



Oxford Royale Academy
inspirational cultural and academic courses

Student Capabilities

For the attention of parents/guardians of students attending ORA courses for ages 8-12

Oxford Royale Academy (ORA) strives to create a welcoming, safe, child-centred environment for students on our summer courses. Age-appropriate staff supervision, structure and safety measures will be in place for the duration of the course. However, within this framework, all students must be able to take responsibility for following staff instructions and rules, and for managing their own basic self-care.

It is the responsibility of parents or guardians to ensure that their child is able to manage the following before registering for a course. If there are any concerns about whether a child may be able to manage any of the following, **please call a member of our team to discuss their needs prior to making a booking**, or as soon as possible afterwards. Our telephone number is +44 (0) 1865 954 800. Alternatively, you can email us on admin@oxford-royale.co.uk.

Where your child cannot meet any particular requirement set out below as a result of a disability, we will explore whether adjustments can be made which would allow them to participate - although the nature of our programmes means that this will not be possible in all circumstances.

If you do not understand this document, please contact us, and we will provide a version in your chosen language.

	The child should:	Notes
Emotional Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not be afraid to be away from home or family for the duration of their stay. Be able to function safely and appropriately within a group of similarly-aged students, including during free time, off-site trips and sleeping in a dormitory setting. Be able to adjust to the new routines, culture, surroundings and people they will experience on the programme without finding this too overwhelming. 	Our staff are always available to support children with managing day to day disagreements, homesickness and other minor difficulties, but parents and guardians must feel confident that their child is emotionally robust and mature enough to enjoy and benefit from the residential nature of the programme and being away from home.
Physical Capability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have the stamina and mobility to cope with an active programme of academic and extra-curricular activities. Be able to manage their own basic self-care unassisted, including: washing, dressing, toileting, eating and drinking. 	The programme is designed to be appropriate for children within the 8-12 age range; however, the residential, intensive nature of our courses does mean that days will be very busy and children will be active throughout their stay.
Skills and Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have sufficient English language skills to understand instructions and communicate effectively with staff and other children. Understand that they are with ORA for the full experience, and that if they are having difficulty with any aspect of the programme or have any concerns, they should always talk to a member of staff. Know which family member / other person is the most appropriate for them to contact during their stay, and how to contact them (ORA will also keep a record of such emergency contact details as are provided to it). 	Our Junior English Programme is designed for <i>Elementary</i> Level English language users and above (A2 and above on the Common European Framework of Reference). All other programmes are designed for <i>fluent / near-fluent</i> speakers of English (level B2 and above on the CEFR).
Previous experiences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be able to follow instructions and rules at home, in school and in other settings safely. Be able to assess and manage risk and danger in relation to every-day activities, such as crossing busy roads with 	

	<p>adult supervision, and behaving safely within a school environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have managed an overnight stay away from home before without difficulty.	
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