



RATCLIFFE
COLLEGE

An independent, Catholic,
co-educational boarding school
in Leicestershire, UK.

English Language Summer School

Suitable
for ages
11 – 15



Ratcliffe College Summer School 2023

24th July - 18th August

£1,000 per week*

Apply now: www.ratcliffecollege.com/summerschool

** Includes all accommodation, food, teaching materials, excursions and activities
as well as transport to and from airports on arrival and departure dates.*



Why choose Ratcliffe College?

Our ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Summer School programme is perfect for children who want to learn English in whilst engaging in a range of creative and academic pursuits, all whilst experiencing school life at a traditional British boarding school.



ISI

Independent
Schools
Inspectorate

Judged
'Excellent'
across all areas in
2022 ISI Inspection

Proud to be in the **Top 1%**
in the country for value
added at A Level



A boarding community which
is friendly and supportive with
a unique 'family feel'.

Outstanding Examination Results

OVERALL

100% Pass Rate

A LEVELS

97% of students achieved A* - C

100% of students achieved
A/A* in Mathematics

GCSES

95% of students achieved
Grade 4 or above



Ongoing investment in facilities

Welcome from the Headmaster

Thank you for considering Ratcliffe College as your choice of destination for your child's 2023 Summer School experience.

Along with our beautiful rural setting and location, we are proud to say that we are a very warm and welcoming community, with a real home-from-home feel and excellent pastoral care. This means boarders and visitors to our school settle in very well and very quickly feel like part of the family.



As an HMC boarding and day school with over 175 years' experience of educating young people and excellent facilities set in 200 acres of beautiful grounds, this is the perfect environment to develop your skills in English, socialise with students aged 11-15 from other countries and immerse yourself in a wide variety of cultural, musical and sporting extra-curricular activities.

Although you may only be part of our special community for just a few weeks, our home is your home during your summer stay, and we are confident you will have a great experience and will want to return each year, or perhaps as join us full time as a boarder!

Mr J. P. Reddin
Headmaster

Encouraging **Big-Ideas**

Pastoral Support



Catholic Values



Excellent Pastoral Care



Close Knit Family-Feel



Safe Rural Location



Experienced Support Staff



Home from Home

The happiness, safety and wellbeing of every single student is central to everything we do here at Ratcliffe College and we make sure every student feels fully supported throughout their experience. We provide a personal tutor as well as dedicated members of Boarding Staff who live on site and are always on call to help in any way they can.

The school facilities and grounds are perfectly designed for student wellbeing, with an on-site Chapel for prayer and meditation as well as the beautiful Lockhart Garden which provides a calm and tranquil space if they need some quiet time during the busy day.

Students also get regular PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship

Education) sessions, which focus on everything from mental health, to relationship advice, social media and charity work.

Here at Ratcliffe College we are extremely proud that we achieved the Gold Anti-Bullying award and have a student Samaritans scheme, which provides an opportunity to talk to peers of the same age group about any potential problems.

We also have onsite medical staff at all times, the Medical Centre is open 24 hours a day and our caring team are available to help all students with short term and long term physical and mental health matters.



Boarding

Our Boarding Community consists of two houses: a boys house and a girls house. Both houses, although located in different areas of the main school building, are very much united and part of the Ratcliffe boarding family. There are three Senior House Staff for each boarding house, two matrons, three medical staff and six Graduate Assistants.

Our community is based around support, encouragement and trust and we cherish our family ethos and atmosphere where we all grow and learn together. We all eat together in the main school Refectory and we have the Boarders' Lounge and Activities Room as well as the Snack Shack as shared communal spaces.

We have no Exeat weekends: we never close in term time and we guarantee a lovely and varied weekend programme. Houses do close during the holidays, so boarders are expected to return home or stay with guardians. The school of course provides and organises transport services to airports whenever necessary.



To find out more about boarding, visit www.ratcliffecollege.com/boarding.

Our Facilities

Sport Facilities

- Floodlit tennis and netball courts
- Athletics track
- 25m Swimming pool
- Two all-weather pitches
- A £1.3 million state-of-the-art Fitness Suite
- A second additional £2.3 million sports hall



English Language Centre

This £2.5 million project is Ratcliffe's first carbon-zero building, with a passive air system monitoring the CO2 levels, keeping the air fresh and students awake and alert whilst learning. The building features nine new classrooms with four entrance atriums as well as a green roof with 40 solar panels.



Catering Servery

Ratcliffe continues the school's commitment to the ongoing improvement of our catering service to the students by updating our school servery. This includes purpose built units, two islands and an ambient/cooling area for food, fruit and drinks and a salad bar, with new ceramic hobs and open kitchen serving hatch.



Lockhart Garden

Our award winning Lockhart Garden was created for the emotional health and wellbeing of Ratcliffe College. Acting as the school's centre piece, it provides a peaceful place for students, staff and visitors to take time out and reflect quietly.



Rosmini Sixth Form Centre

Our modern Rosmini Sixth Form Centre provides fantastic facilities. It includes computer suites and library spaces as well as lounge and meeting rooms. This year, the café refurbishment includes booths and a soft seating area, open windows and a variety of seats with power and USB points available. Tended by a full-time barista, fuelling students for the day ahead of them. Preparing our students for university and independence.



Music Facilities

We have a Theatre on site as well as traditional Music Room, rehearsal spaces and individual practice rooms. We offer one-to-one sessions and specialist teaching in your child's chosen instrument.



Computer Suites

We have state-of-the-art computer suites for pupils to utilise. Our computer and media suites contain industry standard equipment.

To take a virtual tour, visit www.ratcliffecollege.com/about/facilities

Summer School

The Art and English Summer School Course

This two-week course will focus on learning and using a variety of techniques to create pieces of Art. This could include drawing, painting, print-making and photography. At the same time, students will follow an English course which aims to develop their English language skills, with a focus on the vocabulary of the Art world as well as everyday functional language skills. All four language skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing) will be covered, with the emphasis falling on conversational language. The course will include trips to visitor attractions relevant to the Art and English course, for example we could visit the Harry Potter Studio Tour in the first week and Shakespeare's Birthplace in the second week. Activities would then take place based on these visits.

The Science and English Summer School Course

This two-week course will focus on developing an understanding of scientific English language as well as exploring the world of Science. The students will explore various scientific concepts across the different disciplines in their science lessons, while further exploring their understanding of scientific English in their English lessons. They will also cover the everyday functional language skills in English, developing their understanding and ability to use the skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing. The emphasis will fall on developing their conversational language skills though. The course will include trips to visitor attractions relevant to the Science and English Course, for example we could visit the National Space Centre and the IWM Duxford, which includes the AirSpace museum and the American Air Museum, amongst others. Activities and further learning based on these visits will then take place back at Ratcliffe.



Summer School Programme

Details

The English Language Programme at Ratcliffe College Summer School combines challenging, yet rewarding Communicative English Language classes together with a fun and exciting mix of excursions and activities.

Lessons throughout the programme focus on developing communication skills in English by using techniques and activities to improve fluency, listening and vocabulary. The course aims to help students feel more confident using English in everyday situations, as well as to support academic study.

- 15 hours of English language lessons a week
- All course materials provided
- Certificate on completion

The programme is delivered in two week blocks, with both English with Creative Arts and English with Science and Technology options available for the entire four week period.

This way, you can choose to join us for two, three or four weeks, it is entirely up to you.

Just use the dates below to plan your visit and let us know when you book.

Week	Dates
One	24 th – 30 th July
Two	31 st July – 6 th August
Three	7 th August – 13 th August
Four	14 th August – 18 th August

Example Timetable

Sample Week One

Day	08:00 - 09:00	09:00 - 12:30	12:30 - 13:30	13:30 - 17:30	18:00 - 19:30	19:30 - 22:00
Monday	Breakfast	English Lessons	Lunch	Arts and Crafts	Dinner	Welcome Party
Tuesday	Breakfast	English Lessons	Lunch	Drama Workshop	Dinner	Bowling
Wednesday	Breakfast	English Lessons	Lunch	Bake-off	Dinner	Laser Tag
Thursday	Breakfast	English Lessons	Lunch	Graphic Design	Dinner	Film Night
Friday	Breakfast	English Lessons	Lunch	Sculpture	Dinner	Treasure Hunt
Saturday	Full day trip: London Art excursion					
Sunday	Full day trip: Cambridge					

Sample Week Two

Day	08:00 - 09:00	09:00 - 12:30	12:30 - 13:30	13:30 - 17:30	18:00 - 19:30	19:30 - 22:00
Monday	Breakfast	English Lessons	Lunch	Science Experiments	Dinner	Quiz night
Tuesday	Breakfast	English Lessons	Lunch	Media Workshop	Dinner	Adventure golf
Wednesday	Breakfast	English Lessons	Lunch	Design & Technology	Dinner	Fitness suite
Thursday	Breakfast	English Lessons	Lunch	Nature Experience	Dinner	Go karting
Friday	Breakfast	English Lessons	Lunch	National Space Centre	Dinner	Talent show
Saturday	Full day trip: York					
Sunday	Departures					

Activities

To complement the morning English Language Programme, Ratcliffe College Summer School offers a range of engaging and enjoyable activities designed to give students opportunities to immerse themselves in the English language in a real-life situation.

Many of the activities utilise the College's impressive grounds and facilities, while full and half-day excursions provide cultural and historical experiences for the students.

Tips included in cost:

- 1 full day trip on Saturday and Sunday of week 1
- 1 full day trip on Saturday of week 2
- Half day excursions during the week



York



Cambridge



London



Stratford-upon-Avon

Activities



Space Centre



Transport Museum



Go Ape, Sherwood Pines



Nottingham Castle



King Power Stadium Leicester

Activities include:

- Treasure hunt
- Quizzes
- Karaoke
- Sport – football, tennis, badminton, table tennis, basketball and more
- Talent show
- Bowling
- Mini-golf
- Trampolining
- Outdoor activity centre

Frequently Asked Questions

What type of accommodation do you offer?

Bedrooms can be one, two or three-person shared rooms, with a desk for homework and also sink and mirror within the room. There are also multiple bathrooms and showers, which are shared with other students in the corridor.

On top of this, we have shared social areas and living spaces, kitchens and computer suites for all students to use during the evenings and outside of classroom hours.

How easy is it to settle in to boarding at Ratcliffe?

From the moment your child walks in and starts their boarding experience at Ratcliffe College, our amazing staff will do everything they can to make your child feel at home. With 18 staff on site 24 hours a day, we are there to support your child and always have the door open if they wish to talk about any problems they may have. All students are encouraged to interact with one another across all age groups and have multiple common rooms which both students and staff enjoy relaxing in, making that community, family feel even stronger.

Will my child be provided medical care?

We have a medical centre close to boarding with staff available 24 hours a day if any child feels unwell throughout the evening or night. All our full time boarding students are registered with The County Practice in Syston. A member of their team visits the School twice a week, but arrangements can be made to be taken to the surgery with a member of staff in between these visits if needed. We can also arrange dental, optician, orthodontic and hospital appointments if needed and parents/guardians are always informed of their child's health.

What are the meals like at Ratcliffe?

Our professional catering team fully support the high quality of education by embracing the importance of nutrition and healthy eating for developing both the body and mind.

Tasty, nutritious menus are made daily from fresh ingredients of the best quality from local markets and suppliers, whilst conforming to government legislation.

Will my child do their English lessons in streamed groups?

Yes, students will be taught English in groups based on their English language skills assessed by the EAL form completed beforehand.

Life in the UK/Leicestershire

Here at Ratcliffe we are very well situated on a beautiful campus, which provides a great place to live and learn. Whilst being very close to the vibrant and multi-cultural city of Leicester, students also get to enjoy all 200 acres of our school grounds, knowing that Leicester is just 7 miles away.

Living and studying on a rural campus provides safety and security as well as strengthening the much-loved community atmosphere, so you'll feel relaxed and secure.

During your time at Ratcliffe you can enjoy some of the highlights the city has to offer. Activities and attractions can range from shopping around Highcross Shopping Centre, to a cultural experience at the award-winning King Richard III centre, National Space Centre or you can enjoy performances at the Curve Theatre.

If you are a sports fan, you can see Leicester City Football Club play at the King Power Stadium; Leicester is also home to Leicester Tigers Rugby Club and Leicester Riders Basketball Club as well as Leicester County Cricket Club, so there is certainly a lot to choose from.

Airport Transfer Times

Ratcliffe College is conveniently situated in the centre of England close to the cities of Leicester and Nottingham.

London Gatwick: 3 hours

London Heathrow: 2 ½ hours

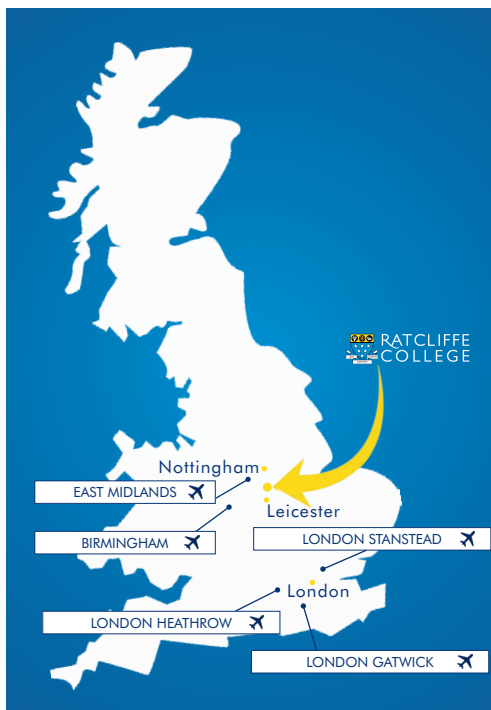
London Stanstead: 2 ½ hours

Birmingham: 55 minutes

East Midlands: 45 minutes

The more you explore the city, the more you will discover, there are a range of markets, parks, museums and even a trampoline park! Lots of our students love our location and their time at Ratcliffe College and also find that they have a special place in their heart for the city of Leicester too.

Ratcliffe College is conveniently situated in the centre of England. Our location is also perfect for access to other major cities, Nottingham is 30 minutes away, Birmingham is 60 minutes away and London is 90 minutes away.





Bradgate Park



National Space Centre



Curve Theatre



Highcross Shopping Centre



King Power Stadium



Richard III



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