



RATCLIFFE
COLLEGE

CO-ED • CATHOLIC • DAY & BOARDING • 3-18

IMMERSION PROGRAMME

FOR AGES 10 TO 17 |

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE RATCLIFFE EXPERIENCE



Welcome from the Headmaster.

Ratcliffe College is a leading independent, co-educational Catholic boarding and day school for students aged 3 to 18, located in the heart of rural Leicestershire, central England.

We are delighted you have shown an interest in joining our Immersion Programme.

Designed especially for international students aged 10 - 17, our Immersion programme offers a unique opportunity to live and study in a traditional British, Catholic boarding school for two to four weeks during term time. With flexible entry points in the Autumn, Spring, or Summer Terms.

Our uniquely designed Immersion Programme combines full participation in the British school curriculum with a rich variety of traditional cultural experiences, trips, and boarding activities each week. In addition, students receive specialist English Language lessons aimed at developing all core language skills - reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

As a Catholic school rooted in Rosminian values, Ratcliffe College offers a warm and inclusive environment where every student is recognised as a unique part of God's creation. We nurture a strong sense of dignity, self-worth, and belonging, fostering supportive and caring relationships throughout our school community.

Becoming part of our busy school and diverse boarding community, home to over 20 nationalities, students will live and learn alongside Ratcliffe students from the UK and around the world. They will form lasting friendships, while developing independence and resilience, setting a foundation for potential full-time study abroad in the future.

Beyond the classroom, there are over 100 co-curricular activities each week to explore - ranging from sports, and music to drama, debating, outdoor education and aspirational leadership opportunities - all aimed at nurturing creativity, teamwork, and personal growth.

With twice-weekly excursions to historic towns and cities across England, students will not only improve their English but gain an understanding of British heritage and culture.

We look forward to welcoming you to Ratcliffe College.

Mr Jonathan Reddin,
Headmaster.

Discover the richness of British culture, make
lifelong friends, and take the first step to
experience life in a historic and traditional,
British Boarding School.



A FULLY IMMERSIVE,
BRITISH EDUCATIONAL
EXPERIENCE.

THE RATCLIFFE COLLEGE IMMERSION EXPERIENCE



Group and individual bookings are welcome.

Experience life at Ratcliffe College for **2, 3, or 4 weeks during term time**. International students who join us for an Immersion programme are fully immersed into lessons alongside Ratcliffe College students, allowing them to improve their English, gain confidence, and experience British boarding school life first-hand.



For International
students aged
10 - 17



Join us all year
round
(term time only)



2, 3, 4 week
programmes

This all-inclusive programme includes:

- Twice-weekly cultural and educational trips
- Full-board accommodation in our boarding houses on campus
- Airport transfers (complimentary to and from London Heathrow and Birmingham International Airport only)
- All study materials and academic support
- A wide range of weekly boarding activities and local shopping visits
- A balanced schedule of academic study and English Language lesson support (EAL)
- School Uniform - can be arranged upon request with our second-hand uniform shop or purchased directly through our official online uniform suppliers prior to arrival.

Entry Requirements

No formal entry test or interview is necessary. International students must submit a recent study report that details their current academic standing and achievements. We encourage students to send a short self-recorded welcome video before arrival to help us get to know them better ahead of joining the programme.

WHY CHOOSE RATCLIFFE?

Over the course of this programme, students will have the unique opportunity to live, learn, and take part in everyday life within an authentic British Boarding school environment.

Students follow the English curriculum, joining lessons alongside Ratcliffe College students and take part in a wide range of co-curricular and cultural activities.

Whether students wish to improve their English, experience British traditions, or gain an introduction to the English education system, the Immersion Programme provides the perfect foundation.

As an outstanding Catholic school, Ratcliffe College offers a warm, inclusive community where faith, learning, and personal growth are at the heart of everything we do. Every student is valued, supported, and inspired to thrive throughout their stay.



A fully immersive, educational experience

Experience lessons on campus with Ratcliffe College students and learn from expert teachers who are passionate about their subject.



State-of-the-art facilities

Make the most of our fantastic living and innovative learning spaces, with everything on your doorstep.



Cultural enrichment and traditions

Engage in traditional, Catholic, British school events and ceremonies.



Improve your English Language skills

Enhance your English skills, vocabulary and speaking skills through immersive learning and daily interactions with British students, teaching and boarding staff.



Enjoy 100+ co-curricular activities

Participate in a wide variety of co-curricular offerings, including sport, CCF, art, music, drama, STEM, maths and much more, making new friends along the way.



Diverse, safe and nurturing community

Our Immersion Programme Co-ordinator and Boarding Teams will ensure a smooth transition into school life at Ratcliffe College.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

IMMERSIVE ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Students will be placed in classes suited to their age, ability and interests, where they will study a range of subjects including English, Mathematics, Science, Art, History, and Design and Technology. Lessons are designed to be interactive and engaging, encouraging students to think critically and work collaboratively alongside Ratcliffe students.

EXPLORE DIFFERENT CULTURES

Throughout the programme, students will have the chance to participate in traditional British school events, such as House competitions and will attend local excursions to famous historical sites and cities. These experiences offer a deep-dive into British culture.

LIVE ON CAMPUS

Students will stay in one of our two boarding houses (Girls' House/Boys' House), where they will share living spaces with British and other international students. This offers a fantastic opportunity to form new friendships, practice their

English, and learn about different cultures in a supportive and safe environment, all located at the heart of our campus.

GET INVOLVED IN CO-CURRICULAR

Beyond the classroom, students can get involved in a wide range of co-curricular activities during their stay with us, including:

- Outdoor educational activities, such as archery and mountain biking.
- Musical theatre, choir, music ensembles and Drama.
- Chaplaincy.
- Leadership and presenting.
- Business and Enterprise.
- Maths challenges.
- STEM club.
- Design and Technology.
- Art, Design and Photography, painting and sculpture.
- Combined Cadet Force.
- Sports: Football, Rugby, Tennis, Hockey, Golf, Netball, Athletics, Swimming, Badminton and much more!

A BEAUTIFUL, SAFE AND RURAL LOCATION IN THE HEART OF ENGLAND

Ratcliffe College is set on a stunning 200-acre campus in rural Leicestershire. Living and studying in such a calm, physical environment creates a safe and secure space for students to flourish. At the heart of Ratcliffe is a welcoming, family-oriented community that quickly feels like a home-from-home. Here, every student is known, valued, and guided to reach their full potential.

Conveniently situated with excellent transport connections to London, Cambridge, and Oxford, Ratcliffe College offers the perfect balance between the peacefulness of rural life and easy access to the UK's most famous cities, historic towns, and iconic landmarks, all just a short journey away.

THE CAMPUS BOASTS FROM:



**TWO SPORTS
HALLS**



**MODERN ON-SITE
ACCOMMODATION**



**STATE-OF-THE-ART
FITNESS SUITE**



**EXTENSIVE GRASS AND
ASTRO-TURF PITCHES**



**FLOOD-LIT
TENNIS COURTS**



**TRANQUIL
LOCKHART GARDEN**



**25M SWIMMING
POOL**



**CARBON-ZERO
BUILDINGS**



**TRADITIONAL
SURROUNDINGS**



**EXCELLENT CATERING
AND DINING FACILITIES**



**OUTSTANDING
TEACHING FACILITIES**



**ART AND
PHOTOGRAPHY
STUDIO**



SPACE TO FLOURISH,
A PLACE TO BELONG.

HOW TO FIND US

Situated in the East Midlands on the A46, between the cities of Nottingham and Leicester.

Ratcliffe College is conveniently located for the national motorway network and within close proximity to several airports.



NEAREST AIRPORTS

- East Midlands (45 Minutes)
- *Birmingham International (1 Hour)
- London Stansted (2 Hours)
- *London Heathrow (2.5 Hours)

***Free transfers included:**

Complimentary transfers to and from Ratcliffe College are provided for arrivals and departures at:

- **Birmingham International Airport**
- **London Heathrow Airport**







MODERN BOARDING FACILITIES

Ratcliffe College is blessed with a nurturing family ethos, within its diverse boarding community. Our newly refurbished, modern Boarding rooms and communal areas have added a fresh dimension to our Boarding Houses.

Rooms in the Boys' and Girls' Boarding Houses are comfortable, clean, modern spaces which cater specifically for the needs of young people. The Boarding Houses are safe and secure, with fantastic communal and kitchen areas for all students to relax and unwind after a fun-filled day. Students stay in single, double, or triple bedrooms dependent on their age. To help students settle in and make new friends, we encourage sharing rooms with Ratcliffe boarding students, creating a welcoming and supportive community during their stay.

Each bedroom is furnished with a single bed, desk, and draw and wardrobe storage space. Separate facilities for boys and girls are shared within the houses.

Our central Boarders' Lounge is a great space to socialise with friends, keep in touch with family and step away from academic life. The lounge includes a pool table, flat-screen television, music station, comfortable seating and well-equipped kitchenette.

All our homemade meals are cooked from fresh local ingredients on site and served daily in our historic Refectory. Laundry is free-of-charge on-site. WiFi access is provided throughout the campus, allowing students to easily keep in contact with their families at restricted times.



A global,
multi-cultural
community



Single, double,
or triple rooms
available



Vibrant Weekly
Boarding
Activities
Programme



Excellent catering
and dining
facilities.



Supportive
and nurturing
environment.

WHAT THE STUDENTS SAY...



I enjoyed every moment of the programme, from the lessons to the weekly trips. It was amazing to meet students from all over the world and experience life in a British boarding school.

Marco, Italy.



The Immersion Programme was a fantastic opportunity to improve my English and discover British culture. The teachers were very supportive, and I loved making friends from so many different countries.”

Camille, France.



I loved the boarding life, and the teachers were very welcoming and supportive. I especially enjoyed the Summer Activity Week - it was a great experience.

Antonin, France.



Living and studying at Ratcliffe College helped me gain confidence in speaking English. The excursions and activities were so much fun, and I felt really welcomed by everyone.

Li Wei, China.



I loved the friendly atmosphere and the chance to explore England through the organised trips. The teachers really helped me with my English, and the boarding house felt like a second home.

Lena, Switzerland.





SCAN TO TOUR OUR
CAMPUS FACILITIES



WINTER TERM EXEMPLAR SCHEDULE

International students will take part in EAL lessons (if required) and academic lessons, Monday to Friday. Each lesson is one hour long. Trips and activities can be tailored to personal interests.

Week 1	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
7.15am	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	9am: Boarders' Brunch	10am: Boarders' Brunch
Period 1	EAL	EAL	 Day Trip to Harry Potter Studios	EAL	EAL	 Day Trip to Stratford Upon Avon - home of Shakespeare	 Shopping trip to Fosse Park and Eatery
Period 2	EAL	EAL		EAL	EAL		
11.00 am - 11.20am	Break	Break		Break	Break		
Period 3	Maths	Business		Languages	Music		
Period 4	Music	Outdoor Education		English Lit	Drama		
1.15pm - 2.15pm	Lunch	Lunch		Lunch	Lunch		
Period 5	Computer Science	Games		Games	Business		
Period 6	History	Games		Games	Biology		
4.10pm - 5.40pm	Prep / Co-Curricular	Prep / Co-Curricular	Prep / Co-Curricular	Prep / Co-Curricular	Prep / Co-Curricular	Free time	Free time
6.00pm	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper
7pm - 9pm	Boarders' Lounge games	Sports and Night Prayer	Fire Pit Night	Bake Off and Night Prayer	Running Club	Film Night	Boarders' Lounge games
From 9pm	In House	In House	In House	In House	In House	In House	In House

WINTER TERM EXEMPLAR SCHEDULE

International students will take part in EAL lessons (if required) and academic lessons, Monday to Friday. Each lesson is one hour long. Trips and activities can be tailored to personal interests.

Week 2	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
7.15am	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	9am: Boarders' Brunch	10am: Boarders' Brunch
Period 1	EAL	EAL	 Day Trip to Warwick Castle	EAL	EAL	 Day Trip to Cambridge	 Go Karting with the Boarding Community
Period 2	EAL	EAL		EAL	EAL		
11.00 am - 11.20am	Break	Break		Break	Break		
Period 3	Maths	Business		Languages	Music		
Period 4	Biology	Geography		Outdoor Education	Drama		
1.15pm - 2.15pm	Lunch	Lunch		Lunch	Lunch		
Period 5	Technology	Games		Games	Art / Design		
Period 6	History	Games		Games	Maths		
4.10pm - 5.40pm	Prep / Co-Curricular	Prep / Co-Curricular	Prep / Co-Curricular	Prep / Co-Curricular	Prep / Co-Curricular	Free time	Free time
6.00pm	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper
7pm - 9pm	Boarders' Lounge games	Sports and Night Prayer	Fire Pit Night	Bake Off and Night Prayer	Running Club	Film Night	Boarders' Lounge games
From 9pm	In House	In House	In House	In House	In House	In House	In House



SUMMER TERM EXEMPLAR SCHEDULE

International students will take part in EAL lessons (if required) and academic lessons, Monday to Friday. Each lesson is one hour long. Trips and activities can be tailored to personal interests.

Week 1	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
7.15am	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	9am: Boarders' Brunch	10am: Boarders' Brunch
Period 1	EAL	EAL	 Day Trip to Nottingham Castle	EAL	EAL	 Day Trip to Oxford	 Boarders' Summer Inflatable Fun day and BBQ
Period 2	EAL	EAL		EAL	EAL		
11.00 am - 11.20am	Break	Break		Break	Break		
Period 3	Maths	Business		 Senior School Sports Day	Music		
Period 4	Biology	Geography			Drama		
1.15pm - 2.15pm	Lunch	Lunch			Lunch		
Period 5	Technology	Games			Art / Design		
Period 6	History	Games			Maths		
4.10pm - 5.40pm	Prep / Co-Curricular	Prep / Co-Curricular	Art Exhibition	Prep / Co-Curricular	Prep / Co-Curricular	Free time	Free time
6.00pm	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper
7pm - 9pm	Boarders' Lounge games	Sports and Night Prayer	Boarders' Rounders	Bake Off and Night Prayer	Running Club	Film Night	Boarders' Lounge games
From 9pm	In House	In House	In House	In House	In House	In House	In House

SUMMER TERM EXEMPLAR SCHEDULE

International students will take part in EAL lessons (if required) and academic lessons, Monday to Friday. Each lesson is one hour long. Trips and activities can be tailored to personal interests.

Week 2	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
7.15am	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	9am: Boarders' Brunch	10am: Boarders' Brunch
Period 1	EAL	EAL	 Day Trip to Leicester Space Centre	EAL	EAL	 Shopping Trip to Nottingham	 Outdoor Pursuits with the Boarding Community
Period 2	EAL	EAL		EAL	EAL		
11.00 am - 11.20am	Break	Break		Break	Break		
Period 3	Maths	Business		Languages	Music		
Period 4	Biology	Geography		Outdoor Education	Drama		
1.15pm - 2.15pm	Lunch	Lunch		Lunch	Lunch		
Period 5	Technology	Games		Games	Art / Design		
Period 6	History	Games		Games	Maths		
4.10pm - 5.40pm	Prep / Co-Curricular	Prep / Co-Curricular	Prep / Co-Curricular	Prep / Co-Curricular	Prep / Co-Curricular	Free time	Free time
6.00pm	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	 Summer Picnic Concert	Supper
7pm - 9pm	Boarders' Lounge games	Sports and Night Prayer	Boarders' Rounders	Yoga and Night Prayer	Running Club		Boarders' Lounge games
From 9pm	In House	In House	In House	In House	In House	In House	In House

SUMMER TERM EXEMPLAR SCHEDULE

Activities Week: During the final few days on campus, students attending the Summer Immersion Programme participate in our school-wide Activities Week, and enjoy a variety of fun activities and trips, such as:

Week 2	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs
7.15am	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	 Departure Day
Period 1	British Youth Theatre Workshop	Maths Challenge	 Wimbledon Tennis experience day OR Lord's Cricket experience day	
Period 2				
11.00 am - 11.20am	Break	Break		
Period 3	Printmaking Art Workshop and Artist visit	Creative Writing and Author Visit		
Period 4				
1.15pm - 2.15pm	Lunch	Lunch		
Period 5	PSHCE and Leicestershire Outdoor Pursuits	STEM afternoon at Leicester Space Centre		
Period 6				
4.10pm - 5.40pm				
6.00pm	Supper	Supper	Supper	
7pm - 9pm	Campus summer walk - Hike to Bethlehem	Talent Show	Summer Garden Games	
From 9pm	In House	In House	In House	



BOOK YOUR PLACE ON THE RATCLIFFE IMMERSION PROGRAMME:



Bookings for our Immersion Programme are open all year round. Places are limited, so we encourage you to apply early to secure your spot.

- STEP 1:** Visit our website to complete the booking form and accept our terms and conditions.
- STEP 2:** Submit your English level, personal details, and interests. You will then receive confirmation of your placement.
- STEP 3:** Once the booking form is submitted, the medical form will automatically appear for you to complete.
- STEP 4:** Send your transfer and flight details to immersion@ratcliffecollege.com.
- STEP 5:** Virtual Q&A session invites will be sent separately a few weeks before the programme start date to answer any final questions about the timetable and arrangements.





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