International Summer School

Ages 8–17

2nd July – 13th August 2023
Developing character, making a difference

Dr Robin Hancock
Director of Global Education, Round Square Representative
In 2022 we hosted our first on site Summer School in three years as a consequence of the Global Pandemic. The six week programme was truly a success in that we were able to once again deliver the high quality course that we have been waiting for since 2019. Following this, I am pleased to announce that we will be returning in 2023 to deliver our most exciting programme yet. We are aiming to build on what we have learned over the last nine years of delivery in offering an exciting variation on what we have delivered in the past. This once again includes our Global Studies as well as our English Language pathway, in addition to an immersive Academies selection. As always, our aim is to provide an incredibly beneficial experience for all those who take part, providing opportunities to grow, communicate, create and collaborate with other students from all around the world. We hope that you are inspired by our offering and find something that will make your Summer 2023 inspirational. We can’t wait to welcome you!

At Felsted, there are no limits as to what can be achieved over the summer!

Welcome from Daniel Emmerson

Quick Facts

Price: Variable, depending on how long you stay – please see page 22 for more details
Dates: 2 July – 13 August 2023
Up to 21 hours of teacher contact time per week
8 hours of Academy time per week
3 Excursions per week

I had such a good time and learnt so much in a fun way. Making new friends from around the world taught me so much about other cultures. It is like the whole world gathered in one school!

Leo, USA
Top reasons to choose Felsted Summer School

Integration with British Students
We work with several British schools to ensure that we have the most committed and motivated local students. Our British students are fully immersed in the programme; they take part in all lessons, clubs, academies and excursions while they reside in our boarding houses with students from every other country.

Global Studies Pathway
Our Global Studies Pathway is designed for any student who already has a good grasp of English and who wishes to explore how the world works. Global Citizenship, Political Leadership and International Issues are the focus of this exciting pathway, which is taught by teachers who provide professional and academic expertise across a range of subject areas.

Academy Subject Teachers
Excellent teaching is to be expected from a leading boarding school and our Summer School is no different. We pride ourselves in providing committed, motivated and determined teachers who ensure that your child is given the best opportunity to learn in our dedicated academies.

Immersive Timetable
Our programme runs from 7am to 10pm, 7 days per week. We believe that keeping our students active and engaged is the key to having the best possible experience, and we pride ourselves on ensuring that this is the case every single day of the week.

Three Excursions Per Week
There is always a buzz of anticipation before we head out of Felsted to experience an education outside the classroom, with children of all cultures mixing and chatting excitedly about what lies ahead. Combining culture with fun is the aim of our trips, which vary every week of the Summer School. Our excursions involve one full day and two half day excursions. We also offer an optional extra excursion each week for a small additional charge.
Thank you for making their stay as safe and comfortable as it was exciting. My daughter has returned with so many stories, and is a very enthusiastic global ambassador for Felsted keen on inspiring her juniors to be a part of the summer school in the coming years. You are doing such great work with these young people – many congratulations and our wishes for success in all your programmes ahead.

Parent

Dedicated Junior & Senior Programmes
We offer both a junior programme for ages 8–11 and a senior programme for ages 12–17. Our junior children live on our junior campus and our senior students on our senior campus. Both are located on the Felsted School site, with all children coming together for meals and whole school assemblies.

On-site Accommodation
Felsted School boarding houses host our Summer School children and all have reached the high standards required by UK School Inspectors. Some are more modern than others, but all become that cosy ‘home from home’ whilst away from family life. Each boarding house has a dedicated House Parent and Assistant House Parent, who are responsible for the wellbeing of each child. Award winning Felsted chefs are on hand to produce a wide variety of food to suit all tastes, cultures and dietary requirements.
Challenge, develop and experience

Whether this is your child’s first experience away from home or they are a regular globe trotter, our Junior Programme will provide them with the perfect blend of learning, fun activities and cultural experiences.

We understand that sending your child to a different country for a number of weeks can be a daunting prospect, so we work hard to ensure they settle as quickly as possible and that every child feels confident and cared for. Their pastoral care comes first and they very quickly become part of our summer community, making friendships and forging memories that will last a lifetime.

Our carefully crafted timetable is action packed and varied with the aim to keep your child busy and stimulated, taking full advantage of all the opportunities provided. When children are busy they are happy, and when they are happy they grow.
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I would just like to say a big thank you for allowing my son to attend your summer school, I feel he has been positively impacted by this amazing experience and persists to tell me stories of everything that happens and his enjoyment of those occurring.

Parent

Registration

Occurring three times daily, this provides the perfect opportunity for our House Parents to check on the wellbeing of your child and to explain what will happen each day.

English Lessons

Three 1-hour lessons take place every morning, for five days during the week. There is also a fun-based project session on Sunday morning. Each child will be allocated to the appropriate level class following an assessment on their first day.

Academies

Children may choose one of the following options to enhance their learning, further details of which can be found on pages 14-17. Academies run for a duration of two weeks. All students are asked to make a first and second choice. Please note that our academies do fill up quickly so book early to ensure priority.

1. Art
2. Drama
3. Sports and Recreation
4. Tennis
5. Young Leaders and Team Builders

Assembly

Weekdays after lunch, the Summer School team conduct an assembly that provides information about the programme and life in the UK. We use this period of the day as an opportunity to share information and insight with students from both the senior and junior campuses.

Clubs

Offering a broad selection of co-curricular and sports options our clubs include music, cookery, photography as well as sports options such as badminton or football. Children select their chosen club at our weekly Club Fair and may change their option each week.

Social Programme

A fun and varied social programme runs after dinner each evening, ranging from competitions and talent shows to themed discos and our very own mini-Olympics, designed to encourage as much interaction between the children as possible.

House Time

This is an opportunity for children to rest and relax for a short time before they go to sleep. They are encouraged to socialise and reflect on their day, perhaps phoning home to touch base with their family before the day ends.

Excursions

Children will be taken on three exciting trips per week. These differ each week to expose children to English culture at the same time as being a fun and actively enjoyable experience.

"Top Trips, according to the students"

Brighton Beach, Pier and i360
Buckingham Palace
Cambridge Punting
Colchester Zoo
Jump Street Trampolining
Legoland Adventure Park
The Curve Water Park

*Trips vary from week to week
Senior Programme
Ages 12–17

Balance and stimulation

Our students range dramatically, from their communication and language skills to their cultural backgrounds and personal interests. For this reason, we have shaped our timetable so that students can tailor their experience to suit their own interests and needs, to make their summer experience the best it can possibly be.

Studying abroad can be challenging for some but we know students quickly make solid friendships with other children from different corners of the world, enhancing their global understanding. Students embrace the experience and leave as engaged global citizens. Their timetable is busy, but it is broken down into different sections each day for variety and enjoyment.
Registration

Occurring three times daily, this provides the perfect opportunity for our House Parents to check on the wellbeing of each student and to explain what will happen each day.

Assembly

Weekdays after lunch, the Summer School team will guide students on expectations for the days ahead and this is a great way for them all to quickly get to know each other, their roles and responsibilities.

Academic Pathways

There are two Academic Pathways to choose from:

1. **English:** Designed for students who are keen to develop their level of English language skills and confidence quickly. Each child will be allocated to the appropriate level class following an assessment on their first day.

2. **Global Studies:** Taught by researchers, lecturers and industry professionals with extensive experience in the field, plus MA and PhD candidates who are passionate and enthused about their specific subject areas. Students will need to have an excellent grasp of English (B2) in order to take part in this programme, which focuses on subject areas such as:
   - What is globalisation today?
   - How can we best protect the environment?
   - How does international finance work?
   - How can we make predictions about the world?
   - Why do people leave their home countries?
   - What makes a strong political leader?
   - Why are some countries rich and other countries poor?
   - What is justice and how does it work?

For those who are interested in improving both their language skills and knowledge of global affairs, we have included International Relations as an academy option so you can do both!

Academies

Students may choose one academy option, details of which can be found on pages 14-17.

**ACADEMY OPTIONS**

- Art
- Dance
- Drama
- English Conversation
- Fashion
- International Relations
- Mathematics
- Music
- Pre-IB
- Science
- Sports and Recreation
- Tennis
- Young Leaders

Clubs

Students may choose a co-curricular option such as music, cookery or photography, though it could also include a sports option such as badminton or basketball.

Homework

For students taking the English pathway, homework is led by teachers who supervise and guide this one-hour session. For Global Studies students, this is a teacher-led study session, during which time they are expected to reflect on what they have learned throughout the day.

Social Programme

A fun and varied social programme to encourage as much interaction between the students as possible. This ranges from competitions and talent shows, to themed discos and sports tournaments!

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My son was very happy and made good friends. For him it was a significant experience of autonomy and independence that will be important for his future life.

Parent
Academies
Enhanced Learning

Students may choose one of the following options to enhance their learning in a two-week block.

Each academy is subject to availability so we recommend early registration. Please check the website for the dates that some of these academies are available.

Art
Junior & Senior

A practical and hands-on academy for creative students. Students will work on a project each week and have the opportunity to present this to their peers. Skills to be developed and taught include drawing, painting and sculpting, with various materials and forms of Art to be explored. We emphasise student-led creativity and our teachers guide students in their development throughout this course.

Drama
Junior & Senior

A bright and brilliant course for budding young actors. A range of activities are included that not only teach acting skills but help build confidence and friendships. Students present their learning weekly and will study a variety of themes and genres.

Sports and Recreation
Junior & Senior

Take part in traditional British boarding school sports, such as cricket, hockey, rugby and tennis, with sessions led by our activities staff who guide and instruct students. A perfect preparation for those planning to learn at a UK school in the future.
Tennis
Junior & Senior

Felsted offers wonderful grass and hard court facilities for players to train on. This academy allows players to focus their energy, hone their skills and compete against other participants from around the world. Private lessons are also available at an additional cost.

Young Leaders and Team Builders
Junior only

Our Junior Students will learn how to work with each other while overcoming challenges and finding creative ways to solve problems. They will take part in fun and engaging project work that will improve both their communication skills and ability to forge friendships.

Dance
Senior only

Our Dance Academy focuses on a range of different techniques and styles of dance. Working on both development of existing skills and acquiring new skills, we aim to cover multiple themes and approaches of dance. Weekly performances are included in the academy, giving students the opportunity to show off their new dance skills.

English Conversation
Senior only

This academy is for students who wish to develop their conversation and speaking skills. This is recommended for students who have an English level of B1+. Topics will be tailored to each specific group, with initial input provided by teachers followed by fluency activities.

Fashion
Senior only

Have you ever wanted to design and produce your own garment? This popular textile academy will take you step by step through the different stages and processes over the two week course. If you would like to share your interest with other students from around the world, this is the academy for you.

“In my Global Studies lessons I learnt to understand about international relationships and the Science Academy has increased my passion to study medicine in the future.”

Aayush, India
International Relations
Senior only

This academy provides a more focused context to some of the subjects discussed in the Global Studies pathway, such as interdependencies between states, trade negotiations and human rights issues around the world, while also picking up on regional forums and initiatives across the globe. For those who choose the English pathway, students can indulge in some of the subjects that make International Relations such an interesting and unique discipline. It can also be a supplement for those taking the Global Studies pathway to further increase their knowledge and curiosity in the realm of Political and Social Science.

Mathematics
Senior only

A vigorous option for those wishing to develop their problem-solving skills. A modern blend of tasks, assignments and project work will test the ability of each student. The academy focuses on using existing skills in fun and dynamic ways.

Music
Senior only

This academy is for students who currently play an instrument or are able to sing. Featuring a wide range of music and a mix of group and individual work this academy will improve any skill level. Students have full use of Felsted’s state-of-the-art Music School, which includes a music technology suite, recording studio and performance hall. All work leads to a class performance where students can showcase their new skills.

“In the Music Academy I enjoyed learning new pieces with other musicians from around the world.”
Jasmine, Thailand
Pre-IB
Senior only

This course aims to give an insight into the International Baccalaureate Diploma, for students who are considering or will be studying this. Structured around the IB Learner profile, the academy will provide a focus on the Creativity, Activity and Service elements of the IB. Students will also be taught how to prepare for the extended essay and how to make the most of Theory of Knowledge.

Science
Senior only

A practical, experimental and analytical academy covering areas in physics, chemistry and biology. Students aim to achieve their CREST certification, which can be included in their Record of Achievement when applying for university. Although we offer guidance for a range of abilities, students should certainly be keen on their subject and have a good understanding of English. The course involves dissection and the use of chemicals and powders making this a highly memorable option.

Young Leaders
Senior only

Calling all leaders of the future! Come and join us on this exciting new Leadership and Mentorship workshop where you will gain:

- A better understanding of what makes a great leader
- Greater self awareness
- Ability to identify your own strengths and weaknesses, creating a plan to develop those areas
- Improved confidence and communication skills
- Improved presentation skills
- Coping strategies to overcome future challenges
- Greater awareness of the value of mentoring to both you and others.

The Young Leaders academy will focus on leadership skills, how to be a leader, build self-confidence, identify your own areas of weakness in leadership and how to improve these, presentation and speaking skills and strategies for coping with challenges and problems.

“...

My experience was extraordinary, learning with natives and making new friends from around the globe. In the Science Academy I learned many new things through exciting experiments, the Clubs were a good way to mix in physical and mental sports and the fun evening activities were a great way to end each day.

Benny, China
Excursions

Experiences outside the classroom

Three exciting trips per week

Every week of our Summer School, we introduce children to different elements of English culture at the same time as giving them a memorable and actively enjoyable experience.

We understand how much can be learnt outside the classroom and this is the perfect opportunity for our students to mix and socialise with different cultures in their group.

“I don’t know how we are having so much fun since it is school! Everyone is so happy making lots of new friends.”

Emma, Romania

Top trips to date have included:

- Adventure Island
- Brighton Beach and Shopping
- British Museum, London
- Cambridge Punting
- Camden Market & Culture
- Hyde Park, London
- Jump Street Trampolining
- London Eye
- London’s Shrek Adventure
- Mersea Outdoor Activity Centre
- Oxford University Tour and Shopping
- Science Museum, London
- Thorpe Park Activity Resort
- Walton-on-the-Naze Beach & Pier
Accommodation

Modern, on-site boarding houses

Comfort, safety and practicality

Our senior students stay in one of our senior boarding houses, comprising single and double rooms, plus some small dormitories, all with shared bathrooms. We do have some en-suite rooms in one of our girls’ boarding houses and opportunities to share in small dorms, should this be your preference.

Our junior students stay in a dedicated boarding house.

All our boarding houses are well staffed and supervised, accommodating the needs of every individual child. They are fully secure and each have use of a sitting room with TV and games, an outdoor garden to relax in and a kitchen where drinks and snacks are provided.

Our award winning Felsted chefs produce a wide variety of food to suit all tastes, cultures and dietary requirements. All our meals are cooked in-house and served in our modern dining hall. Laundry is provided free-of-charge five days per week.

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It has been an amazing experience to be here at Felsted Summer School. Houseparents and your staff are all attentive to our students needs.

Guada, Argentina
Felsted School is set on a stunning village campus in the beautiful English countryside. Located only 20 minutes from Stansted Airport and 90 minutes from Heathrow and Gatwick International Airports, we are perfectly located between London and Cambridge, offering our Summer School students numerous historic sites and places of interest to visit.

The Senior and Junior Campuses are located on the same school site, both of which boast their own sports hall, classroom blocks, dining hall, sports fields, boarding houses and recreation areas.
One of the greatest experiences of my life; meeting new people, learning interesting new concepts in economy and politics, and an excellent staff who took great care of us.

I always wanted to meet new people of different nationalities. I would certainly recommend Felsted to others and I hope to be back next year!

Alex, Moldova

Escorted airport transfers

From the moment our students arrive at the airport, they are welcomed by a member of our staff. They are given a meal and refreshments as soon as they are met and are then driven to Felsted in one of our own minibuses or transport organised by Felsted’s Transport Department.

Escorted transfers from London Gatwick, Heathrow, Southend and Stansted airports between 08:00 and 17:00 on Sundays are included in the price of the course. However, we can provide price quotations for any other destinations upon request.

Private tours of the school can be arranged for parents bringing their children to Felsted themselves.

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Your time with us

Personalise your experience

Children may join our summer school for a minimum of two to a maximum of six weeks, starting each Sunday. No week is the same, with many different options for children to personalise their experience.

Cost per week:
£1,167 to £1,400 depending on length of stay (minimum 2 weeks – see table)

This includes:
Pick up from the airport on transfer day between 08.00–17.00
Accommodation
Laundry, available five times per week
3 meals per day plus snacks
3 excursions per week
(an extra optional excursion is available for a small additional charge)

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The Global Studies lessons were very interesting and helped me understand how to better our world. I enjoyed the evening activities so much and really want to come back next year!

Avika, India
Start your summer adventure today

My time at Felsted was one of the best experiences of my life. I learned so much during the Global Studies classes and from meeting many new people from different cultures. After six weeks I felt and I still feel like a part of a big family; everybody respects each other. I will never forget my time at Felsted.

Oyinkansola, Nigeria

Find out more

Personalise your programme:

1. Junior (ages 8–11)
   or Senior Programme
   (ages 12–17)

2. Academic Pathway:
   English (senior and junior) or Global Studies
   (senior only)

3. Academy Option:
   (see pages 14–17)

4. Clubs: These can be chosen on arrival.

Alternatively please contact us and we would be delighted to help you. Once registered, we will contact you to confirm availability and send you a full application pack to complete and return, together with your deposit.

Please note that full fees must be paid at least four weeks prior to the start date of the chosen course.

www.felsted.org/summerschool

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