

“ISSOS is one of the best programmes I could wish for my daughter. It has the perfect balance of fun and learning.”

*Janet Cordula,
Mother (France)*



International Summer Schools St Andrews · Cambridge · Yale



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Where our students are at the very heart of everything we do.



“Our task is not to put greatness back in to students, but to elicit it, for greatness is there already.”



Dear Parents and Students

ISSOS was started with one clear mission: To create a safe place for people to learn and grow. We are dedicated to creating a safe environment for all our students and staff and making sure everyone is able to have the best possible experience. Every summer we welcome students from over 80 nationalities to one of our three campuses and we limit the number of students from one nationality to 10% in order to guarantee a truly international experience.

ISSOS is a unique and exclusive summer school that prides itself on focusing on the individual needs of each student. We offer the highest standards of education in order to assist our students to achieve their personal goals and maximise their own potential.

A few reasons to choose ISSOS

- We limit places to 10% of each nationality.
- Our students come from over 80 countries.
- 65% of our students are returners or referrals.
- Our teachers are fully qualified professionals with real-life experience in their subjects.
- We mix native and non-native English speakers to provide a truly immersive experience.
- Attending a summer programme gives students an edge when applying to university.
- Campuses in beautiful, world-renowned universities offering an exciting cultural experience.

Our balanced programme offers students the opportunity to take exceptional academic courses, combined with a wide range of cultural, social and sporting activities. We believe in offering broad-based learning opportunities to develop the whole student, as well as concentrating on their academic achievements. All of our staff are professionals within their field and have chosen to spend the summer teaching and advising students on their chosen subject.

ISSOS have chosen our summer school locations: St Andrews and Cambridge in the UK and Yale in the USA, for their safety, beauty and world renowned reputations as some of the worlds best universities. Our campuses provide an inspirational, safe and stunning environment for students to spend their summer.

We are dedicated to growing the international family that ISSOS has created over many years, with a high number of returning students, brothers and sisters of alumni, friends and referrals joining us every summer we have created a family environment that both staff and students are forever part of. We guarantee that ISSOS is The Experience of a Lifetime because we know that it is an experience that lasts beyond the three weeks, having a lasting impact on everyone involved.

ISSOS is a truly unique experience and we endeavour to give our students the edge both academically and socially. If by our words and actions we inspire our students to dream, learn and become more, we will have succeeded.

Our summer school programme has been specifically designed to address today's challenges in order that our students can look forward to tomorrow with confidence while having the experience of a lifetime.

If you would like to speak with a parent or student from your country, who has experienced ISSOS please contact our admissions department who will be happy to put you in touch.

I look forward to welcoming you to ISSOS this summer.

Kind regards,

Jen Munro
Founder and Managing Director



Programme Overview



“ Everything at ISSOS is outstanding! From the staff to the students and activities, nothing is less than brilliant! I’ve made so many new friends that I keep in touch with until this very day! At ISSOS friendships are made, life lessons are learned, and the definition of fun is raised to another level. I am going back for my fourth year this summer, because each year is a new experience.”

Joe Box, Student (UK)



Programme Structure

The exclusive ISSOS international summer school programme offers high school students (aged 13-18) the opportunity to combine learning, creative enrichment and action-packed adventure in the amazing, historic, safe and picturesque university towns of St Andrews, Cambridge and Yale.

Students who gain a place at ISSOS will be able to create a personalised three-week programme to suit both their academic needs and wider interests, by choosing one academic and one elective programme.

We accept a maximum of 10% of students from any single nationality in order to offer a truly international summer experience. In addition, all students enrolled in an IB school can gain CAS hours for all electives and activities undertaken at ISSOS.



Cultural Experience and Activities

During the three weeks we will immerse students in the rich and unique culture of their chosen location and introduce them to some of its best-loved landmarks and cities.

Students take part in full day and half day cultural trips as well as engage in an exhilarating selection of outdoor activities, evening entertainment, Sunday workshops and the exclusive ISSOS Highland Games. With all of this and more we guarantee our students The Experience of a Lifetime.



Typical Day at ISSOS

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
7:30	Counselors Wake Students						Leisurely Breakfast and Free Time
8	Breakfast						
9 - 12	Academic Class					Cultural Trip	
12	Lunch						
1 - 4	Electives	Cultural Trip	Cultural Trip	Electives	Cultural Trip	Cultural Trip	Work-shops
4	Activities/Free Time			Activities/Free Time			
6	Evening Meal						
7:30 - 9:30	Evening Programme						
10:30	Check In						
11	Lights Out						

Please note that students participating in the golf elective will spend two hours at The Dukes Course and an hour taking part in a golf related activity, this allows all students maximum use of the golfing facilities.



Academic Programme

Mornings at ISSOS are dedicated to academic study and our high quality academic programmes. Classes meet daily for three hours and unlike other summer schools, we limit numbers in order to guarantee that all our students will benefit from individual attention and a truly international student body.

Academic Programme Options:

St Andrews

- English Language
- Debate
- Creative Writing
- Study Skills
- Youth Leadership
- IB Extended Essay

Cambridge

- English Language
- Debate
- Study Skills
- Business & Entrepreneurship
- Journalism

Yale

- English Language
- Debate
- Creative Writing
- Study Skills
- Business & Entrepreneurship

Elective Programme

Afternoons allow students to broaden their experience and knowledge. Each student is able to combine their academic programme option with one of our unique, in-depth electives, timetabled four afternoons per week. These funfilled and action-packed courses enable students to discover and participate in exciting subjects while gaining new skills and expertise.

Electives Course Options:

St Andrews

- Golf
- Tennis
- Theatre
- Art
- Film

Cambridge

- Tennis
- Theatre
- Outdoor Leadership
- Photography

Yale

- Tennis
- Theatre
- Outdoor Leadership
- Photography
- Film



Campuses



St Andrews

The Royal Burgh of St Andrews is the home of golf and the oldest seat of learning in Scotland. The town is steeped in history, tradition and culture and the golden beaches of this idyllic coastal location provide not only a unique and breathtaking back drop but also a stimulating, exciting and most importantly, safe environment for students to spend their summer.



Cambridge

The University of Cambridge, founded in 1284, is one of the most famous and highly regarded universities in the world. Cambridge alumni include some of the world's most notable scholars including, Sir Isaac Newton and Charles Darwin.

While staying in one of Cambridge's oldest university colleges, students will experience the atmosphere of a small university town, with glorious architecture, cafés, museums and theatres, which dominate this small, picturesque and above all, safe town.



Yale

The Yale provides a unique opportunity for students to spend the summer in one of the USA's top Ivy League Universities. Founded in 1701 and famed for its gothic style campus, Yale is deemed to be the most beautiful University campus in the US and has an impressive list of alumni. Students will enjoy the centrally located campus, with access to cafés and shops while being surrounded by the amazing architecture of Yale in this safe campus that will provide students with a summer experience they will never forget.



Academic Programmes

“I am so happy that I found ISSOS and have sent all three of my children. ISSOS is a true international family. ISSOS creates such a bond among the students, such a feeling of belonging and my children have grown in confidence. This really is the experience of a lifetime.”

Laura Nina-Riva, Mother (Italy)

Campus Key

This key details where our programmes are offered.

St Andrews

Cambridge

Yale

English Language

St Andrews

Cambridge

Yale

The English Language programme at ISSOS is designed for those who have English as a second language.

At ISSOS learning English is about more than studying words and phrases – we offer our students the chance to explore new ideas and cultures and develop communication skills that will open doors across the globe. This exciting interactive programme caters for all ability levels and helps students to become proficient in the English language by immersing them in an Englishspeaking environment.

- Benefit from experienced and qualified teachers and individual attention
- Significantly improve your academic and social communication skills
- Focus on core skills – speaking, reading, writing and listening
- Stay motivated with our fun and interactive syllabus

On arrival at ISSOS students will be given an English language proficiency test so that we can establish their English level. Classes are divided so that students are taught with others of the same level.

During their three-week stay students will receive daily instruction from experienced and qualified teachers. The syllabus provides a successful blend of opportunities for our students to use and develop English and ensures that all core skills (speaking, reading, writing and listening) are practiced. A wide variety of supplementary materials including video, music, newspaper and magazine articles, as well as out of classroom assignments, ensure that classes are fun and students are motivated. Students will learn to improve their conversation skills including their grasp of real, colloquial language and, at the same time, will develop their understanding and use of English grammar, vocabulary, reading, writing, listening and speaking skills as required within a formal classroom environment.

Students at ISSOS are taught English by addressing subjects that are of interest and relevance to them and we take this opportunity to educate students on world issues affecting them today; bullying, social media, politics, climate change, current affairs and many more.

Our tailor-made syllabus ensures that every one of our students will improve their English skills within the classroom and beyond.

Advanced English

St Andrews

Cambridge

Designed to help students whose spoken English is considered to be advanced, but who need to specifically improve their written English, our Advanced English classes help students to develop the skills to:

- Improve the formation of coherent arguments and structure in formal essay writing
- Explore a range of writing styles

The Advanced English programme will benefit students who wish to significantly improve their written English and, in particular, students who are moving to an English speaking school system or are about to start the IB programme. It has been designed to assist students to reach an appropriate level of English proficiency.

“Our son arrived home so enthusiastic about the programme, the friends he made and the way English was taught was stimulating and motivating. We could not have asked for more from a summer programme.”

Hale Sahin, Parent (Turkey)



Debate

St Andrews

Cambridge

Yale

This three-week course offers our students, whether experienced or inexperienced in the art of debate, the opportunity to discover and immerse themselves in the exciting academic world of debate.

At ISSOS, we combine interactive workshops with professional coaching and a variety of informal and formal debating opportunities to create an exhilarating and stimulating experience second to none.

- Discover your voice and acquire the ability and confidence to use it
- Learn techniques and structures from leading debate coaches
- Take part in energetic debates on exciting contemporary issues of your choice
- Learn new and valuable skills – including critical thinking and how to present your arguments effectively
- Debate in historic university debating chambers

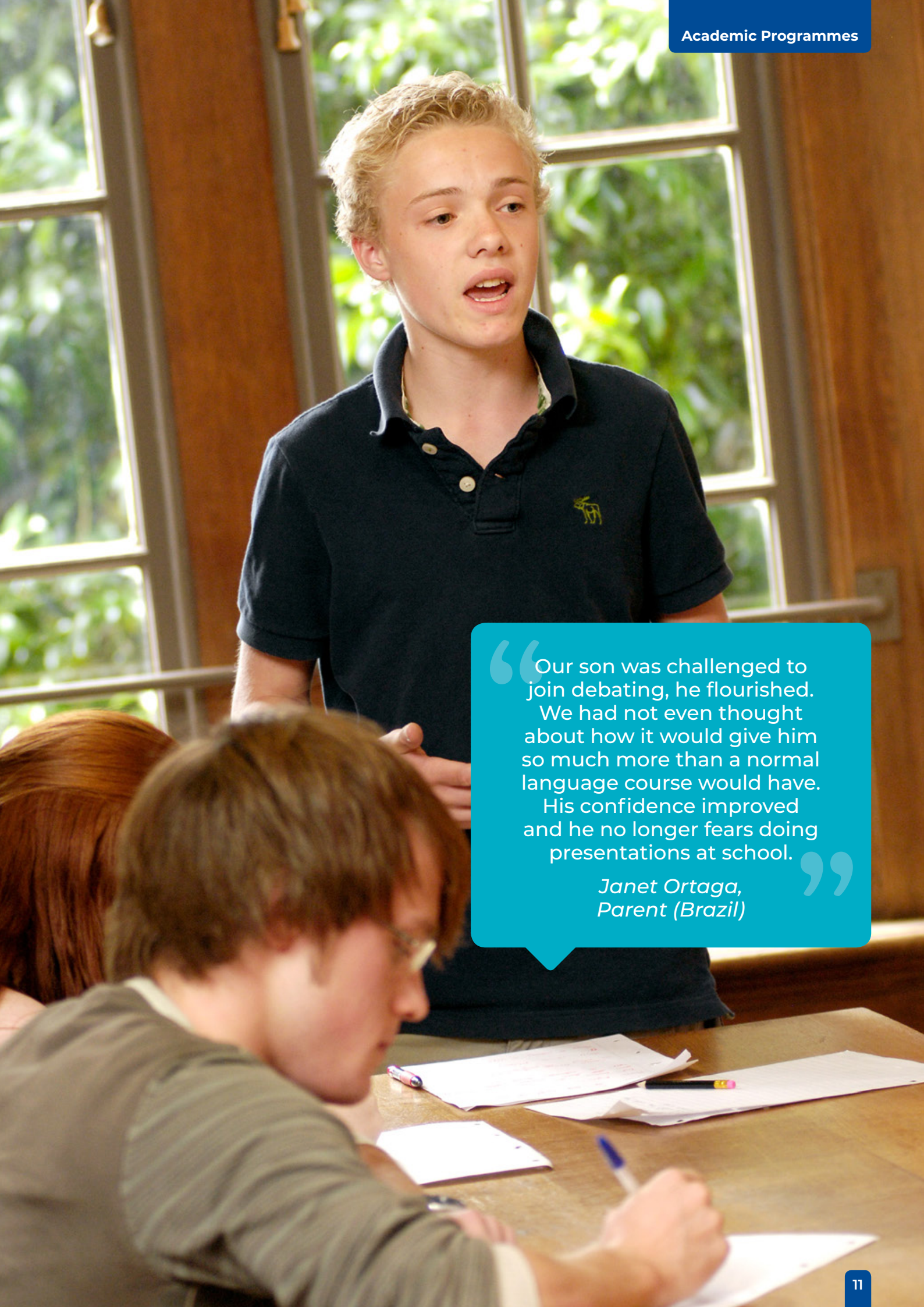
Debaters of all ability levels, from beginners to seasoned debate veterans, will benefit from interactive workshops ranging from the most basic of introductions and public speaking techniques to advanced argument theory and the intricacies of formal British Parliamentary debate.

Leading debate coaches will guide students through all aspects of debate including delivery, organisation, evidence analysis, argument invention and debating theory and students will have the opportunity to take part in energetic debates on exciting contemporary issues of their choice.

Through the development of skills including oral communication, presenting arguments effectively and critical thinking, this course will offer students the chance to learn new and valuable skills. On a personal level, debating encourages students to express themselves with confidence and flair, not just in the classroom but in all aspects of their lives. Also, as entry into the world's leading universities becomes increasingly competitive, many top institutions are now eager to find applicants who have the confidence and ability to think critically and articulate their views.

Guaranteed to give students the edge, inspire them to discover their voice and develop the skills and the confidence to express themselves effectively.





“Our son was challenged to join debating, he flourished. We had not even thought about how it would give him so much more than a normal language course would have. His confidence improved and he no longer fears doing presentations at school.”

*Janet Ortega,
Parent (Brazil)*

PLEASE NOTE: Our Pre-IB academic has been adapted to meet the needs of students in a broader range of school curriculums, and is now an advanced Study Skills course. Study Skills will still include the aspects of our Pre IB programme that made it so beneficial, but it will focus on broader, advanced-level study skills that will be vital for students entering their final years of high school and going on to University

Study Skills

St Andrews

Cambridge

Yale

Our study skills programme is designed for students who are preparing for their final years of high school. It covers advanced level study skills that will give them the tools they need for success in a variety of challenging academic curriculums from the IB Diploma, to A-Levels, SATs and for future University study.

Benefits of Study Skills at ISSOS

- Helps students feel better prepared for the last years of high school
- Improves work habits and general academic skills
- Interactive and practical programme with time to implement the skills taught
- Access to university level materials and online resources
- Increased confidence in presenting and academic ability
- Prepare in advance for university level essay writing and self study
- Increase time management skills and understand how you learn
- 45 hours of tuition (3 hours a day, 5 days a week)

What students will learn

Our bespoke study skills programme has been developed to meet the needs of students going into their final, challenging years of high school.

Over the course of three weeks students will learn a variety of tactics and skills that will help them to use their time effectively. Our teachers will cover everything from goal setting and time management skills, to developing study plans, research skills and essay structuring. They will also give students the tools they need to plan and give comprehensive presentations as well as developing confidence for public speaking

We also work with students to manage exam and academic stress and teach them coping techniques for dealing with the increased workload that they may be facing at this stage of their high school career.

The tutorial style classes are interactive and students will be given time to actively practice and develop all of the skills they are taught on a daily basis.

The skills students gain from this course will not only help them prepare for their final years of high-school, but will be vital as they move on to university study.





IB Extended Essay

St Andrews

This programme is designed to offer all students currently working towards their IB extended essay the chance to combine interactive seminars and in-depth individual research with personal attention from highly qualified mentors.

The interactive skills seminars are designed to equip students with the know-how, skills, experience and confidence necessary to achieve their personal best as well as to pave the way for success in higher education.

Seminar topics and exercises will cover a wide variety of essential skills such as:

- Essay writing (including research techniques, outlining and structuring an argument, editing and formatting)
- Oral presentations and public speaking
- Independent study
- Time management and organisation

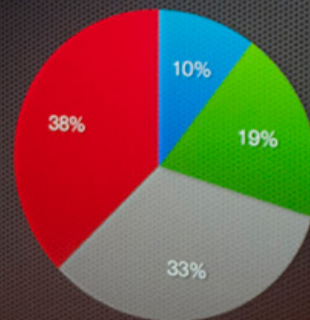
Supervised individual research periods are designed to help students put these skills into action and to make significant progress on the Extended Essay and/or other course work of their choice. Held in the renowned Main Library of the University of St Andrews, these research and study periods provide students with:

- An ideal work environment
- Access to the Main Library of the University of St Andrews – one of the best research facilities in the world
- Thousands of books, journals and reference materials
- Qualified supervisors and mentors to help students access the materials they require

We can give you the skills, experience and resources that will enable you to feel prepared, confident and ready to achieve your personal best.

How often do you find yourself in need of translation services?

● Very often ● Often
● Sometimes ● Not Often



“ Having taken the entrepreneurship course I am thinking of studying business at university, I loved understanding all different elements of what make businesses work. I also learned how to deliver good presentations and gained a lot of confidence in my own abilities. ”

*Raphaeal Anzini,
Student (Italy)*

Business and Entrepreneurship

Cambridge

Yale

At ISSOS we look to prepare students for the future by giving them the skills, confidence and motivation to succeed in life beyond the classroom. Over three weeks our Business and Entrepreneurship programme will introduce students to a world beyond academia, through a series of interactive workshops, practical tasks and case studies. Students will learn about some of the most successful businesses in the world and understand what makes them work.

Students will learn about what it takes to be an entrepreneur and the fundamentals of starting a business and marketing a product. In small groups students will generate ideas for businesses or products and will present these ideas to a panel. In addition, students will research how to market their product and generate interest.

As well as learning to write a business plan students will investigate the inner workings of a

successful company: how a business operates, how to build a successful team and the leadership qualities of effective managers and leaders.

Students are challenged to further develop their interpersonal and leadership skills through an enhanced curriculum that includes:

- Public speaking and presentation skills
- Team building and managing others
- Goal setting and time management
- Marketing of a product and or business

This unique programme introduces students to the world of enterprise and helps students in the classroom and beyond by building their confidence, developing their communication skills and engaging their imagination to discover their passion for business and the opportunities that surround them.

Creative Writing

St Andrews

Yale

Our bespoke Creative Writing programme is designed for students of all levels and interests who have a desire to explore their own potential and challenge themselves creatively.

Introductory and advanced workshops will introduce students to all phases of the writing process, including generating ideas, writing and revising drafts and editing.

- Discover writing through a range of creative projects including essays, short stories and poetry
- Learn the necessary tools and strategies to discover your own voice
- Study the work of individuals and find out how to use the world around you as a source of ideas and inspiration
- Benefit from regular writing practice and balanced critical evaluation
- See your work in print by contributing to the publication – The ISSOS Times

Students write extensively and the course is intended for those who want to understand and harness the forces of creative language to produce original poems, scenes from a play or movie and short stories.

Students are encouraged to submit written pieces to the ISSOS Times and set up a creative blog to share written work of their choice with a wider community.

Students will be challenged creatively and learn to write in a truly inspiring environment.

“My daughter was utterly inspired by her creative writing course, it was not like anything she had done before. ISSOS allowed her the opportunity to explore so many forms of writing. She has already signed up for next year.”

*Isabel Etedgui, Parent
(France)*





“ My son loved every moment of the ISSOS program from the academic to the evening programs, he phoned after 1 week asking if he could sign up again for next year. Wonderfully put together program in an inspiring location.. ”

Chad Grey, Parent (USA)

Journalism

Cambridge

Students at ISSOS who choose our journalism course will be taught to sharpen their research and writing skills and debate social, political and ethical issues. These skills have wide-ranging applications and will stand students in good stead during their education and beyond.

Students will return home with a stronger foundation of journalistic skills and values, and will be equipped with the techniques for writing and editing copy. The course combines inspirational seminars and practical workshops with individual and group exercises:

- Enhance your essay writing skills and learn to structure an argument
- Undertake practical assignments; compile a news report, research and write a feature article or interview a person of interest

- Learn the techniques for editing copy and designing pages for publication
- Use the power of language to communicate effectively and inspire others

Students will investigate current affairs, practice the core journalism skills of interviewing and research and learn to write inspiring and accurate articles on their choice of topic.

As a team, the students on this course will assist in the production of The ISSOS Times, the summer school's newspaper. In addition students will publish their articles weekly on our online journalism blog.

Learn to use the world around you for inspiration and develop your journalistic skills to inform, influence and entertain others.

Youth Leadership

St Andrews

At ISSOS we believe that each student deserves to discover their potential and acquire the skills, confidence and motivation to bring about change.

Over three weeks, our Youth Leadership programme will give students the unique opportunity to take part in a series of interactive workshops, energetic activities and fun-filled challenges. These are specifically designed to inspire and enable each and every student to uncover their unique abilities, develop greater confidence and master strategies for success in the classroom and beyond.

Rather than focusing on any specific school curriculum, this programme will offer hands-on learning, leadership and interpersonal skills, enabling all students, regardless of background, experience or ability level, to get ahead. We want to help students eliminate school stress, while at the same time showing them ways to express themselves, pursue goals, solve problems, resolve conflicts and bring about positive change.

Learn to Lead

Our workshops, activities, individual and group challenges have been designed to encourage and empower young people to become conscientious leaders by giving them the tools and confidence needed to meet today's real-life challenges head-on. Students will learn life skills to help them express themselves and communicate clearly and effectively, as well as develop friendships, support their peers and help others.

Participants are challenged to further develop their interpersonal and leadership skills and confidence through an enhanced curriculum including:

- Self-expression and communication
- Team-building and small group facilitation skills
- Goal-setting and personal motivation
- Social responsibility

Let us help you build your self-confidence and enhance your motivation and ability to make things happen.

Leadership was unique, my son discovered something really new that is not offered in daily school life. Our son can't think of a better place to go, a first-rate summer enrichment programme and he applied immediately on leaving to return next year. Well-balanced and a stronger decision maker are just two of the many positive outcomes.

Alya Cumali,
Mother (Turkey)

Elective Programmes

“I cannot begin to thank ISSOS enough for the confidence my son has gained. He is now ready to go to university with a new found independence and having made life-long friends from all over the world.”

*Karin Bauer,
Parent (Austria)*

Campus Key

This key details where our programmes are offered.

St Andrews

Cambridge

Yale



Tennis

St Andrews

Cambridge

Yale

Students at ISSOS will have the opportunity to work with our professional tennis coaches to learn new skills, achieve their personal goals and develop a love of the game. The course is designed to meet the needs of every student, whether a complete beginner or an advanced level tennis player.

- Benefit from professional and enthusiastic coaching
- Experience tournament and match play
- Develop fundamental skills to improve your game
- Learn the importance of good sportsmanship
- Combine fitness and fun in a learning environment

Beginners will benefit from individual attention and constant encouragement, as well as being taught the skills to develop their basic tennis strokes. Intermediate players will refine their strokes and will learn how to use their strengths to give them an advantage every time they walk on the court. More advanced players also cover spin techniques, positional play, footwork and tactical awareness.

All players have the opportunity to play full-length games and to learn the rules of the game as well as good tennis technique, sportsmanship and general fitness.

This three-week elective will culminate in the ISSOS Tennis tournament, in which all students are invited to participate.





Film

St Andrews

Yale

Our three-week film elective gives students the unique opportunity to discover the fascinating world of filmmaking and to let their imaginations run free. The course provides a practical introduction to all aspects of film craft through a combination of interactive seminars, technical training and hands-on experience behind the camera. Armed with this knowledge, students will then create their very own short films to be screened in front of the entire Summer School.

- Immerse yourself in the process of film-making
- Learn to use industry standard equipment
- Benefit from professional guidance and instruction
- Develop your teamwork and leadership skills as you embark on your own projects
- Discover the excitement and satisfaction of seeing your ideas come to life

Throughout this course, students of all ability levels will benefit from expert tuition on script writing, directing, production management, cinematography and editing, right through to location scouting and set design. Each student will receive instruction in the use of industry standard cameras and editing software. Working in small teams, students will then learn to work within a production crew taking turns to direct, produce and create their own unique films.

This elective has been designed to give students a practical introduction to film-making, while at the same time, helping them to appreciate the rewards of teamwork and the satisfaction of putting their own ideas into action. Students will not only create their own unique films, they will also gain the confidence to express and discuss their ideas, learn what it takes to put their ideas into action and discover the rewards of seeing their ideas come to life on the big screen.



“ Taking outdoor leadership helped me gain confidence and make even more friends from all over the world. The whole programme was an amazing experience. ”

*Michael Doussis,
Student (Greece)*

Outdoor Leadership

Cambridge

Yale

This unique course will develop students' confidence and personal leadership abilities through varied and exciting outdoor activities.

This three-week course is designed for all students, whatever their previous experience of outdoor pursuits and regardless of fitness level. All activities will be led by a professional and all students' abilities catered for. Students will take part in afternoon workshops that will cover a wide range of activities from kayaking to team building exercises. Each workshop has been designed with a specific outcome in mind, be it developing communication skills to help students learn to work as an effective team player, the skills and confidence that will be built during this programme will last far beyond the three weeks and will benefit students in all areas of life.

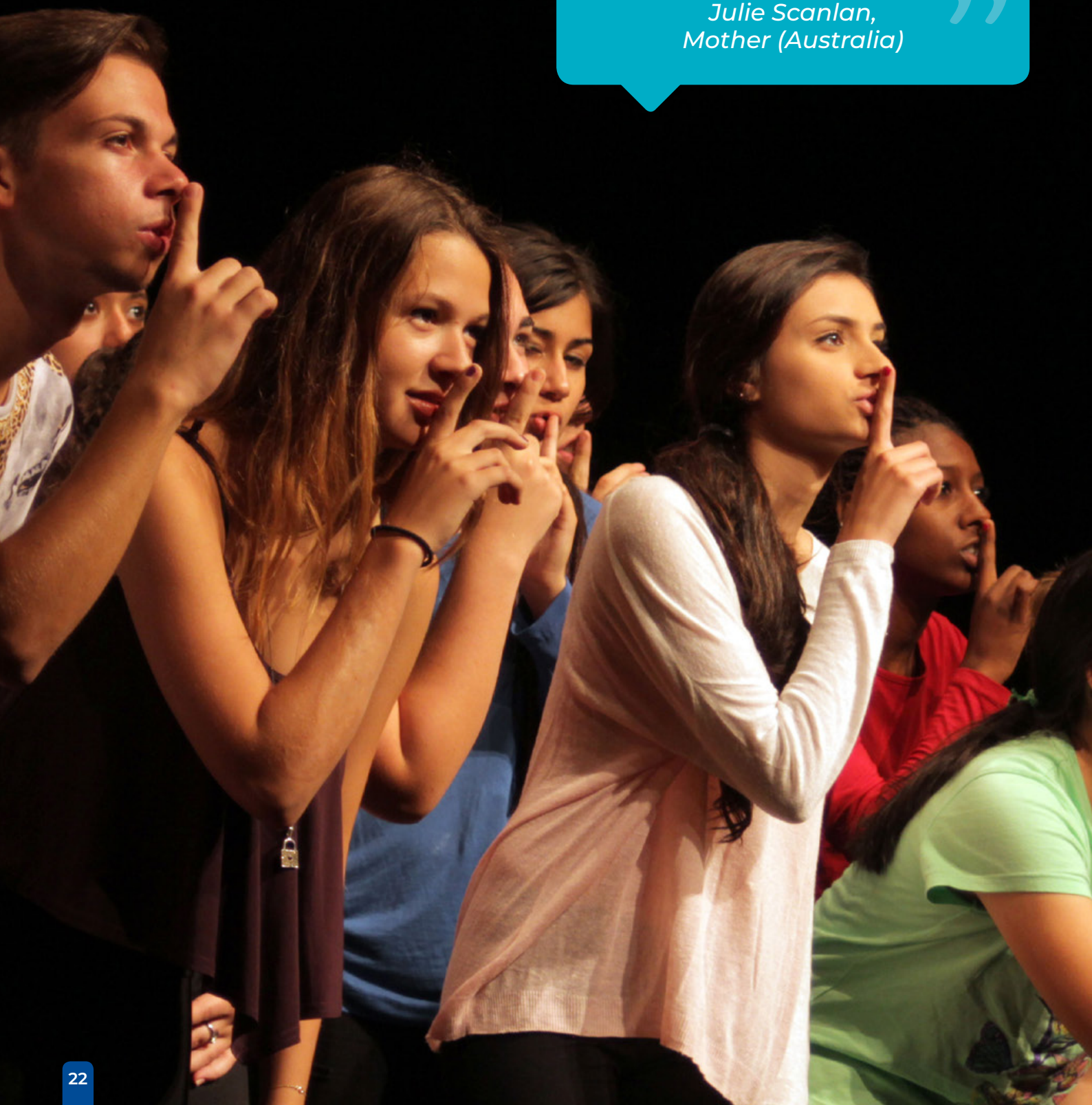
This exciting and above all fun elective is exclusive to ISSOS and will be taught by a qualified instructor.

- Learn to lead through outdoor activity
- Increase your confidence and personal motivation
- Improve your decision-making and communication skills
- Have fun while learning new skills

The Outdoor Leadership programme takes advantage of the wealth of facilities and opportunities available to students in the campus setting. Students will increase their confidence and team working ability in an outdoor setting and all students will be encouraged to reach their personal goals as well as having as much fun as possible while discovering the campus surroundings.

“The theatre programme at ISSOS was a highlight of our daughter’s ISSOS experience. It provided creative direction and freedom for her to develop writing, performance, and communication skills in a unique international environment.”

*Julie Scanlan,
Mother (Australia)*





Theatre

St Andrews

Cambridge

Yale

The imaginative and inspirational theatre course gives students the opportunity to explore and extend their theatrical skills and devise a unique piece of theatre.

Over the three-week period this elective course will combine a series of skill-based masterclasses and ensemble workshops in which students will work as a team under the guidance of a theatre professional to create an exciting piece of original theatre, which will be performed in the final week.

- Develop your performance skills
- Benefit from professional guidance and instruction
- Come together to develop and perform a unique piece of theatre
- Discover your talents and boost your self confidence

This course has been designed specially by theatrical professionals to enthuse all students with a keen interest in the performing arts regardless of previous experience. The combination of classes and ensemble workshops will help students develop a wide variety of skills relating to voice and movement including story-telling, mime and improvisation, as well as giving them experience of ensemble based and devised theatre. Participants will also be offered the opportunity to learn and assist with directing, production and lighting.

This course will encourage all students to discover their theatrical talents and develop their self-confidence, which will stand them in good stead on the stage and beyond.



“ISSOS is like a family and everyone is so friendly. I was able to develop my speaking skills so much and in the afternoon learn all about photography, something I now love. I have never been somewhere you can learn so much while at the same time have so much fun – I didn't want to leave.”

*Julius Andersen,
Student (Germany)*



Photography

Cambridge

Yale

Use our inspiring campuses as a playground of visual stimulation and learn to photograph landscape, portraits of your friends, nature and life in action.

The ISSOS digital photography programme is designed to teach the fundamentals of photography in a fun, informative and inspirational way. Our students will learn to understand the camera and how to use it to produce the desired effect, develop their eye and learn the skills needed to capture, edit and produce quality photographs.

- Learn to view the world around you as an unlimited source of inspiration
- Engage your creative talents and produce photography which inspires others
- Understand the techniques involved in digital photography and learn to edit your photographs for desired effect
- Publish your work in *The ISSOS Times*, the summer school's newspaper



Topics and subjects will be selected daily and students will work with a professional tutor to create quality photographs, which will be showcased at the end of the course in ISSOS's creative exhibition. In addition, the photography students will collaborate with the journalism students on articles covering a variety of topics, culminating in the production of the summer school's newspaper, *The ISSOS Times*.

Learn how to use the art of photography to communicate, tell a story or advertise a product and capture life at ISSOS and the historic campus and surroundings.



“ Both our son and daughter are very good golfers and they enjoyed being challenged at ISSOS. The coaches gave great feedback and advice and they were able to play The Old Course and came home happier and more confident.”

*Marta Oleg,
Parent (Norway)*

Golf

St Andrews



Set in St Andrews, the internationally renowned home of golf, ISSOS offers a truly unique and incomparable golfing experience. Students who choose our golf elective will be offered the unrivalled opportunity to play and learn the game of golf at the St Andrews Dukes Golf Course under PGA qualified instructors.

- Experience playing in St Andrews – the internationally renowned home of golf
- Learn from professional PGA qualified coaches
- Benefit from small group lessons and individual attention
- Improve your skills and maximise your potential
- Discover the game and its fascinating history

This three-week course is designed for students of all abilities, from beginners through to experienced players. Professional coaching and small group lessons, as well as individual tuition, will motivate each player to improve their skills and maximise their potential. In addition, players who already have the appropriate handicap will be offered the outstanding opportunity of playing the most famous golf course in the world – The St Andrews Old Course.

The Dukes Course and the ISSOS golf academy offer the most comprehensive golf teaching available. First class facilities include a driving range, putting green and chipping bunker area, as well as access to the world class Dukes Course.

All ability levels welcome, all equipment provided.

Additional Golf

Students who have a low handicap and wish to play some of St Andrews Links courses may opt to miss cultural trips in order to increase the time spent on the course. This will be at an additional cost to the student but will allow those who are good golfers to maximise their golfing experience in the home of golf and use the coaching offered to take full advantage of some of the worlds best championship courses.



Art

St Andrews

The ISSOS art elective enables students of all levels and abilities to uncover their artistic potential. The course is set to be a unique experience, providing group teaching in an array of styles to ensure that every student finds an area in which to shine.

Whether students already have a passion for a particular artistic technique or are beginners hoping to awaken their creativity, this program offers something for everyone. Students will study a wide range of methods, from line drawing and oil painting to more contemporary practices such as still photography and cartoon illustration. Their projects could be as diverse as painting a self-portrait onto canvas to designing an album cover for their favourite band – the possibilities are endless!

In terms of location, few settings lend themselves to the budding artist as well as St Andrews. Not only is the superb natural scenery a stunning subject for landscape art, we are also ideally placed



to visit some of Britain's best-known art galleries in nearby Glasgow and Edinburgh.

We take full advantage of all these possibilities and ensure that our students are never short of inspiration.

- Explore your artistic ability in a fun and relaxed setting
- Gain inspiration from visits to famous art galleries and exhibitions
- Develop and hone your skills in a range of artistic techniques
- Have your work showcased in the ISSOS art exhibition

The advantages of the relaxed and stimulating environment we offer at ISSOS are clear in the work that is produced by the students during their stay. To acknowledge their achievements, work is put on display in a final week art exhibition for all to admire.

Cultural Trips and Activities



“ The claim ISSOS is ‘The experience of a lifetime’ could not be more true. Our son has had this experience four times – just amazing, exciting and inspiring. The programme is extremely well designed and fosters self confidence, team building, global friendships, sport and cultural development, just to name a few.

*Markus Strongmuller,
Parent (Germany)* ”



Evening Programmes and Activities

In addition to cultural trips, every evening students take part in a full summer school evening programme. These are designed to cater to everyone and range from sporting activities to creative pursuits and include: Dodgeball, Ultimate Frisbee, Urban Orienteering, Mini Olympics, Variety Show, Guest Speakers Debate, Scottish country Dancing, Movie Night, Disco and many more.

As well as evening programmes all students are offered the option of taking part in activities after elective classes have finished, these are optional and are based on what students show an interest in from sport to creativity. With such a varied selection of activities on offer, we are confident that each and every student will enjoy this aspect of the ISSOS experience.

Weekend Workshops

Students will also have the opportunity to choose from a variety of Sunday workshops – fun additions to the weekly programme that provide our students with the chance to try their hand at something different. Whether this involves handball, volleyball on the beach, learning to write a comedy sketch, or honing skills in still photography, our action-packed Sunday programme offers activities to suit every taste.

Cultural Trips

Over the course of the three weeks all students will experience the best of what each location has to offer in an incredibly varied day trip programme. Students will have the opportunity to discover the surrounding cities and historic landmarks that make each location unique. As a sample of the trips that are available to students:

St Andrews

Edinburgh, Scotland's capital and Glasgow, Europe's No. 1 shopping city, as well as some of Scotland's most beautiful castles and cultural sites.

Cambridge

Oxford, one of England's most famous university cities and Windsor, the historical town and castle. Students will also visit some of England's best palaces and museums.

Yale

New York and Boston, two of America's most famous and exciting cities, where students will be given options to explore the parts of the city of most interest to them. In addition students will benefit from visits to museums, the Connecticut Science Centre and local cultural sites.



Groups and Clans



“ This was my son’s 4th year at ISSOS, he has been given invaluable gifts from ISSOS; amazing friendships, motivation and focus. ISSOS has encouraged him to study abroad and given him the confidence to do so. ISSOS is a professionally led and rich program, that I highly recommend. ”

*Silvia Lichnovsky,
Parent (Slovakia)*

At ISSOS one of our main aims is to make sure students are safe and have the best experience possible by making friends from all over the world and by being involved in everything ISSOS has to offer. One of the many ways that we achieve this is with the way in which we are structured. At ISSOS students become part of an ever growing international family and while at the summer school are split in to groups and clans that are integral to the ISSOS experience.

Groups

When students arrive at ISSOS they will have been pre-assigned to a group that is headed up by an ISSOS counselor. The groups are divided up between male and female and are assigned based on age. There are normally 8–12 students in a group and they stay in the same area of halls and their counselor is there to make sure they are safe and happy at all times. Each group is named after a Scottish island or river and students form close bonds.



Clans

At ISSOS we like to celebrate our Scottish roots, as a result the ISSOS clan system has become a central part of the student experience. ISSOS has four student clans: MacDonal, Stewart, MacGregor and Wallace and one staff clan; Munro. Each clan is represented by a different colour and students are given a clan t-shirt when they are welcomed into a clan at an Evening Programme called Clan Calling.

Brothers and sisters of alumni will be welcomed into the same clan and returning students are always part of their original clan.

Clans are the heart and soul of healthy competition and good sportsmanship. During the three weeks, clans compete in a variety of Evening Programmes (Dodgeball, Urban Orienteering, Mini Olympics and more) where points are awarded. In the final week the clan games culminate in the ISSOS Highland Games.

The clans are an important part of ISSOS and foster team work, bonding and teach leadership skills while building confidence in every student.



The ISSOS Family

Teachers and Counselors

At ISSOS we pride ourselves on a professional, highly qualified and motivated staff. All of our teachers have been carefully selected from academic institutions around the world for their qualifications, expertise and experience. They bring with them a passion for teaching and interacting with young people within both our academic and extracurricular programmes that is second to none.

There is a staff:student ratio of 1:5 and we aim to provide as much individual attention as possible, by limiting students coming from one nationality to 10% we are also able to guarantee a truly international experience. This creates and encourages a supportive learning environment for our students, who also have the opportunity of having fun and making new friends from around the world. The close interaction of staff and students, both in and out of the classroom, greatly enriches the academic and elective experience and contributes to the summer being a productive and enjoyable experience for all.



In addition to teaching staff we have a dedicated team of summer school counselors who are resident at ISSOS to provide 24 hour supervision and whose primary responsibility is the welfare of all students. Our counselors are brilliant role models and inject an infectious energy and enthusiasm into ISSOS. The success of our programme rests on our dedicated and enthusiastic teachers and counselors and their common goal to make ISSOS a truly unique and rewarding experience for every student.



*We work together, we play together,
we live and grow together. We are
the ISSOS International Family.*

ISSOS Students

ISSOS attracts students from all over the world, representing over 80 nationalities, thereby creating an international community and exposing students to an exciting variety of cultures, languages, and backgrounds. It is important to note that we only accept 10% of any one nationality to guarantee a truly international mix.

ISSOS welcomes students who are native English speakers as well as those who have English as a second language, creating a unique environment where everyone learns from one another. Students come to ISSOS for a variety of different reasons, some to get ahead academically, some to improve their English, others to build their confidence or have their first experience away from home; what ever the reason a student decides to come to ISSOS they will be welcomed into an international community and will have The Experience of a Lifetime.

“ISSOS is the best summer programme we have experienced! The ISSOS experience is of outstanding quality. My two daughters have attended both St Andrews and Cambridge where they gained confidence, made great progress in their English and made new international friends. They both insist it was their best summer experience ever!”

*Caroline Macharis,
Parent (Belgium)*



Additional Information

Accommodation

ISSOS students are housed in the safe and self contained halls of residence in the grounds of the University. We have senior staff and counselors who live in the halls of residence full time to supervise students. The accommodation at each university provides students with a 'home away from home' for the duration of the three week programme.

With their oak panelled common rooms, expansive dining areas, beautiful libraries and picturesque gardens, these university halls have been home to many famous scholars and provide an incredible setting for ISSOS over summer.

Bedrooms

Rooms are either single or shared with one other student. If students are sharing it will always be with a student of the same gender and age but of a different nationality, this promotes and enhances the international atmosphere at ISSOS. (A full rooming policy is available on our website)

Classrooms

All academic classrooms are located within the University campus and are a short walk from the halls of residence. Elective programmes are taught in a variety of locations close to the campus and where appropriate we take full advantage of the facilities the Universities have to offer.

Computer Facilities

Students are asked to bring a laptop for academic purposes and will have access to the university Wi-Fi while on campus.



Eligibility

Students must be aged 13-18 years old and returning to high school.

Dates and Cost

For this years dates and costs please contact our head office or go to our website; www.issos.com

The cost of the summer school covers: tuition, accommodation, course materials and equipment; insurance; trips and excursions; evening activities and cultural events; the highland games and airport transfers from/to designated airport.

How To Apply

Apply online on our website www.issos.com/apply and fill in the application form.

Travel Arrangements

Parents/guardians are responsible for making travel arrangements for students to reach ISSOS campus/ designated airport. All students will be met by a member of ISSOS staff at the designated airport and accompanied on their journey to the campus. Please see website for designated airport at each campus and for any assistance with flights.

See ISSOS In Action

For films of ISSOS go to: www.issos.com and visit our Media Gallery.

Join us on Social Media



Questions

Our admissions office will be happy to help with any queries or issues that you may have regarding the application process.

Please call us on **+44(0) 3300 777 247**, we look forward to speaking with you.

“Our daughter has made so much progress at ISSOS, her English has improved significantly, she has a wonderful network of friends from all over the world and she feels confident about applying to University. A brilliant experience that I would recommend to everyone.”

Michael Doussis, Student (Greece)



“ISSOS is unlike any other summer school we have experienced, from the first phone call we felt comfortable, safe and genuinely cared for. At the summer school our son grew in confidence, he made lovely friends from all over the world and learnt so much about different cultures and himself. He returned home motivated, happy and confident.

I think what makes ISSOS so different is that they really care about their students and make sure they have the best possible experience. I met the staff at the parents reception, what amazing role models and genuinely friendly people.

I wish I could have gone to ISSOS.”

*Caroline Powell,
Parent (Switzerland)*

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