



AVERNUS EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY PREPARATION AND INTENSIVE UCAS APPLICATION RESIDENTIAL COURSE

OCTOBER HALF TERM 2023



Downside School, Bath, UK



20th October-5th November 2023

PERSONALISED TUITION



Individualised tuition and bespoke university application preparation and strategy mentorship



- Advice and expertise beyond the curriculum
- Enhance your subject knowledge
- Master what it takes to succeed in GCSEs and A-Levels
- Get the edge with University preparation sessions
- With experts from Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial, UCL



WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?



- Years 9-13 wanting to get ahead of the competition
- Anyone wanting expert university guidance and bespoke application advice
- All those preparing for GCSE and A Level examinations or other mock examinations



UNIVERSITY APPLICATION MASTERCLASS CLINICS



- Finalise and submit UCAS application
- Personal Statement writing masterclass
- Interview preparation for Oxbridge and Medicine
- Admission tests training and application support
- A-level subject knowledge clinics



OUR PROGRAMMES



Welcome to Avernus Education! Avernus Education is a leading provider of educational services and residential courses. Our team of highly qualified staff members are experts in their academic subject areas and pastoral care, ensuring that our students receive the best possible education and support. We offer a range of programmes that combine academic excellence, personal development, and cultural enrichment. Our team has years of experience in hosting residential camps and courses, and we are committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all our students.

We are delighted to once again be running our October university preparation and subject knowledge enhancement camp at Downside School. The study course is perfect for students who want to maximise their preparations for public examinations and take their understanding and consolidation to the next level. Knowledge enhancement, curriculum revision and confidence building sessions are delivered in a supportive and encouraging environment conducive to academic study and rigour.

Throughout, participants have the opportunity to demonstrate their passion and commitment to their subjects and longer term goals. Students receive bespoke university application strategy and admission guidance, helping them stand out from the crowd. Throughout, participants gain invaluable personalised feedback from our tutors who have studied at leading universities such as Oxford, Cambridge and London Universities. We look forward to welcoming you to the course!



LAWRENCE LAW
ACADEMIC DIRECTOR

Lawrence has an in-depth understanding of the British education system and has designed the October Half Term Course to prepare students for their further studies. Based on the individual needs and future aspirations of each student, he will create an individual timetable to maximise their time at the October Half Term Course so students can get a head start on their further studies. Lawrence graduated with a First Class Honours in Mathematics and Statistics from Imperial College London.



MIKE STRICKLAND
HEAD OF EDUCATION

Mike has extensive experience of British and international education spanning several continents, multiple curricula and diverse organisations around the world. As a former House Master at Harrow International School Hong Kong for many years, Mike developed specialised knowledge of pastoral care and academic excellence. He is an experienced leader of residential camps and looks forward to welcoming you on the course.

ABOUT THE COURSE

Our October residential course is a highly effective programme that has helped many students achieve their academic goals. Students have the opportunity to access timely, individualised support, to help them prepare for their GCSE, A-Level exams, and other public examinations or external tests. Our philosophy is that everyone can gain a competitive advantage with bespoke advice and expert tuition. To ensure students are maximising their school holiday, our comprehensive programme provides structure and motivation, allowing individuals to maintain momentum, consolidate knowledge, enhance their understanding, and get ahead in their university application.

Whether students are interested honing exam technique ahead of mock examinations and tests, in developing their world view and discovering what's out there, or fine tuning their UK university application, the course is designed to give students the edge. We inspire students to discover a passion, further their ambitions, and guide them on their pathway to success in examinations and beyond as they apply to university.

PERSONALISED SESSIONS

In addition to personalised tuition, students are able to access masterclass clinics lead by our university application consultants. Students receive this personalised academic mentorship throughout, ensuring they are able to get ahead and succeed. Students can join sessions according to their personalised schedule at no extra cost. Support is provided during self-study times and additional one-to-one mentoring is available upon request.



DAN POSENER
*SENIOR CONSULTANT AND TUTOR
CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY*

EXPERTISE BEYOND THE CURRICULUM

Our exclusive university preparation masterclass clinics are a highlight of the course. From degree choice and university selection, to how to craft a compelling Personal Statement and perform during an interview, our range of exciting application mentorship sessions will ensure participants are able to get the edge and stand out from the competition during their university applications and beyond. Advanced pathway support is also on offer for those applying to Oxbridge, Medicine, Law and Engineering.

Each student will be given their own personalised timetable with recommended additional university preparation drop-in sessions to attend. Students will also be assigned exercises and past exam or admission test papers according to their current level so they can work towards achieving their academic goals and succeed in their university application. Sessions are delivered by highly qualified and experienced tutors in person, in small intimate groups. Students will have the opportunity to ask specific questions and gain personal support and advice. If recommended or requested, additional one-to-one tuition and mentorship can be arranged to complement the course schedule.



SAMPLE TIMETABLE

	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7
08:30-09:30	Breakfast						
09:30-10:30	Own Tutoring	Introduction to Business	Own Tutoring	Introduction to Engineering	Own Tutoring	Own Tutoring	Day Trip
10:45-11:45	Personal Statement Support	Own Tutoring	EPQ support	Own Tutoring	Admissions Testing Support	Broadening horizons: life at university	
12:00-13:00	Introduction to Law	Supervised Revision/ Tutoring	Introduction to Medicine	Supervised Revision/ Tutoring	Introduction to Economics	Supervised Revision/ Tutoring	
13:00-14:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
14:15-15:15	Oxbridge Enrichment Sessions	Exam Technique Session	Oxbridge Enrichment Sessions	Revision Tips Session	Exam Technique Session	University Application Support	
15:30-16:30	Sports/Activities	Sports/Activities	Sports/Activities	Sports/Activities	Sports/Activities	Sports/Activities	
16:45-18:15	Own Time/ Tutoring	Own Time/ Tutoring	Own Time/ Tutoring	Own Time/ Tutoring	Own Time/ Tutoring	Own Time/ Tutoring	
18:15-19:15	Dinner						
19:45-21:15	Evening Activities						
21:15-22:00	Snacks, Free Time, Personal Study						
22:00-22:30	Bed Time						

The timetable ensures students can take regular breaks throughout the day, and each day ends with an evening activity. Evening group activities provide a fun and collaborative element to the course; students are encouraged to join every night after dinner to relax and recover from their studies. A variety of optional trips over the weekends are available for students who wish to relax and recharge whilst building relationships with others on the course.

EVENING ACTIVITIES

- Engineering Night / Scavenger Hunt
- Party Games / Treasure Hunt
- Werewolf / Riddle Mania
- Hotpot Night
- Volleyball / dodgeball



MAXIMISE OCTOBER HALF TERM

- One-to-one meeting with the Academic Director prior to arrival
- Personalised study timetable and university application pathway for each student
- Over 7 hours a day of scheduled study time
- Expert drop-in university application and strategy masterclass sessions focused on course selection, university and college choice, Personal Statement writing, interview preparation, and admissions test insider advice
- Tailored advice from university specialists for A Level selection and application process for all UK universities
- Past admissions tests and exam papers to practise from a variety of exam boards
- Supervised study and regular check-ins to provide students with full support, mentorship and encouragement
- Printing available on-site
- Individual study space available to maximise uninterrupted self-study time, combined with group study areas to enhance collaboration and shared revision strategies
- Flexibility to include additional one-to-one tuition and consultancy sessions if required
- Online follow up after the course and smooth transition to continued mentorship from Avernus Education

UNIVERSITY MASTERCLASS

- UK University Application Support (UCAS)
- Intensive Interview Preparation
- Introduction to Law, Medicine, Economics, Business and Engineering
- Subject-Specialised Pathway advice
- Oxbridge Enrichment Sessions
- Broadening horizons: life at university
- School admission Bridging Pathway
- A Changing World: new careers
- Admissions Test Support
- UK and IB Exam Preparation
- English Language Support (IELTS)
- 1:1 Strategy Consultancy
- Debating and Public Speaking

PERSONALISED GUIDANCE

Students will receive expert personalised guidance to ensure they are on the correct path towards reaching their higher education goals. Whether students are looking for advice for A Level subject selections or for direction and support for university applications, our specialist consultants will provide students with tailor-made advice and map out steps for students to take in order to prepare and apply for places in G5, Russell Group and other universities in the UK.

MEET THE TUTORS

We are especially proud of the quality of our teaching and tuition. Our team of experts is made up of highly qualified and experienced individuals who have a deep understanding of the UK education system, what universities are looking for, and what it takes to succeed in examinations. Our tutors work across all exam boards and help deliver highly personalised academic and pastoral support, enhancing the existing talents of students and maximising their exam preparations to successfully guide and advance them to the next phase of their education. Below is a selection of our course tutors.



TOM

- *Medicine* at University of Oxford
- Lead Science Tutor and Medicine Pathway Advisor
- 11 9s at GCSE, 4 A*s at A Level
- 40/40 in History Coursework, 50/50 in EPQ
- 98th percentile for the UCAT, top BMAT score
- Highest score at Christ College, Oxford



WILL

- *Politics and International Relations* at UCL
- Lead Humanities Tutor and Pathway Advisor
- Experienced Oxford Summer Programme leader
- Advanced Humanities tutoring and success in preparing candidates for public examinations
- Exceptional track record of exam success, and successful admissions to leading UK degrees and colleges.



KITTY

- *English* at University of Oxford
- English Tutor
- Dedicated and accomplished English tutor
- Passion for literature and a deep understanding of the English language
- Expertise in close reading and wide knowledge of literary genres, critical theories, and writing techniques

ADDITIONAL TUITION OPTIONS

(available upon request)

SUBJECT	COSTS
<p>Extra English Tuition Options*</p> <p>A qualified IELTS and Cambridge examiner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IELTS preparation • Cambridge exam preparation • Cambridge Business exam preparation 	<p>£95</p> <p>one-to-one online*</p>
<p>Extra Tuition Options*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths • Physics • Chemistry • Biology • Business Studies • Economics • Geography • History • Other GCSE and A-Level subjects available. 	<p>£105</p> <p>one-to-one online*</p>

EXAM BOARDS SUPPORTED

GCSE/IGCSE:

- AQA
- OCR
- Pearson Edexcel
- WJEC
- CAMBRIDGE

GCE A Level:

- AQA
- Pearson Edexcel
- OCR
- WJEC
- CCEA

** Tuition subjects and session frequency are subject to availability. Please also note that for one-to-one tuition, a minimum booking of five sessions is required. Each session lasts one hour.*

ACCOMMODATION OVERVIEW

Our University Preparation and Intensive UCAS Application Residential Course is based at Downside School. This leading UK boarding school provides the perfect location for residential courses. On-site facilities that students will have access to include a sports hall, music rooms and individual study rooms.

Students will have the option to stay in an individual or shared room. All individual rooms are equipped with a desk for studying. Students who wish to spend more time studying independently may prefer to choose an individual room so they can manage their own time effectively.



LOCATION

Downside School
Stratton-on-the-Fosse,
Radstock
BA3 4RJ

DATES

Arrival Date from:
20th October 2023
Arrive no earlier than 2pm

Departure Date:
5th November 2023
Depart no later than 2pm

**NO MINIMUM NIGHT STAYS*

COSTS

INDIVIDUAL ROOM:
£225 per night

SHARED ROOM:
£195 per night

**TRANSPORT TO AND FROM THE COURSE NOT INCLUDED*

SIGN UP NOW

