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# WE ARE ALL GLOBAL YORK



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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

- **20th** in *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* Good University Guide 2025, with 11 subjects ranked in the UK top 10
- **Joint 17th** in *The Complete University Guide* 2025, with 14 subjects ranked in the UK top 10.
- **25th** in *The Guardian University Guide* 2025, with 4 subjects ranked in the top 10.

# ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

English is a global language that opens doors to education, careers, and cultural understanding. This programme will help you strengthen your functional English skills while gaining deeper insights into British culture. Lessons and workshops with experienced tutors are complemented by visits and excursions across York and Yorkshire, ensuring that learning is practical, engaging, and meaningful. Dedicated sessions on intercultural communication will prepare you to interact confidently across cultures, while a video research project will enhance digital literacy and provide valuable preparation for success in the modern, global workplace.



## Programme 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**, with a focus on **communication and functional language**.
- Provide an **in-depth understanding of British culture** through **immersive experiences and visits**.
- Develop **intercultural awareness** and effective **digital skills**.
- Build **academic skills** such as seminar participation, presentation delivery, and reflective practice through a **creative video project**.



## English Language and Culture

The main components of the summer school combine **academic study with real-world experiences**. Students will build their **language confidence** through interactive classes while also **exploring British culture first-hand** through cultural activities and excursions. This balance of classroom learning and experiential opportunities ensures that participants not only develop their **English proficiency** but also gain **fresh perspectives on life and study in the UK**.



## Complementary Skills Sessions

To support language learning, students also take part in tailored workshops designed to develop key skills for higher education and international careers. Sessions include **intercultural communication and academic skills** workshops which equip participants to perform at a high academic level while preparing them for life and work in an increasingly interconnected world.

## Course assignments and certificate

Students will complete two assessed elements:

- A personal learning log to track and reflect on progress.
- A video research project to apply skills in a practical, creative way.

Upon successful completion, participants receive a **University of York Certificate of Completion**, recognising their achievements and providing a valuable addition to their academic portfolio. Students who have completed the course will qualify for a 10% graduate tuition-fee discount at 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 **guided tours and sightseeing visits** in the magical medieval city of York and a half-day excursion to Castle Howard, the iconic stately home.



Castle Howard

## DRAFT TIMETABLE

### WEEK 1

Tuesday 14 July	Wednesday 15 July	Thursday 16 July	Friday 17 July	Saturday 18 July	Sunday 19 July
ARRIVAL	9.15am to 10.45am <b>Welcome and orientation</b>	9.15am to 10.45am <b>Cultural video project</b> Introduction and cross-cultural communication	9.15am to 10.45am <b>Discover Yorkshire</b> Preparation for trip to Whitby	FREE DAY	9am to 5pm <b>Discover Yorkshire</b> Full day trip to Whitby
	11am to 12 noon <b>Tour of the University of York</b>	11am to 12 noon <b>Discover Yorkshire</b> Introduction to York	11am to 12 noon <b>English language and skills</b> Introduction to learning logs		
	1pm to 3pm <b>Culture</b> Introduction to culture	1pm to 3pm <b>Discover Yorkshire</b> Tour of York	1pm to 3pm <b>Cultural video project</b> Introduction to TASK		
	Evening <b>Welcome dinner</b>	Evening <b>Evening social activities hub</b> View and register for events here			

### WEEK 2

Monday 20 July	Tuesday 21 July	Wednesday 22 July	Thursday 23 July	Friday 24 July	Saturday 25 July	Sunday 26 July
9.15am to 10.45am	9.15am to 10.45am	9.15am to 10.45am	9.15am to 10.45am	9.15am to 10.45am	FREE DAY	9am to 5pm
English language and skills Preparation for talk	Academic skills Seminar skills	English language and skills Preparation for talk	Academic skills Seminar	Academic skills Presentation skills		Discover Yorkshire Full day trip to Haworth
11am to 12 noon	11am to 12 noon	11am to 12 noon	11am to 12 noon	11am to 12 noon		
Keynote academic talk	Culture Preparation for Castle Howard visit	Keynote academic talk	Culture York's chocolate history	Discover Yorkshire Preparation for Haworth		
1pm to 3pm	1pm to 3pm	1pm to 3pm	1pm to 3pm	1pm to 3pm		
Cultural video project Video editing	Discover Yorkshire Half-day trip to Castle Howard	Intercultural training	Discover Yorkshire York's chocolate story	Culture video project Tutorials		
Evening						
Evening social activities hub View and register for events here						

### WEEK 3

Monday 27 July	Tuesday 28 July
9.15am to 10.45am <b>Intercultural training</b>	9.15am to 10.45am <b>Cultural video project</b> Video presentations
11am to 12 noon <b>English language skills</b>	
1pm to 3pm <b>Cultural video project</b> Video editing	3pm <b>Reflection and course evaluation</b> <b>FAREWELL CEREMONY</b>
Evening <b>Evening social activities hub</b> View and register for events here	



Whitby

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.



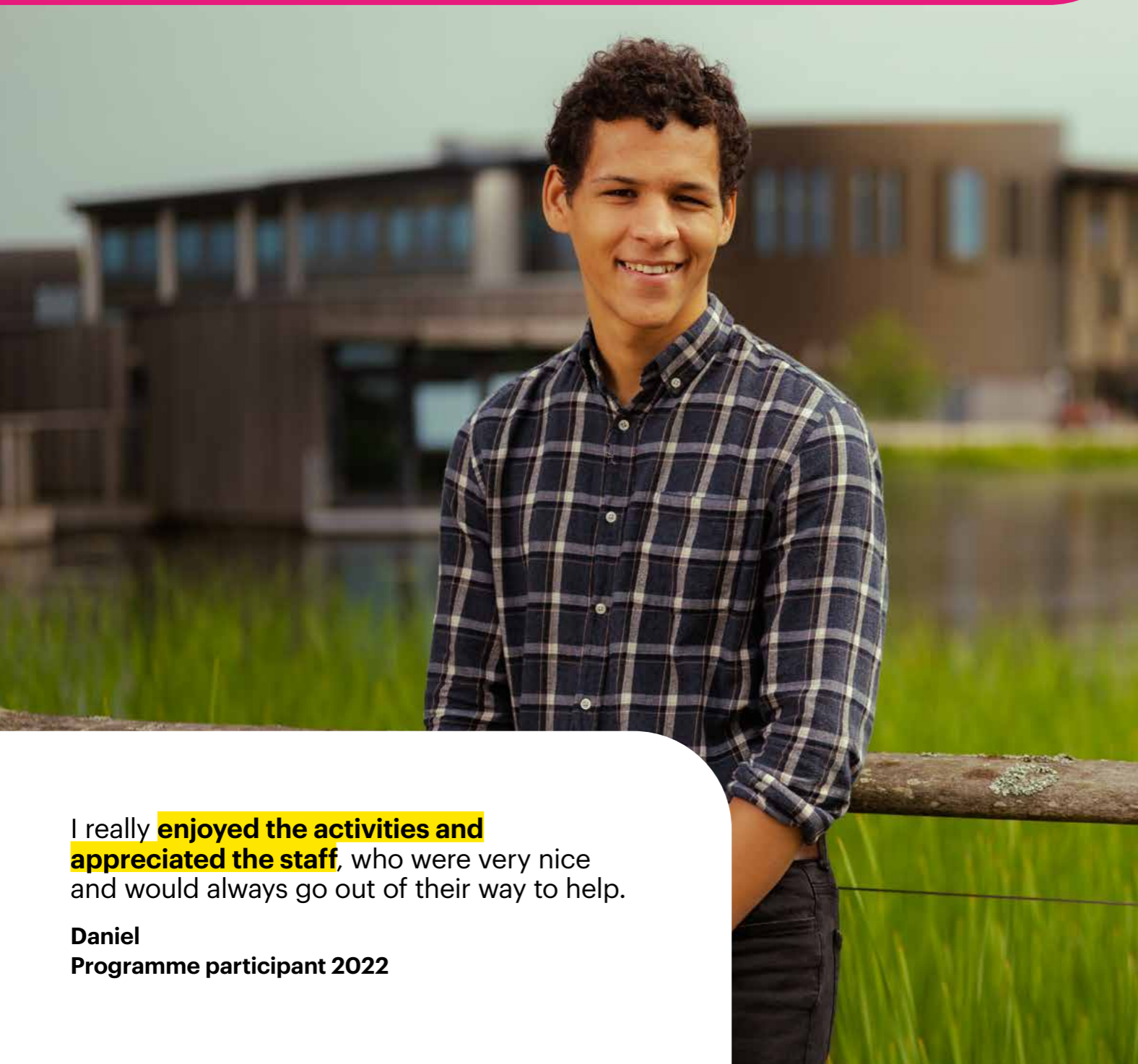
Environment

**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

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).

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 cafés.

## 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 31st of March to take advantage of our early bird discount with a tuition fee of £1,800.

For applications received after this date the tuition fee is £1,920.

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.

*\*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](#).

Or scan the QR code below:





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