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INTRODUCTION

Carfax College, part of the Carfax Education Group, is a specialist college providing expert tuition to pupils from all over the world. Its primary focus is the preparation of pupils for entrance into leading higher education institutions and schools, as well as the support of both particularly gifted pupils and those with specific learning needs.

Carfax College offers one and two-year courses in all GCSE and A Level subjects with full careers and university guidance. Long-term and short revision courses are offered year-round for all GCSE and A Level subjects, as well as those leading to other qualifications, such as Cambridge Pre-U or International Baccalaureate. Ca rfax College also prepares pupils for entrance tests and examinations to selective schools and universities in the UK and abroad.

While many pupils come to Carfax College to maximize their chances of successful entry into these universities or schools, others' priority is to lay a solid foundation for future progress. Close personal support is available for all pupils, including those with specific learning needs. With such a rich cultural heritage of the city and university of Oxford on its doorstep, with so many sports clubs and student societies available, Carfax encourages pupils to participate in a breadth of extra-curricular activities. A range of accommodation options is also available.

The College has an excellent track-record of successful entry into Oxford, Cambridge, and other leading universities, as well as some of the UK's most famous boarding schools. Carfax College is a recognized Tier 4 Student Visa sponsor and can issue short-term or long-term study sponsorship certificates at any time of the year. Students from overseas can come to Carfax College at any time.

QUALITY OF TEACHING

The quality of the teaching and learning provided by the College has been judged consistently to be excellent by the Independent School Inspectorate (I.S.I.), the body appointed by the U.K. government to inspect and oversee the country's independent schools, following visits in 2012, 2013, 2015, and 2018. Comments from recent inspection reports have included the following:



'Teaching is excellent and very successful in bringing about outstanding levels of achievement.'

'The quality of the curriculum, teaching and learners' achievements is excellent. Initial assessment is excellent and is highly effective in matching course provision to pupil needs and aspirations'



'Attainment and progress are excellent... Pupils speak very highly of their tutors and the support they receive, reporting that they are making excellent progress. Results in external examinations are very good'

'Pastoral support for pupils is outstanding and is a particular strength of the school. Pupils receive very high levels of support from tutors on personal issues."





MEET SOME OF OUR TUTORS

Angus teaches English, holds a doctorate (DPhil) from the University of Oxford and is CELT-trained. He has 8 years' teaching experience, from specialist summer schools to undergraduate teaching and admissions interviewing at Oxford.



Matthew is a specialist Mathematics tutor, with a DPhil from University of Oxford, and Masters in Mathematics from University of Cambridge and First-class Honours in his Bachelor's degree from Cambridge. He undertook his teacher-training (PGCE) at University of Oxford, specializing in the teaching of Gifted and Talented children, and has 5 years' experience of tutoring, including the preparation of students for Oxford and Cambridge entrance tests.

Philip teaches Chemistry and holds Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees from Oxford. He has many years' experience of research around the world, and has lectured at post-graduate level at University of Oxford. In addition to his many years of teaching, he has had a significant number of scientific papers published.



Rachel teaches Biology and also holds Doctoral, Master's and Bachelor's degrees, as well as having been a researcher at both Oxford and Cambridge Universities. She has had scientific papers published and has many years of tutoring experience.



Kate teaches Psychology, and achieved her Master's degree at University of Oxford. She has many years of experience in the course design, as well as teaching and tutoring, and has been an examiner, moderator and trainer for Cambridge International Examinations.

SOME OF CARFAX COLLEGE LEAVERS' DESTINATIONS

UNIVERSITIES



SCHOOLS



LEAVERS' SUCCESS RATES

of Carfax students are admitted into their first-choice university

88%

90%

of Carfax applicants are admitted into their top boarding school choice

85% of Carfax Oxbridge applicants achieve places at Oxford and Cambridge

70%

70%

of Carfax pupils gain entry to the top 25 UK boarding schools

of Carfax students are admitted into top 50 UK universities

OUR COURSES

Carfax believes that every learner has individual needs and a preferred learning style. Therefore, courses at Carfax College are all individualised. The number of hours of tuition, and the intensity of the timetable will vary for each student. The College's Director of Studies will discuss with the student the best format and content for his or her studies, based on his considerable knowledge of current subject, examination and qualification requirements, so that each student ends up with exactly the right course.

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CATEGORY 1: FULL-TIME ACADEMIC COURSES

Carfax College offers a wide range of full-time academic programmes: these include (i)GCSE, A-levels, International Baccalaureate, Cambridge Pre-U, SAT and AP, with additional English language (EFL/EAP) support provided as required. Courses will be delivered as one-to-one or small group tuition.

All major subjects and examination specifications are covered by tutors with direct experience of those syllabus requirements. Emphasis is also given to extensive examination technique and past paper practice, to ensure that talented students approach the examinations with a sense of familiarity and a comprehensive subject knowledge and technical grasp of their disciplines.

For students who are firmly focused on entry to top schools and universities, the oneto-one or small group tuition available at the College allows for a high level of individual attention, leading to a fuller understanding and greater confidence.

Ш	Suitable age:	11 – 17 years old (although tuition for younger or older students may occasionally be possible)
1	Starting time:	at any time of the year, including holiday periods
Course content:		 1-to-1 tuition with experienced tutors in chosen subjects (the total number of lessons per week per subject to be decided with the Director of Studies)
	Course content:	 1-to-1 English language (EFL) support tuition when required. This can include preparation for formal English examinations, such as IELTS
		 Mock examinations and past paper practice
		 Relevant internship experience, including laboratory experience, can be arranged as required, at an additional cost
	Course duration:	Full-time in Oxford: 15/20/25 hours of tuition per week, as agreed with the Director of Studies, from 1 month to 2 years or longer, depending on the student's needs and ambitions

CATEGORY 2: SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE PREPARATION COURSE

A. UK Boarding School Entrance Preparation

A course to prepare pupils for school entrance in the UK, including entry to preparatory at ages 7 or 8, Common Entrance (pre-test at age 11+ or age 13+ entry, as required by the school), iGCSE and GCSE (age14+), A level/Sixth Form (ages 16+). The course focuses on the detailed preparation of English language and academic skills, knowledge of core subjects and interview practice, according to pupils' chosen schools' entry requirements.

ü	Suitable age:	11 – 17 years old (though some younger or older students can occa- sionally be accepted)
1	Starting time:	at any time of the year, including holiday periods
	Course content:	1-to-1 tuition with experienced tutors in academic subjects, ac- cording to the requirements of school entrance preparation. The most common subjects are Mathematics, English and Sciences, though other subjects may be requested, especially for Sixth Form entry, and depending on the A levels subjects the student wishes to study
		1-to-1 guided training on past paper work and examination tech- nique, geared to schools' requirements
		 1-to-1 Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning training and practice (where these tests are requested by a school)
		 Private 1-to-1 interview practice sessions (when requested)
R	Course duration:	Part-time/online: usually 3-6 hours of tuition per week, from 1 month to 1 year, tailored to the needs and availability to the student. The number of hours may be increased where a more intensive course is needed, or relatively little time available
		 Full-time course in Oxford: 15/20/25 hours of tuition per week, for 2 weeks to 1 year, tailored to the needs and availability to the student

CATEGORY 2: SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE PREPARATION COURSE

B. University Entrance Preparation (Undergraduate And Master's Applications)

A course to prepare students for university application in the UK, including undergraduate and Master's programmes. The course focuses the detailed preparation of pupils' English skills (which can include IELTS examination preparation), knowledge of academic subjects, such as those to be taken at A-level, IB, Pre-U, and so on) and interview practice, according to students' chosen universities' entry requirements.

iii	Suitable age:	16+ years old
1	Starting time:	at any time, up to 18 months prior to application
Course con		 1-to-1 tuition with experienced tutors in academic subjects for A-Level or IB or Pre-U or other similar qualifications, including Mathematicss, Further Mathematics, Sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics), English, Geography, Economics, History, Modern Languages, Psychology, Sociology, Business Studies, and more
	Course content:	 1-to-1 supervised training on past paper work and examination technique
		 1-to-1 English for Academic Purposes (EAP) or English as a Foreign Language (EFL) support, as required
		 1-to-1 interview practice sessions, where requested
		 1-to-1 entrance test preparation sessions when required (these may include BMAT, UKCAT, GAMSAT, MAT, GMAT, SAT)
		 Part-time/online: 2 - 4 hours of tuition per week, from1 month to 1 year, tailored to the needs and availability to the student
	Course duration:	 Full-time course in Oxford: 15/20/25 hours of tuition per week, for 1- 2 weeks to 1-3 months, tailored to the needs and availability to the student

CATEGORY 2: SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE PREPARATION COURSE

C. Preparation Course For Undergraduate Preparatory Certificate Or Foundation Course

A course to prepare students for University Preparatory/Foundation course application in the UK. The course prepares students in detail for entrance tests, Critical Thinking skills, English language skills and interview skills, where required.

ш	Suitable age:	16+ years old
1	Starting time:	at any time, up to 6 months prior to application
		 1-to-1 tuition with experienced tutors in 2 chosen subjects (required by the university) in preparation for the entrance tests
	Course content:	 1-to-1 tuition in Critical Thinking
		 1-to-1 English for Academic Purposes (EAP) or English as a Foreign Language (EFL) support, were required or requested
		 Part-time/online: 3 - 5 hours of tuition per week, for 1 to 3 months, tailored to the needs and availability to the student
	Course duration:	 Full-time course in Oxford: 15/20/25 hours of tuition per week, for 1- 2 weeks to 1-3 months, tailored to the needs and availability to the student

CATEGORY 3: PRE-BOARDING AND PRE-UNIVERSITY COURSES

A. UK Pre-Boarding School Preparation

A course to prepare pupils who are about to start studying in the UK. The course focuses on building confidence and fluency in pupils' English skills, including academic English; building knowledge in core subjects, so as to familiarize pupils with the British curriculum, thus helping them to adapt to and fully benefit from the UK boarding environment.

Ë	Suitable age:	11 – 17 years old
1	Starting time:	before academic terms start, usually June, July or August, though oth- er times possible
Course content:	Course content:	 1-to-1 intensive tuition with experienced tutors in pupils' chosen subjects for GCSE, A-Levels, IB or Pre-U). The most common subjects are Mathematics, English and Sciences, but a full range of subjects is available, including Geography, History and Business Studies
		 1-to-1 English for Academic Purpose (EAP) or English as a Foreign Language (EFL) support, as required
		 Part-time/online: 3 - 10 hours of tuition per week, for 2 weeks to 3 months
X	Course duration:	 Full-time course in Oxford: 15/20/25 hours of tuition per week, for 2-3 weeks, or longer, if required
		• Courses can also be spread over the summer term and summer holiday; a less intensive course can be spread over a longer period

CATEGORY 3: PRE-BOARDING AND PRE-UNIVERSITY COURSES

B. UK Pre-University Preparation

A course to prepare students who are about to begin university study in the UK. The course prepares students' English skills and builds their knowledge in their chosen subject(s), so as to familiarize the students with life and expectations at a UK university, and to help them adapt effectively to the UK study environment.

لننغ Suital	ble age:	17+ years old
1 Starti	ing time:	before academic terms start, usually June, July or August, though oth- er times are also possible
Course content:	se content:	 1-to-1 intensive tuition with experienced tutors in students' cho- sen university subjects (such as Mathematics, Economics, Business Management, History, Politics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Psy- chology, Economics, Sociology etc.).
		 1-to-1 English for Academic Purposes (EAP), English as a Foreign Language (EFL) or IELTS preparation support
		 1-to-1 reading, research and writing skills
		 Part-time/online: 3 - 6 hours of tuition per week, from 2 weeks to 3 months
Cours	Course duration:	 Full-time course in Oxford: 12 - 15 hours of tuition per week, for 1-2 weeks, or longer, if required
		 Courses can be spread over the summer term and summer holiday; a less intensive course can be spread over a longer period

CATEGORY 4: HOLIDAY REVISION COURSES

A. Easter Revision Course

An intensive holiday revision course to improve students' academic performance and/ or prepare students for public examinations at school. The course focuses on enhancing students' knowledge of their school subjects, to help them achieve better academic understanding and results.

نلنے Suitable age:	11 – 18 years old
1 Starting time:	Easter Holiday (usually late March to mid- or late April, over a period of 4 weeks)
	 Option 1: Package Course ▲ 1-to-1 intensive tuition with experienced tutors in 2 A-level sub-
	 jects or 4 GCSE subjects (whole days, 38 hours/week) 1-to-1 intensive tuition with experienced tutors in 1 A-level or 2 GCSE subjects (half days, 22 hours/week)
Course content:	 Additional sessions in small groups include: past paper work, study skills and examination technique sessions.
	Option 2: Bespoke Course: this can be built according to the student's needs, to include more subjects or activities, or more/fewer skills sessions, or additional past paper work 1-to-1 English for Academic Purpose (EAP) or English as a Foreign Language (EFL) support, as required
Course duration:	Full-time course in Oxford: 1, 2, 3 or 4 weeks, depending on students' needs
	Tuition fee (based on Easter 2017 fee)
Cost:	 Whole day programme: £ 1495/week + optional £350+/week (accommodation) + optional £75/week (lunches)
	 Half day programme: £ 820/week + optional from £350+/week (accommodation) + optional £75/week (lunches)

CATEGORY 4: HOLIDAY REVISION COURSES

B. Half-Term Break And Other Holiday Tuition Course (Including Summer And Winter Holiday)

An intensive holiday revision course to improve students' academic performance at school or prepare students for examinations. The course focuses on enhancing students' subject knowledge and help them achieve better academic understanding and results at school.

ü	Suitable age:	11 – 17 years old
1	Starting time:	any school holiday period, including October, December, February, March/April, May, June-August
Cou	Course content:	 1-to-1 intensive tuition with experienced tutors in students' chosen subjects (which can include Mathematics, Economics, Business Studies, History, Politics)
		 1-to-1 English for Academic Purposes (EAP), English as a Foreign Language (EFL) or IELTS preparation support, where requested
Z	Course duration:	Full-time course in Oxford: 15/20/25/30 hours of tuition per week, for 1-2 weeks, or longer if required

A. English For Academic Purposes & Preparation For Ielts, Ukiset And Other English Tests

A course to improve students' technical grasp of English needed for Mathematics, Sciences, Economics/Business or other specialist subjects, or who need to acquire a specific IELTS standard for school or university, or are about to take another English test.

ü	Suitable age:	13 – 20+ years old
1	Starting time:	at any time
Course conte	Course content:	1-to-1 tuition with experienced tutors for academic English for subject studies (such as Maths, Sciences, Economics, Business etc.) with an emphasis on the quality of language needed to communicate effectively and understand specific concepts and terms within subject areas
		 1-to-1 test preparation sessions for a particular examination (such as IELTS)
		 1-to-1 language skills training in specific areas of English, such as reading, speaking, essay-writing
	Course duration:	 Part-time/online: 2-3 hours per week over 1-3 months is usually sufficient, additional tuition sessions can be requested at a later stage if necessary.
		 Full-time course in Oxford: available from 1 week to 1 year; number of hours dependent on the student's needs and ambitions, and as agreed with the Director of Studies

B. Interview Preparation (For School And University Entrance)

A course to improve students' English and interview skills for school or university application. Students will learn more about the schools/universities they are applying to, technical terms and phrases needed in the interview, how to organise and present ideas logically and how to cope with stress during interviews.

ш	Suitable age:	13 – 20+ years old
1	Starting time:	at any time
	Course content:	 1-to-1 tuition with interview training specialists, to acquire appropriate interview skills and techniques
		 1-to-1 guided research and advise on the schools or the universi- ties, to whom the student is applying
		 1-to-1 tuition on skills on presentation skills, such as organising ideas and presenting an argument
		 1-to-1 tuition in English as a Foreign language (EFL), if the student requests more support in her or his basic language skills and flu- ency
		 Part-time/online: 2 - 5 hours per week over 1-3 months, additional tuition sessions can be requested at a later stage, if required
	Course duration:	 Full-time course in Oxford: 10 – 15 hours/week for 1-3 weeks, additional tuition sessions can be requested at a later stage, if re- quired

C. University Entrance Test Preparation (BMAT, UKCAT, GAMSAT, MAT, GMAT, SAT, Etc.)

A course to prepare students for university application, including undergraduate and Master's programmes. The course focuses on the detailed preparation of students' examination skills and techniques, geared to the specific entrance tests required.

نلنے Suitable age:	17+ years old
1 Starting time:	2-3 months prior to the test (mostly Summer/early Autumn)
	 1-to-1 tuition with experienced tutors for specific test techniques and skills training
Course content:	 1-to-1 key topic studies, if the student intends to take a subject- specific test, such as BMAT or UKCAT
	Guided tuition on paper practice and mock examinations
Course duration:	Part-time/online: 2 - 3 hours of tuition per week, for 1 - 3 months, additional tuition sessions can be requested at a later stage, if required
	 Full-time course in Oxford: 15 - 20 hours per week for 1-2 weeks (including university visits)

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D. Thinking Skills Assessment (TSA)

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A course to prepare current students or potential applicants to subjects at Oxford, Cambridge or UCL requiring TSA.

ü	Suitable age:	17+ years old	
1	Starting time:	2-3 months prior to the test (mostly Summer/early Autumn)	
Ð	Course content:	 1-to-1 tuition with experienced tutors on Problem-Solving skills, including numerical and spatial reasoning 	
		 1-to-1 tuition with experienced tutors on Critical Thinking skills, in- cluding understanding argument and reasoning, using everyday language 	
X	Course duration:	 Online: 3 - 4 online information sessions for groups or individuals; additional individual sessions by request 	
	Cost:	Tuition fee:	
P		 Individual: £95/hour (total number of tuition depends on stu- dents' current level of academic attainment and hours of tuition recommended by our Director of Studies) 	
		Group: £115/session (90 minutes)	

E. Skills Training (Critical Thinking, Verbal & Non-Verbal Reasoning, Creative Writing, Study Skills, Exam Technique, Presentations)

A course for students who are required to take a reasoning test as an entry requirement, or students who will take a sixth form course in Critical Thinking, or Theory of Knowledge at IB.

ш	Suitable age:	11+ years old	
1	Starting time:	at any time, though often in the run-up to a test date or the start of a course in Critical Thinking/Creative Writing	
	Course content:	 1-to-1 tuition with experienced tutors for required specific skills training Guided and supervised examination practice 1-to-1 tuition for language work (i.e. creative writing) 	
	Course duration:	Online: 1 - 2 hours/week, from 1 week to 1 month; additional individual sessions by request	

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CATEGORY 6: SPECIALISED OXBRIDGE ENTRANCE PREPARATION COURSE

A. Online Oxbridge Entrance Introductory Course

A course for students who plan to apply to Oxbridge for undergraduate study.

ш	Suitable age:	15 - 18 years old	
1	Starting time:	usually in the 2-3 months prior to the test (i.e., from August/September), but also possible in the 18 months prior to application	
	Course content:	 Session 1: How does Oxford / Cambridge work? The relationship between the University and its Colleges Choosing where to apply Differences between the Colleges Myths and reality Q&A Session 2: How does the admissions system work? Timings and deadlines Format of the application Stages of the process What makes a strong application? Q&A Session 3: The personal statement Breaking the code of the Personal Statement Presenting your academic strengths powerfully How to represent your non-academic skills and experiences 	
		 What makes the University choose you from your PS? Q&A 	

CATEGORY 6: SPECIALISED OXBRIDGE ENTRANCE PREPARATION COURSE

	Session 4: Admission test preparation	
	What are these tests for?	
	What do they test?	
	How are you assessed?	
	How can you prepare?	
	◆ Q&A	
Course content:	Session 5: Interview practice session	
	What is the purpose of the interview?	
	What kind of questions do they ask?	
	How do you prepare for the unexpected?	
	How can you participate with confidence?	
	♦ Q&A	
Course duration:	Online: 5 sessions, 90 mins each (group course available)	
0	Tuition fee: £600 for the entire course	
Cost	 Additional tuition in specific topics can be added (i.e. entrance test preparation, interview skills practice) at a cost of £95/hour 	

CATEGORY 6: SPECIALISED OXBRIDGE ENTRANCE PREPARATION COURSE

B. Oxbridge Preparation Intensive Summer Course

A course for students who want to have an intensive preparation for Oxbridge Entrance application. A comprehensive preparation study programme will be provided, which includes specific subject study, entrance test preparation, interview skills practice, examination skills and techniques and seminars/conversations with Oxbridge alumni.

ü	Suitable age:	16 - 18years old	
1	Starting time:	July, August	
(\mathcal{O})	Course content:	 1-to-1 tuition with experienced tutors for specific subject study (i.e. A levels, IB) 	
		 1-to-1 tuition on entrance test preparation and examination tech- niques 	
		 Interview skills training 	
		Critical Thinking skills training	
		 Sharing information and seminars with Oxbridge alumni 	
X	Course duration:	Full-time course in Oxford: 25 hours per week, for 1-3 weeks.	
P	Cost:	Tuition fee: £2,250/week	

APPENDIX: GENERAL COSTS

Most courses are based on the following structure; final prices depend on the number of hours of tuition:

Standard tuition fee:	£95/hour*			
Additional cost for courses based in Oxford:				
One-off Registration fee:	£250			
Accommodation fee:	£350 - £500/week, depends on the type of room chosen			
Lunch:	£75/week			
Other cost (such as airport-transfer, sports activities arrangement):	these can be provided, and depend on the airport and distance			

* total number of tuition depends on students' current level of academic achievement and hours of tuition needed or suggested by our Director of Studies

Where some courses have a different pricing structure, these are listed on the following pages:

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