

CARFAX

COLLEGE

— OXFORD —

HOLIDAY REVISION 2020

Term 1

Sep 2nd - Dec 13th

Term 2

Jan 6th - Mar 27th

Term 3

Apr 20th - Jun 26th

Easter, Week 1

Mar 30th - Apr 3rd

Easter, Week 2

Apr 6th - Apr 10th

Easter, Week 3

Apr 13th - Apr 17th

Easter, Week 4

Apr 20th - Apr 24th

WELCOME

The half-term and Easter are crucial times in the academic year for revision.

The exam system is currently in flux, and this only adds to the **pressure on pupils** to perform to their best. With the return to linear, end-examined qualifications, the main source of pressure is two-fold: pupils face the challenge of mastering the entire two-year syllabus for one final set of exams, and they carry the burden of knowing that, should they fall short of the **desired results**, they will have to re-take all their exams, not just select modules.

Carfax College offers a range of outstanding **intensive revision courses**, tailored to the needs of the individual pupil, as well as **specialist teaching for pre-U and IB examinations**. Teaching takes place at the College's well-resourced facilities in the heart of the historic university city of Oxford.

Through **individual tuition** in their chosen academic subjects, pupils will quickly gain the **knowledge and confidence** they need to tackle A level and GCSE exams. Working with **experienced and inspirational tutors**, pupils can focus on key areas of their examination board syllabus and gain a more profound understanding of their subjects. They can also practise examination questions and papers, to ensure that they can **communicate their knowledge effectively** and **interpret questions correctly**.



All standard courses include seminars on **study skills, revision strategies, and effective exam technique**. Sessions are oriented towards different levels and subject areas, so that pupils can benefit from guidance that is most relevant to their needs and the types of question they will face.

Every pupil has the opportunity to sit formal **mock examinations** under realistic conditions. A **full written report**, including feedback on mock exam performance and recommendations for further study and preparation, is issued at the end of each course.

KEY FEATURES

- Initial assessment and discussion to identify individual needs
- One-to-one subject tuition
- Experienced tutors with proven track records of examination success
- Flexible full day or half day timetable
- Group sessions on essential study skills and exam technique
- Mock examinations and feedback
- Course report with constructive feedback and advice



GCSE/IGCSE

With linear assessment now firmly established across all GCSE qualifications, it is important for pupils to have a full grasp of the whole syllabus and to be able to recall and apply information effectively. Carfax offers intensive study in the core GCSE subjects - English, Maths, and Science - as well as all other major subjects, including Modern Foreign Languages and the humanities.

AS LEVEL / YEAR 12

There is an academic leap from GCSE to A level, in terms of the volume of knowledge and depth of understanding required. We find that many pupils benefit from focused support in developing both subject knowledge and study skills.

Carfax's AS level/Year 12 revision courses combine intensive subject tuition alongside vital study skills and exam practice, to ensure the best results for those due to take AS examinations this summer. For those who are not, our courses provide an opportunity to review and consolidate what has been learnt during Year 12.

A LEVEL

The final year of A level study brings its own pressures. The current Upper Sixth are the first cohort to sit linear A levels and many will be feeling stressed about the prospect, as schools are not quite sure what is coming or entirely comfortable with the new specifications. Furthermore, as this is the final opportunity to re-take individual units under the old modular system in core subjects such as English Literature and Sciences, many pupils are entered for additional re-take examinations. Being faced with so many exams over a short stretch of time can be daunting.

Carfax offers the opportunity for intensive revision of whole syllabuses or individual papers, according to need. We make full use of previous examiners' reports and mark schemes, including all the available guidance on the new A level specifications. Carfax's focused approach enables the consolidation of knowledge, and the opportunity to learn from previous exam situations through thorough revision and exam practice.

SUBJECTS

Carfax offers a broad range of subjects, from the more traditional and popular options to those that are less widely offered. Pupils complete a registration form which requests information on exam board specification, modules, and any relevant options for each subject. This enables tutors to prepare precisely the correct topics, texts, and other content required by individual pupils. Subjects offered include:

Applied Science	English	Drama/Theatre Studies
Art History	Geography	Physics
Biology	Government and Politics	Psychology
Business Studies	History	Religious Studies/Philosophy
Chemistry	Mathematics	Sociology
Classics	Further Mathematics	
Economics	Media Studies	

Other subjects besides these are also offered. Early contact is encouraged, particularly in the case of more unusual requirements.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The final year of A levels brings its own pressures. The current Upper Sixth are the first cohort to sit linear A levels in some subjects and many will be feeling stressed about the prospect, as schools are not quite sure what is coming or entirely comfortable with the new specifications. Other students have seen their peers in the year above struggle with the new specifications and are feeling understandably nervous. Furthermore, as this is the final opportunity to re-take individual units under the old modular system in subjects such as Geography, RS/Philosophy and Modern Foreign Languages, many students are entered for additional re-take examinations. Being faced with so many exams over a short stretch of time can be daunting.

Intensive courses consist of up to 38 hours of on-site study in total, including at least 16 hours of expert academic subject tuition, combined with directed follow-up study under supervised conditions, as well as group sessions on study skills and exam technique, and up to 4 separate mock examinations.

Morning-only and afternoon-only courses consist of up to 22 hours of on-site study in total, including at least 8 hours of expert academic subject tuition, with directed follow-up study under supervised conditions, as well as group sessions on study skills and exam technique, and up to 2 separate mock examinations.

Pupils can continue their studies for up to four weeks. This gives the opportunity to cover a larger number of subjects or to cover a larger amount of material in greater depth.

Timetabling is flexible, in order to accommodate individual needs as far as possible. Additional individual tuition can be arranged where required.

INDIVIDUAL TUITION



In academic subject tutorials, pupils are taught individually, one-to-one by their tutors. Naturally, this allows the tutor to focus exclusively on the pupil's individual study requirements, to cover topics as fast or as slowly, and in as much depth, as the pupil needs. Individual tuition also allows tutors to cover less common subjects, units, or texts.

A TYPICAL DAY

SAMPLE TIMETABLE

9AM

Subject tutorial

10AM

Supervised follow-up study

11AM

Subject tutorial

12PM

Exam technique session

1PM

Lunch

2PM

Mock examination

4PM

Subject tutorial

5PM

Supervised follow-up study

6PM

Close

ACCOMMODATION

Residential accommodation is available. The College's qualified welfare staff can arrange for pupils to stay with highly recommended and experienced host families, who make sure that pupils are comfortable and content, while offering an environment which allows them to study undisturbed.

Breakfast and evening meals can be taken with the host family, whilst the College offers an organized lunch each day. Provision can be made for special dietary needs. Lunchtime presents an opportunity for pupils to relax a little and socialize with other pupils, in order to give pupils a chance to relax and enjoy themselves together while in Oxford over the holidays.

MEET ONE OF OUR HOST FAMILIES



JOHN AND NAOMI

Naomi and John live in a newly-decorated house in the West side of Oxford, very close to the countryside and parks, but within easy reach of the College, the railway station and the city centre. Naomi, formerly a teacher, now spends most of her time with her daughter. John teaches ICT (computing) in a school in Oxford.

PRICES & DATES

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Revision courses 2019, Feb & May half-term & Easter

Full days EU	£1,145.00
Full days non-EU	£1,295.00
Half days EU	£625.00
Half days non-EU	£695.00
Accommodation - Host family	From £215 per week half-board
Lunches	£50 per week

DATES

Terms

2nd Sep - 13th Dec

6th Jan - 27th Mar

20th Apr - 26th Jun

Easter

Week 1: 20th March to 3rd April

Week 2: 6th to 10th April

Week 3: 13th to 17th April

Week 4: 20th to 24th April

EASTER WEEKEND

There will be no teaching on Good Friday 10th April. Week 2 will be a 4-day week ending on Thursday 9th April, but will contain the same number of sessions as the other weeks. Residential pupils can stay with their host families over the Easter weekend.

CONTACT DETAILS

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