



**Oxford Royale Academy**  
inspirational cultural and academic courses

## *Student Capabilities*

### *For the attention of parents/guardians of students attending ORA courses for ages 8-12*

Oxford Royale Academy strives to create a welcoming, safe, child-centred environment for students on our Summer courses. Age appropriate staff supervision, structure and safety measures will be in place for the duration of the course.

However, within this framework, all students must be able to take responsibility for following staff instructions and rules, and for managing their own basic self-care.

It is the responsibility of parents or guardians to ensure that their child is able to manage the following before registering for a course. If there any concerns about whether a child may be able to manage any of the following, **please call a member of our team to discuss their needs prior to making a booking**, or as soon as possible afterwards. Our telephone number is +44 (0) 845 130 60 21. Alternatively, you can email us on [admin@oxford-royale.co.uk](mailto:admin@oxford-royale.co.uk)

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	The child should:	Notes
<b>Emotional Capacity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not be afraid to be away from home for the duration of their stay.</li> <li>Not be afraid to be away from family for the duration of their stay.</li> <li>Be able to function safely and appropriately within a group of similarly-aged students, including during free time, off site trips and sleeping in a dormitory setting.</li> <li>Be able to adjust to the new routines, culture, surroundings and people they will experience on the programme without finding this too overwhelming.</li> </ul>	Our staff are always available to support children with managing day to day disagreements, homesickness and other minor difficulties, but parents and guardians must feel confident that their child is emotionally robust and mature enough to enjoy and benefit from the residential nature of the programme and being away from home.
<b>Physical Capability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have the stamina and mobility to cope with an active programme of academic and extra-curricular activities.</li> <li>Be able to manage their own basic self-care unassisted, including: washing, dressing, toileting, eating and drinking.</li> </ul>	The programme is designed to be appropriate for children within the 8-12 age range, however the residential, intensive nature of our courses does mean that days will be very busy and children will be active throughout their stay.
<b>Skills and Knowledge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have sufficient English Language skills to understand instructions and communicate effectively with staff and other children.</li> <li>Be able to ask for help from staff, if required.</li> </ul>	
<b>Previous experiences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be able to follow instructions and rules at home, in school and in other settings safely.</li> <li>Be able to assess and manage risk and danger in relation to every-day activities, such as crossing busy roads, with adult supervision and behaving safely within a school environment.</li> <li>Have managed an overnight stay away from home before without difficulty.</li> </ul>	