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Learn. Connect. Explore.

For learners aged 18+, our programme is designed to **improve your English language, intercultural competency and transferable skills** through interactive lessons, workshops and project work.

You'll be immersed in British culture through a **rich schedule of visits and trips** in the historic city of York and beyond.

Based on the beautiful parkland campus of our Russell Group university and living within our international community, it's the **perfect opportunity to invest in your future.**

DISCOVER THE CITY OF YORK



Explore our great, historic city

Halfway between London and Edinburgh, in the **North of England**, York is a **contemporary city** of contrast. Renowned for its **rich history and heritage**, York is full of culture. You can still walk around the city on the **city walls**, and enjoy the spectacular views of York Minster, the **majestic cathedral** which dominates the city.

York is regularly named **one of the best places to live and visit in the UK**, and with a population of 200,000, it's big enough to feel lively but small enough to feel like home. Join us to experience it in person.

EXPERIENCE OUR RUSSELL GROUP UNIVERSITY



The **University of York** is one of the **success stories** in UK higher education.

Since our foundation in 1963, we have powered our way to a **consistently high ranking** in the UK and are one of just six post-war universities to have appeared in the **world top 100**.

University of the Year shortlisted

We're proud to have been shortlisted for the prestigious University of the Year award by the Times Higher Education (THE) in 2023.

Top 20 in the UK

- **15th** in the Times Good University Guide 2024, with 14 subjects ranked in the top 10
- **Joint 17th** in the Complete University Guide 2024, with 13 subjects ranked in the UK top 10.
- **19th** in the Guardian University Guide 2024, with 6 subjects ranked in the top 10.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

English is a global language, and as such, it serves a variety of purposes for people around the world. For some, it's purely functional, for others, it's a gateway to other cultures.

In this course you will develop your functional English language skills and deepen your knowledge of British culture through a variety of lessons and workshops with our experienced tutors alongside a series of visits and trips in York and Yorkshire to put your learning into context. Specific sessions on intercultural skills will help you to explore cultural differences and strengthen your competency and communication in this area. A taster of the University's flagship York Strengths programme will assist you in enhancing your employability skills. You will have the opportunity to put the skills and knowledge you have learnt into practice through a group research project.



Aims

The aim of this programme is to develop your English language and intercultural communication skills.

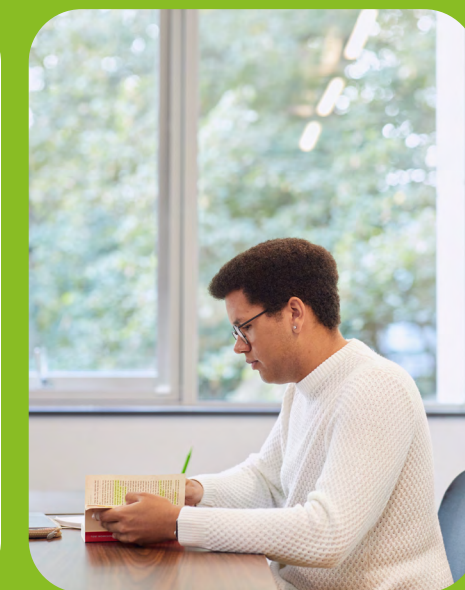
In particular it helps you:

- **Strengthen your English language skills** through a **communicative and functional** language based approach
- **Broaden your cultural horizons** and enhance your **intercultural competence**
- Develop and demonstrate **in-demand and transferable professional skills** for your future career or studies



English Language and Culture

At the heart of the programme are 23 hours of **English language and culture** classes, designed and delivered by experienced tutors from our Global Opportunities team. Alongside language learning, you'll be introduced to various aspects of British culture and will be guided by tutors to design and conduct a **mini research project** on a related topic, putting your knowledge into practice in a final group presentation.



Complementary Skills Sessions

Complementing the English language learning are our carefully selected sessions and workshops that will help you develop important skills for success in a global workplace. These include **intercultural skills** sessions to develop competence in effective and appropriate communication with people of other cultures and a taster of the **York Strengths flagship employability programme**.

Course assignments and certificate

As part of the programme you will be assigned two pieces of work:

- An individual reflective journal
- A group mini research project and presentation

If you successfully complete the programme you will receive a Certificate of Completion from the University of York.



DISCOVER YORK AND YORKSHIRE

Our programme includes an engaging schedule of classes, visits and trips to immerse you in British culture and further enhance your cultural understanding.

Day trips

From **historic houses to great cities, landscapes and coastal villages**, you'll explore places of cultural, historical and geographical interest in Yorkshire on **two fabulous day trips** in two weeks.

Free Time

The timetable includes plenty of free time for you to explore on your own and our convenient location makes it easy to travel to other places in the UK.

You will also have the option to join **regular free time social activities** led by York students. From a traditional British pub quiz to sports, movie nights and more, there is something for everyone to have fun, expand your network and enhance your experience.

Cultural Visits

Explore your temporary new home with **3 guided tours and sightseeing visits** in the magical medieval city of York.



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TIMETABLE

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	8.30 to 9am Breakfast	8.30 to 9am Breakfast	8.30 to 9am Breakfast	8.30 to 9am Breakfast
12pm to 6pm Students Arrive	Orientation	English Language and Culture	Free Day	Discover Yorkshire Day Trip: Haworth
	Intercultural Competence			
	Enrolment	Discover Yorkshire Class		
	Lunch break and IT drop-in workshop	Lunch break		
	English Language and Culture	Discover Yorkshire Cultural Visit: York's Castle Museum		
Cultural Research Project				
6pm to 7pm Welcome Dinner	Dinner break	Dinner break		
Social Activity	Free time	Social Activity		

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8.30 to 9am Breakfast	8.30 to 9am Breakfast	8.30 to 9am Breakfast	8.30 to 9am Breakfast	8.30 to 9am Breakfast	8.30 to 9am Breakfast	8.30 to 9am Breakfast
English Language and Culture	English Language and Culture	English Language and Culture	English Language and Culture	English Language and Culture	Free day	Discover Yorkshire Day Trip: Whitby
Culture Research Project	Discover Yorkshire Class	Culture Research Project	York Strengths	Culture Research Project		
Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break		
York Strengths	Intercultural Competence	Discover Yorkshire Cultural Visit: Castle Howard	Discover Yorkshire Class Cultural Research Project	Free afternoon		
Dinner break	Dinner break	Dinner break	Dinner break	Dinner break		
Social Activity	Free time	Free time	Social Activity	Free time		

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
8.30 to 9am Breakfast	8.30 to 9am Breakfast	8.30 to 9am Breakfast
English Language and Culture	English Language and Culture	9am - 12pm Students Depart
Cultural Research Project	Intercultural Competence	
Lunch break	Lunch break	
Discover Yorkshire Cultural Visit: York's Chocolate Story	Final presentations Closing Talk	
Dinner break	Dinner break	
Free time	Social Activity	



Examples of social activities in previous years have included: early evening river cruise, traditional British pub quiz, City Walls walk, pizza and movie night and much more.

Please note this timetable is indicative and timings/activities are subject to change. A final timetable will be shared with students prior to arrival. Participation in social activities is optional.



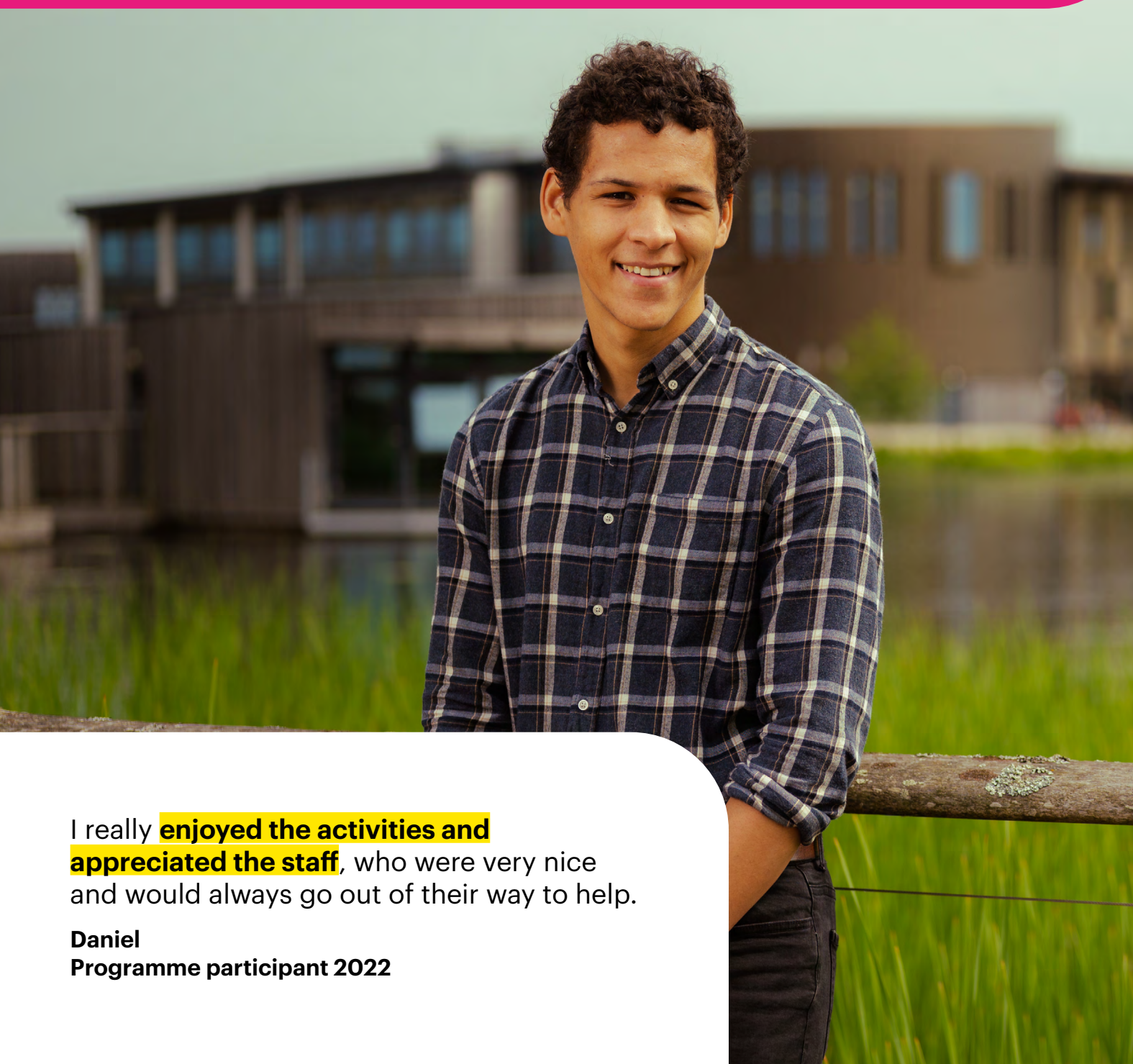
Environment

100%

of our students
would
recommend the
programme to
others*

*End of programme
feedback, Undergraduate
Summer School 2023

INDEPENDENT MINDS.



I really **enjoyed the activities and appreciated the staff**, who were very nice and would always go out of their way to help.

Daniel
Programme participant 2022



Attending the summer school was an enriching experience that **impacted not only my academic life, but helped me to develop personal skills** that will bring me closer to the person and professional I want to become. Being in this **multicultural environment and living this immersive experience** in the UK was a life-changing opportunity that I'll never forget.

Maria Fernanda
York Global Summer Schools
participant 2023

COLLECTIVE POWER.

Eligibility

This international programme is open to all learners aged 18+ that meet our entry requirements below.

You must have had your 18th birthday before the programme starts.

Academic requirements

Our summer school has no formal academic requirements, but we expect you to have a clear motivation for applying and enthusiasm for the subject. You will be asked to demonstrate your interest in your application.

English requirements

The programme is suitable for students who have been or are learning English as a second/foreign language.

We do not ask for proof of your English language proficiency, however to ensure all students receive the full value of the programme, applicants should have an intermediate level of English (at least around CEFR B1 or IELTS 4.5)

Accommodation and catering

If you decide to book accommodation with us, you will be staying in a single room in one of 11 colleges situated on our wonderful parkland campus. Your fellow students will be staying in the same accommodation block, but you'll be able to have privacy in your own room. Rooms have shared bathrooms (the average room:bathroom ratio is 5:1).

Accommodation includes daily breakfast but you will be responsible for arranging your own lunch and dinner. Each accommodation block has a shared kitchen and you will be provided with basic kitchen equipment on arrival. There is a small supermarket on campus as well as a variety of food outlets and cafes.

Welfare and security

York is the 2nd safest city in the UK according to industry body Get Licensed in their 2023 review.

If you need any support, guidance or assistance during your time here our friendly Summer School team are here to help and our Campus Safety team provides emergency support 24/7.

Programme fees

Apply before 29th March to take advantage of our early bird discount with a tuition fee of £1,500.

For applications received after the 29th March the tuition fee is £1,750.

The tuition fee includes all tuition and course materials, transport and entry fees for timetabled trips and visits, a welcome dinner, optional free time activities*, Wi-Fi on campus and in York city centre and a certificate of completion.

Accommodation is optional and has a fee of £550 which includes accommodation for 14 nights in a single room on campus and daily breakfast.

**some activities may have an additional cost which will be communicated on arrival.*

Terms and conditions

If you accept a place on this programme, you are required to agree to our [Terms and Conditions](#), as set out on our website.

Contact

Our friendly team is available to help with any queries.

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READY TO APPLY?

Places on our programme are limited, and are available on a first-come-first-serve basis. We recommend booking early to avoid disappointment.

You can find our [application form on our website](#).





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