face classes with the convenience of studying from home
- Flexible lesson times
- Personalised and practical strategies and guidance from an experienced English teacher
- Quick progress in a short time
- One on One precise and effective error correction
- End of course certificate (according to the Common European Framework)



General English Online

Our General English Online Course provides an opportunity for individually tailored tuition from an experienced teacher, specially designed to meet your personal needs as a learner of English. No matter what your level or your reasons for studying English, these lessons can help you improve.

Academic English Online

Our Academic English Online Course focuses on study skills such as reading, writing, listening and speaking, in an academic environment. This benefits you if you want to study at an English speaking university.

“I learned that I can communicate even if I don't speak English well, I can now enjoy speaking English with more confidence”

Accommodation

Most CIE students stay in homestay accommodation. This provides you with the unique opportunity to share the daily life of a British family. During the week you will have breakfast and dinner with your hosts. At the weekends all meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) will be provided for you. As CIE is situated in the centre of Oxford, an excellent bus service is available to and from the homes of all our hosts. A homestay host will not accommodate more than four guests.

CIE's accommodation office inspects the homes of all our host families regularly to ensure that they meet our high standards, as well as those of the British Council.



What you can expect from homestay accommodation organised by CIE:

- You will have your own bedroom
- Inclusion in family as full member of the household
- An appropriate, well-lit and heated, clean room in good repair located in a clean, reasonably-sized house or flat
- A bed and storage in the bedroom
- Breakfast and dinner every day
- Use of family rooms for recreation
- Use of bathroom and available shower daily
- Meals eaten together with your family, for English-speaking practise

07:00-09:00.	09:00-16:00.	16:00-18:00	18:00-22:00
BREAKFAST & COMMUTE TO SCHOOL BY BUS	LESSONS & LUNCH & ACTIVITIES	FREE TIME (SIGHTSEEING AND SHOPPING)	DINNER, HOMEWORK & CURFEW

Weekday Activities

“We have a weekly social and seasonal activities through a year”

September ~ June

During the academic year, we are pleased to offer an optional programme of social, sporting, and cultural activities. The programme is customised to meet the desires of current students and one or two activities will be offered each week including one free activity and one paid activity, such as ice skating, punting, cream tea and college visits.

July ~ August

Our activities and excursions programme is at its busiest in the summer. Weekday social activities are offered three times a week on Junior Summer courses and twice a week for teens and adults who are studying on the intensive course.

Our attentive and friendly activity leaders supervise every activity, making sure everything runs safely and smoothly, and are there to help whenever the student requires it.

Weekend Activities

July ~ August

CIE organises Saturday day trips to Britain's great attractions visiting historic houses and castles, towns and cities or a day at the seaside. Over the years, our students have been to Bath and the Royal Palace in Windsor, had the opportunity to see London while cruising the river Thames, as well as numerous other places of historical and cultural interest.

Activities may include:

- The University museums
- Sightseeing
- Sports and games
- CIE cinema
- Punting
- Ice skating
- Bowling
- Cream tea
- Picnics



*“Afternoon activities are always something interesting or funny.
It's a great way to make friends from different countries.”*

Around Oxford



The CIE Activities and Excursions programme allows students to explore British culture and practise their English outside the classroom in a relaxed and informal environment.



From top to bottom: Windsor Castle, Brighton, The Cotswolds, The Natural History Museum. Opposite page: Port Meadow, Oxford City Centre

Life in Oxford

Self-Study

After lessons, you are free to study on your own. CIE's Bocardo House is a 5-minute walk from Oxford City Library, which is open six days a week and offers free internet access as well as many other services for students. If you are in Oxford for 3 months or more, CIE can help you sign up for a library card, so you can borrow books and materials from the library. CIE has a small selection of dictionaries, readers and grammar books you are welcome to borrow while you are studying with us.

Things To See And Do

Oxford is full of beautiful places to visit, allowing you and your classmates to take in the history and architectural beauty of this medieval city. Visitors come from all over the world to experience the world famous Oxford University buildings, walk through the beautiful parks or even go punting on the River Thames.

Transport

The Oxford Bus Company and Stagecoach buses connect different parts of Oxford and Oxfordshire with the city centre. The Oxford Tube offers a convenient connection with London, home to some of the world's greatest shopping, dining and culture. It runs 24/7 and takes between 90 and 120 minutes, depending on the traffic. Oxford also has two railway stations which makes getting to and from London even easier - this takes just over 1 hour.

Shop

In Oxford there are shops for all different types of fashion; high-street stores, boutiques, delicatessens, craft shops and even antiques stalls. You can visit the market from Wednesday to Saturday. This is a favourite haunt of our students and is only a 2 minute walk from CIE! At the weekend you can visit Bicester Village, a short train journey from the city where you can find many famous fashion brands. If you want to stay within the city centre, you will find lots of shopping to do in Cornmarket Street, the Westgate Shopping Centre, or the lovely Covered Market. Oxford's oldest book shop, Blackwell's, located on Broad Street, is another place you must pop into.



Sports & The Outdoors

Lots of British people love to play sport and be outdoors. Perhaps you'd like to play a game of football in the University Parks, or take a long countryside walk through Port Meadow to the Perch Pub in Binsey. You can find many outdoor and sports opportunities in and around the city.

Pubs & Clubs

In the evenings, it is an English tradition for British people to enjoy an hour (or more!) in their local pub. Oxford has many "public houses" where you can enjoy a pint of beer and a chat with friends. After dark, the Oxford club scene comes to life. The city offers a range of nightclubs and music venues where you and your new friends can listen to live music being performed, or dance the night away.

Museums, Theatre, & Music

Of course, a visit to Oxford wouldn't be complete without exploring its cultural landmarks. Spend an afternoon at the Ashmolean Museum, catch an exciting matinee at the Oxford Playhouse, or enjoy live music at a Sunday morning Coffee Concert. You'll find countless opportunities to immerse yourself in the city's vibrant and stimulating atmosphere.

Eat

Oxford's vibrant café culture ensures that a cosy spot is always just a short walk away in the city centre where you can unwind with a cup of tea or coffee and a pastry. As a multicultural city, Oxford's diverse cuisine offers something for every palate. Consider visiting Gloucester Green Market for a delicious, fresh lunch, or try traditional British food at one of the city's many pubs. If you're on the go, you can easily pick up a quick bite from the numerous kebab vans or sandwich delis around town.





Clockwise from top left:
 The Public Library
 The Ashmolean Museum,
 Disco Night, The Radcliffe
 Camera, Gloucester Green
 Market
 The Covered Market
 An Oxford Bus
 The Head of the River Pub



Premises

CIE Main Campus

CIE's main campus is located in the centre of Oxford. It consists of 5 classrooms, a social area and a kitchen where students can help themselves to tea and coffee. This small environment creates a pleasant atmosphere where students get to know each other, and the teachers, very well. Please see below other premises we use to teach at during the year.

St Peter's College

St Peter's College, founded in 1929, is one of the younger colleges of the University of Oxford. Located in the city centre, it combines modern facilities with a rich sense of history. At times, we use St Peter's College for teaching, located just a one-minute walk from CIE. In addition to its historic buildings, St Peter's College features modern classrooms equipped with large TV screens and a lecture theatre.



St Hilda's College

CIE uses St Hilda's college to teach in summer and spring. It is known for its beautiful riverside location on the banks of the River Cherwell, offering stunning views and serene surroundings. Originally an all-women's college, St Hilda's began admitting men in 2008. Its modern and historic buildings provide a unique blend of tradition and contemporary education, making it a distinctive and dynamic part of Oxford University.



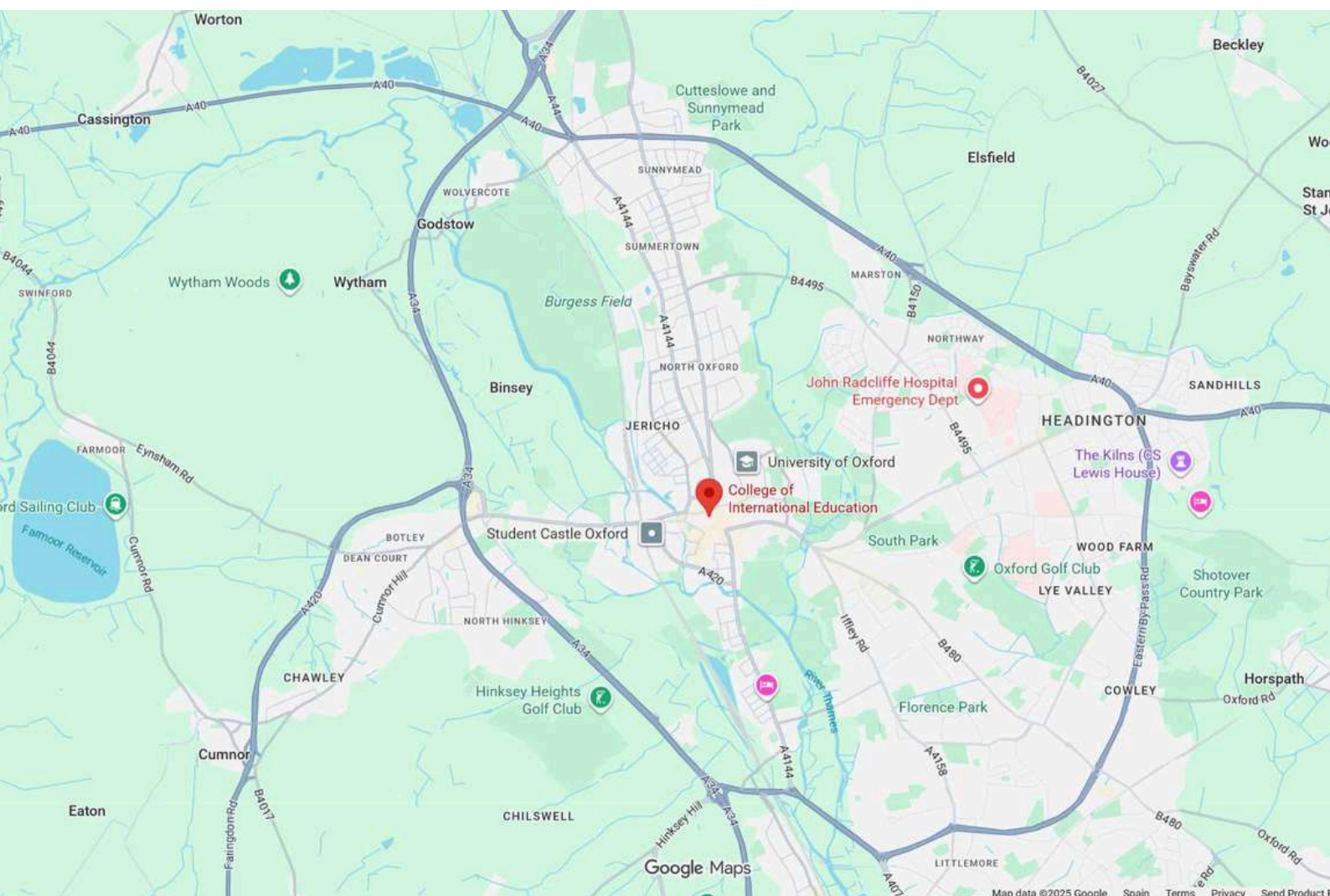
The Oxford Union

During the academic year, we also rent two spacious rooms at the Oxford Union, located just opposite Bocardo House. These rooms are suitable for both small and large groups, showcasing the tradition of this esteemed Oxford institution. The debating chamber has hosted many famous speakers, including Dame Judi Dench, Stephen Fry and Morgan Freeman



Jesus College

Jesus College, founded in 1571 by Queen Elizabeth I, is one of the constituent colleges of the University of Oxford. With a mix of historic and modern buildings, Jesus College provides a picturesque and inspiring setting for study and research.



"Have your moment in Magical Oxford"



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