



**D'OVERBROECK'S
OXFORD**

A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL

Welcome to Summerhill

2026-2027

WELCOME TO SUMMERHILL

A very warm welcome to Summerhill.

We are Emma (Head of House) and Ella (Assistant Head of House), and together with Jess, Eleanor, Jarad, and Alicia, we are here to support you throughout your time in Summerhill. Our role is to create an environment where you are safe and healthy, can thrive academically, and make the most of the opportunities available to you.

This year is particularly exciting as you will be the first students to call Summerhill home. Being part of a new boarding house is a unique opportunity to help shape its culture, traditions, and identity from the very beginning. The values, spirit, and sense of community that develop here will be influenced by the people who live in the house, and we are looking forward to creating something special! We hope you will embrace the opportunity to contribute ideas, build a great community, and leave a lasting legacy for future boarders.

Our top tips for making the most of boarding this year:

1. Get involved

This is your final year at d'Overbroeck's, so make the most of every opportunity. Join in with house activities, suggest new ideas, and take advantage of the experiences available to you.

2. Support one another

A strong boarding community is built on kindness, respect, and encouragement. Look out for your friends and don't hesitate to reach out if you need support yourself.

3. Enjoy the journey

Year 13 is an exciting and important year, with university applications, future plans, and plenty of milestones along the way. Work hard, stay balanced, and take time to appreciate the friendships and memories you are creating.

We look forward to hearing about your summer adventures, supporting you through this important year, and celebrating your achievements along the way.

Let's make it a great year!

Emma and Ella

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Emergencies

In an emergency, you should call the boarding house telephone or mobile number. If you can't make contact on either of these numbers and you have an emergency situation out of

school hours and you need to speak to a senior member of staff, you can call the **boarding emergency number - 07990 076248**.

Daily routine

We take the responsibility of looking after our boarders very seriously and your safety is always our primary concern. This is why daily routines and making sure you are safe is really important.

Lessons at d'Overbroeck's start at 8.35am. Students are expected to get themselves up in the mornings with plenty of time to arrive punctually.

Monday – Friday mornings

Students are expected to leave the boarding house no later than 8am. Students should therefore register with boarding house staff between 7.30 - 8am and then make their way to school.

The only exceptions to the above are any Year 13 students who do not have a period 1 lesson. In this instance Year 13s must be in school by the start of period 2 and must have registered and left the house by no later than 9.30am.

Please be aware that if you are late for registration, you will incur sanctions.

In order to allow for cleaning and daily maintenance work, we ask that once you have left the house in the morning, you do not return before 12pm.

If you want to return to the House after 12pm, you are welcome to do so. Please remember to sign in on arrival and sign out again when you leave.

Monday –Friday meals

All served in the dining hall at 333:

Breakfast 8am - 8.30am

Dinner 5.15pm - 5.45pm

Study sessions

Another house registration is held in the boarding house between 6.45-7pm, Monday – Thursday. Study sessions take place after evening registration Monday – Thursday in student bedrooms or communal areas with permission with staff. All students are expected to attend study sessions. There is no study session on Friday.

You must have authorisation to miss a study session, and this should be for a legitimate reason (such as a school activity or club).

The House staff will carry out random room checks every night during this time to ensure that you are studying effectively.

House meetings

We hold regular House meetings to share important information, discuss upcoming events, and celebrate birthdays. House meetings usually take place twice each week at 7pm, and the days on which they are held will be communicated to students at the start of term. These meetings will normally take place on the same days each week, and attendance is expected unless alternative arrangements have been agreed with House staff.

Friday evening registration

Students must register with house staff on a Friday between 5-7pm. We must see you face to face.

House duties

There is a list of house duties to do each evening (Monday – Sunday). You will take turns to do the duties on a rota basis and they are completed just before bedtime. If you are on house duties, you need to start them at 9.45pm when the common rooms and kitchens close for the day. More information is available in the Sixth Form Boarding Handbook.

Curfew

Quiet time in the House is between 7pm and 9pm from Monday to Thursday to support students who wish to continue studying after the compulsory study session ends at 8.30pm. During this time, students are expected to keep noise to a minimum and be mindful of others who are working. If you would like some fresh air or a short walk after study time, you may sign out between 8.30pm and 9.15pm.

All students must be signed back into the House by 9.15pm from Sunday to Thursday. On Fridays and Saturdays, curfew is slightly extended and students must be signed back into the House by 10pm. However, if you have been away on a day trip or an overnight stay, you must return and sign back into the House by 9pm, unless alternative arrangements have been agreed with House staff. Year 13 students are permitted an extended curfew on Friday and Saturday evenings and may return to the House by 10.30pm if they have not been away from Oxford. On their return, they must sign in immediately and go straight to their rooms.

You must be in your own room by 10pm from Sunday to Thursday and by 10.30pm on Fridays and Saturdays. House staff will carry out registration at these times to ensure that everyone is safely in the House and to say goodnight.

Key curfew and registration times

Monday to Thursday

- Quiet time: **7pm - 9pm**
- Compulsory study: **7pm - 8.30pm**
- Optional extended study: **8.30pm - 9pm**
- Sign out: **8.30pm - 9.15pm**

Curfew (back in House)

- **Sunday to Thursday:** 9.15pm
- **Friday and Saturday:** 10.30pm
- **Returning from a day trip or overnight stay:** 9pm (unless otherwise agreed with House staff)

Registration and in-room times

- **Sunday to Thursday:** In your room by 10pm for registration
- **Friday and Saturday:** In your room by 10.30pm for registration
- **Students returning to House at 10.30pm on Friday and Saturday:** Must sign in immediately and go straight to their rooms

House staff will complete registration at these times to ensure all students are safely in the House and to wish everyone goodnight.

Saturday and Sunday morning registration is between 11am – 1pm.

If you have an early morning commitment such as an appointment prior to morning registration, arrangements must be agreed in advance with House staff, and you must sign out with a member of staff in person before leaving the boarding house. Students can leave the house from 8am at the weekends with prior approval, and must return to the house to register in person by 1pm. We must see you face to face.

Weekend meals

All served in the dining hall at 333:

Brunch – 11.00am - 11.30am

Dinner – 5.15pm - 5.45pm

You can sign in and out of the house on the weekends as you please.

Saturday and Sunday evening registration is between 5pm – 7pm. We must see you face to face.

Please be aware that if you are late for any registrations, you will incur sanctions

For your safety you must sign out every time you leave the house and sign in again on your return. You will be given the house duty telephone number - please make sure you have this with you at all times in case of any emergencies.

General information

Arriving at Summerhill

Unfortunately, we do not have any parking available at the house for visitors or drop-offs. Summerhill is located in a residential area where parking is restricted to permit holders. There are a limited number of unrestricted parking spaces on Carlton Road and Davenant Road.

Students must not bring a car to Oxford while staying in one of our boarding houses.

Door access and Salto cards

A key card system is used giving access rights tailored to each student. Students will be given a key or card which accesses their boarding house, their bedroom, and school, so it is very important that you do not leave it behind or lose it. These should never be lent to anyone and if lost, students should tell their Head of House as soon as possible. £10 will be charged for each replacement. Cards should be returned to the Head of House before leaving the boarding house for half terms and holidays.

Oxford and the local area

Getting to school

At Summerhill, we are fortunate to be located just an 8-minute walk from school, making the journey to and from lessons quick, easy, and convenient.

Getting around

There is a good bus service to get you to the city centre and a bus stop a few minutes up the road.

We also recommend walking, Oxford is a beautiful city, so make the most of it and get some fresh air!

There are also a number of taxi companies. We recommend **001 Taxis**, who you can contact on 01865 240000. Should you have any further questions or queries, feel free to speak to a staff member.

Safety outside the boarding house

Oxford is generally a safe and welcoming city, and its compact size makes it easy for new students to find their way around and become familiar with their surroundings. If you have a bicycle, there are dedicated cycle lanes on many of the city's busy roads to help keep cyclists safe. Always remember to wear a helmet and follow local road safety rules when cycling.

Whether you are travelling on foot, by bicycle, or by bus, it is important to be aware of your personal safety at all times. We encourage students to travel with friends whenever possible and, if you are out after dark, to stick to well-lit main roads and populated areas.

Summerhill is conveniently located with easy access to both Summertown and Oxford city centre, giving students the opportunity to enjoy everything the local area has to offer. Whether you are visiting shops, cafés, libraries, or meeting friends, please make sensible decisions about your travel plans and let staff know if you need any advice.

If you ever feel uncomfortable, unsafe, or worried about anything, please speak to a member of the Summerhill team as soon as possible. Your safety and wellbeing are our highest priorities. If you have any concerns while you are out, you can contact the boarding house at any time for advice and support. If something happens that worries you, please call the boarding house immediately or let us know as soon as you return.

If at any time you feel that you are in immediate danger, please call 999 and ask for the police.

We want all students to feel comfortable talking to us. No concern is too small, and our team is always here to listen, support, and help. We encourage you to get in touch whenever you need us, whether it is for practical help, reassurance, or simply someone to talk to. Our aim is to ensure that every student feels safe, supported, and cared for throughout their time at Summerhill.