

# Freemen's Futures Learn, Prepare, Explore

An exclusive summer residential experience at **City of London Freemen's School**. Summer courses to support students aged 14-18 who are looking ahead to UK or US further education and University application.

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We are so pleased to be able to make our spectacular 57 acre site, in the leafy Surrey Hills on the outskirts of London, available to young people from across the world.

It is a marvellous opportunity for 14-18 year olds who want to make good use of their precious summer vacation to develop themselves as potential leaders, their English language skills and to prepare for the next step in their educational journey.

**City of London Freemen's** is a top five UK co-educational day and boarding school with an outstanding record of helping students prepare for and then enter the world's leading universities.

Participants on our summer school will receive excellent advice on university entrance as well as developing those life skills to make the learning experience valuable, meaningful and fun.

Ours is an international outlook. This is why we developed **Freemen's Global**, to put on programmes so that young people, whatever their country of origin and background, can experience the very best of British education. Our Summer School is part of that mission.

Rest assured, when you join our Summer School you will be safe, inspired and grow into a well-rounded human being, able to communicate with people of all cultures, and with a desire to make the very best of life's many opportunities.

I can't wait to welcome you to our Summer School.

David Boddy Head of Freemen's Global

# Welcome to the City of London Freemen's inaugural Summer School, to be held in July and August 2023.

**Freemen's Futures** summer school programme has been proudly designed by our team of experienced educators with three aims in mind: learn, prepare and explore. We understand the importance of focusing on your future - whichever path that may be - and the need to have the right preparation for this.

Our inaugural summer school allows you to be part of our very first cohort, following your very own pathway to your future. It is our strong belief and desire that by the end of this programme, you will have had a life-enriching experience, one that is filled with fun, laughter, new adventures and, most of all, a plethora of opportunities.

You will leave feeling prepared for the next step in life. Alongside your peers, you will be supported by our trusted and caring in-house residential team, together with experts in university application, language teachers and activity leaders. We are so excited for you to be part of this wonderful programme.

Julie Keyes

**Programme Director** 





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Founded in 1854, City of London Freemen's School is an academically selective and leading co-educational school with a history of excellent results at both A Level and GCSE. The majority of students from Freemen's continue their studies at top UK Universities, with a significant number securing places at the Universities of Oxford or Cambridge. The Surreybased school is situated across 57 acres of the south-east English countryside, in close proximity to London.



# The Programme

**Freemen's Futures** will get you ready for your next destination

**City of London Freemen's School** invites international students who are looking to further their education at a leading UK or US establishment.

#### Over the summer, our programme will enable you to:

**Learn** the English language to a greater proficiency.

**Prepare** for university or further education, and acquire practical life skills.

**Explore** a British summer, major UK cities, and your future opportunities.

Each day will provide opportunities for you to develop your knowledge and confidence with the support of fully-qualified and experienced staff. Social events will give the perfect setting to develop new and lasting friendships with fellow students. You will stay on our charming campus in Surrey, South East England, with full use of the boarding house and social areas, sporting and arts facilities, teaching spaces and library.

With an extensive range of activities on offer, your experience can be tailored to your own personal needs. Whether your focus lies in improving your English language, preparing for the next stage in your education, or simply having an opportunity to gain confidence and self-sufficiency, we will ensure you make the most of your summer at Freemen's.

# **Your Questions Answered**

### WHEN

Running in July and August 2023 across three weeks, join the **Freemen's Futures** programme for the full 3-week run or for a 2-week block.

### WHERE

You will stay at **City of London Freemen's School** in Ashtead, Surrey, with its idyllic grounds and impressive facilities. The school is situated on the outskirts of London, with easy access to top University cities and major London airports.

### WHO

The programme is open to international boys and girls aged 14-18 looking to experience UK life and its offerings for further or higher education. If you are applying to a British school for your A-levels or to a UK or US University, our summer programme is the perfect fit. It is ideal for learners of English at an intermediate level or higher who wish to improve their language skills through content-based learning.

### WHAT

**Freemen's Futures** focuses on preparing you for further or higher education with a 'hands-on' learning experience. Supplemented by varied and enriching social activities to complement the programme, we will ensure you find your time with us both stimulating and memorable.



### WHY

The best way to develop your skills in the use of the English language is through exposure and immersion. The **Freemen's Futures** programme is ideal for those planning for a future education in England while getting to know like-minded individuals.

Following completion of our programme, you will:

- be ready for your future in further or higher education, both academically and socially;
- have developed confidence in communicating in the English language;
- have new, life-long friendships.

#### HOW

Students will benefit from a mixture of group sizes as they participate in engaging workshops, lessons, social activities and excursions, all devised by highly qualified professionals.

#### Freemen's Futures includes:

- accommodation and all meals;
- English tuition (both 1:1 and small groups);
- professional mentoring;
- workshops from external providers;
- practical life skills;
- evening social programme;
- full-day excursions;
- end of programme certificate.









### WEEK 1 Learn

- to lead
- to contribute
- to communicate

Our summer programme will allow you to learn the crucial skills needed to ensure success in the face of future challenges. Activities have been specifically selected to provide individuality for all participants, creating a programme that fits your personal goals and develops your skillset accordingly.

We will provide an immersive environment rich in opportunities to boost English language proficiency and confidence. You will explore teambuilding skills alongside a volunteer initiative, where you will contribute to the local community.





"I am looking forward to the summer - being in the UK and making friends. I hope to attend a UK university, and I believe that Freemen's Futures will be an enriching way to prepare." Our qualified mentors will support you with study skills, offering individual assistance where needed. A focus on refining and developing the working use of the English language will be central to the programme for non-native speakers, with a goal to improve vocabulary, tenacity and communication.

You will leave the summer programme feeling invigorated, assured, and with a solid grounding of essential abilities on which you can build your strong and successful future.

#### You can learn:

- how to work with others through teambuilding challenges;
- to contribute to society with local volunteering initiatives;
- English as an additional language;
- communication skills and confidence development with public speaking, debate classes and workshops;
- future career opportunities with a visit to City of London Guildhall and the London financial district.



### WEEK 2

## Prepare

- for next steps in education
- for adult life
- for your future

You will be guided by highly experienced admissions advisors with knowledge of the international system at some of the world's top institutions. These include Oxford, Cambridge, Stanford, UCL, Imperial, Durham and St Andrew's. Our skilled mentors will prepare you to sell your best self in your personal statement, supporting you to make your application stand out and instilling a skillset that will help you succeed in a university or sixth form interview.





"The programme will help me grow in independence, equip me with new skills for the future and give me the time to reflect." The key aspect that sets our programme apart is the important preparation we provide for the practical aspects of the transition into further and higher education. Independent living requires an essential and unique range of skills. As such, we treat this with the importance it deserves.

#### You can prepare with:

- specialist admission support, from choosing your university or sixth form through to the application process;
- practice interview questions;
- personal statement writing;
- money management classes;
- a first-aid qualification;
- cooking classes;
- cleaning and clothes care.



### week 3 Explore

- our universities
- your opportunities
- the City of London

Excursions are an integral part of the **Freemen's Futures** programme, with a range to choose from each week. Our trips are designed to extend the curriculum to provide you with the opportunity to explore exciting and enriching cultural experiences. You will also have the opportunity to explore what your future holds with leadership and entrepreneurship workshops.

#### You can explore:

- the English countryside, with group adventure activities;
- London, our capital city;
- Windsor Castle, a historical royal residence;
- Cambridge and Oxford universities as key establishments in the education system.







Explore the university cities of Cambridge and Oxford.

Pictured: The Radcliffe Camera in Oxford's city of dreaming spires.

# Your Own Journey

With our wide offering of daily activities, each experience is personalised at the **City of London Freemen's School**. Plot your own route for your individual journey, ensuring great success at your next destination.



Applying for a UK-based university and wishing to improve his English language skills whilst experiencing the UK for the first time, Jack has chosen to stay for all three weeks of the programme.

Jack, aged 16, South Korea



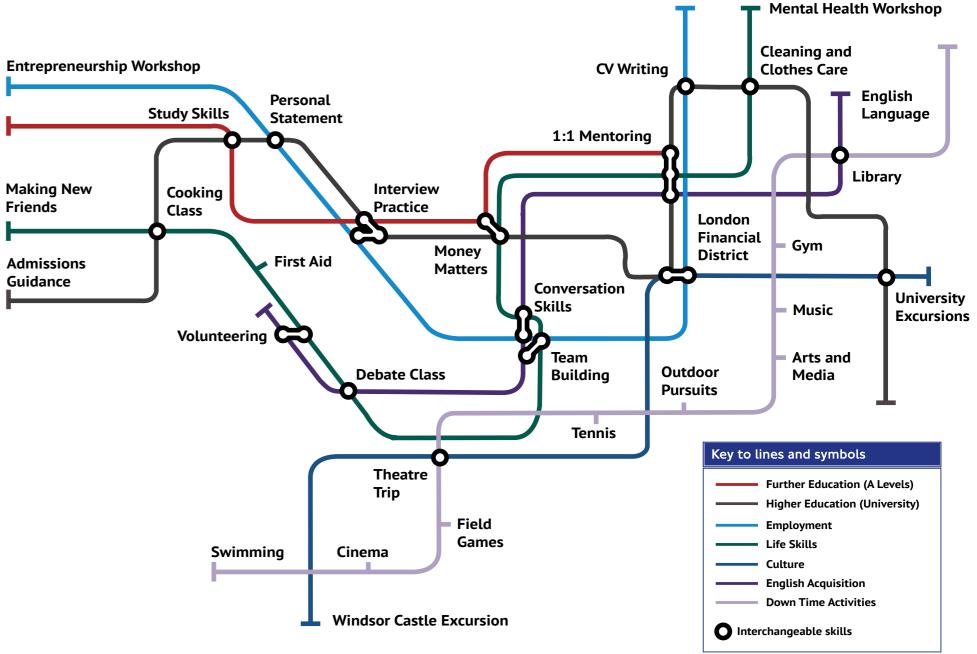
Looking to improve his English skills and prepare for his future UK-based university education, Alex has chosen to stay for Learn (week 1) and Prepare (week 2).

Alex, aged 17, Germany



Looking to study an A Level through the Freemen's Global Programme and wishing to experience the UK, Emilia has chosen to stay for Prepare (week 2) and Explore (week 3).

Emilia, aged 14, Italy



# Your Stay with Us

### CAMPUS

Our breathtaking campus is stretched across 57 acres of land in Surrey, Greater London. It offers a balance of traditional architecture and modern refurbishment.

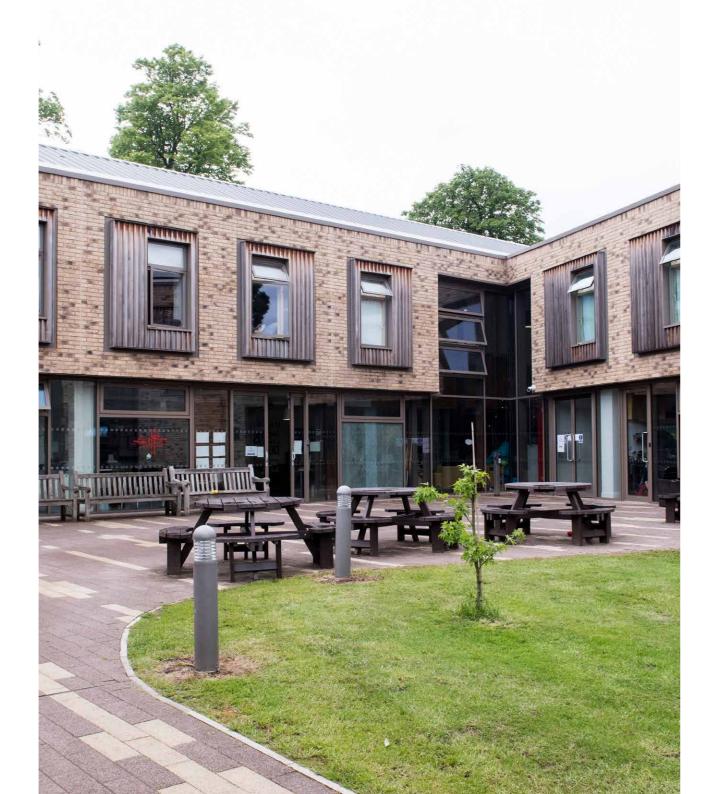
Whilst here, you will have full access to the fantastic facilities at **City of London Freemen's School**, including:

- teaching rooms and quiet spaces;
- music practice rooms and performance areas;
- media rooms and other ICT facilities;
- senior library with an experienced librarian;
- sports facilities, with football pitches, tennis courts, hockey AstroTurf, gym, fitness suite, and swimming pool.

### ACCOMMODATION

The boarding house is your home from home for the duration of your stay. It provides a safe, happy, environment in which staff work together to promote a positive and supportive atmosphere for all.

We have single and double rooms, with bathrooms shared by a maximum of 10 students. Each room



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contains a desk, ample storage and a washbasin. There are large common areas for meeting friends and socialising, playing snooker or table football, watching TV, singing karaoke or taking part in a wide range of scheduled social activities. The boarding house has laundry facilities to use if required.

Each group of students will have a designated houseparent, available 24 hours a day.

### FOOD

All meals will be provided by our on-site catering team, with kitchens in the boarding house for personal use. A variety of options will be available at every meal. We pride ourselves on serving fresh and creative food which inspires, nourishes and maintains your health and wellbeing.

If you have specific allergies, please inform us at the time of booking to ensure staff are aware of your needs.

### SAFEGUARDING

Your safety and wellbeing are of paramount importance, from the moment we meet you at the airport to the final farewell on departure.

All our staff are carefully selected and have undergone all necessary checks to ensure their suitability for the role. We have a nurse on-site and first aiders at every off-site activity.





### The Details

Students are invited to join **Freemen's Futures** for the full three-week programme or for a two-week block. Students enrolling from our partner schools in Korea, Germany, Italy, Tanzania and Kenya should contact the admissions tutors of those schools to receive partner pricing options.

#### **PROGRAMME DATES:**

#### Three-week programme

Option 1: Learn, Prepare, Explore - Sunday 23rd July - Saturday 12th August

#### Two-week programme

Option 2: Learn, Prepare - Sunday 23rd July - Saturday 5th August Option 3: Prepare, Explore - Sunday 30th July - Saturday 12th August



### COST

**Option 1** - £3,850

**Option 2** - £2,750

**Option 3** - £2,750

15% deposit due on application, with the balance due to secure the place by June 23rd 2023.

Our staff will collect programme participants from Gatwick and Heathrow airports on their arrival on Sundays, returning participants to their respective airports on the day of departure.

Please note that flights, visas, and insurance will need to be purchased separately.

# How to Book

Places are limited due to accommodation facilities and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

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# We look forward to welcoming you!



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