



RATCLIFFE
COLLEGE

CO-ED • CATHOLIC • DAY & BOARDING • 3-18

IMMERSION PROGRAMME

FOR AGES 10 TO 17 |



IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE RATCLIFFE EXPERIENCE

Welcome from the Headmaster.

Ratcliffe College is a leading Catholic, independent, co-educational, boarding and day school for students aged 3 to 18, located in the heart of rural Leicestershire, central England.

We are delighted you have shown an interest in joining our Immersion Programme.

Designed especially for international students aged 10 - 17, our Immersion programme offers a unique opportunity to live and study in a traditional British, Catholic boarding school for two to four weeks during term time. With flexible entry points in the Autumn, Spring, or Summer Terms, our Immersion programme meets the needs of families across the globe.

Our uniquely designed Immersion Programme combines full participation in the British school curriculum with a rich variety of traditional cultural experiences, trips, and boarding activities each week. In addition, students receive specialist English Language lessons aimed at developing all core language skills, reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

As a Catholic school rooted in the Rosminian Charism, Ratcliffe College offers a warm and inclusive environment where every student is recognised as a unique part of God's creation. We nurture a strong sense of dignity, self-worth, and belonging, fostering supportive and caring relationships throughout our school community.



Becoming part of our busy school and diverse boarding community, which is home to over 20 nationalities, students live and learn alongside Ratcliffe students from the UK and around the world. They form lasting friendships, while developing independence and resilience, setting a foundation for potential full-time study abroad in the future.

Beyond the classroom, there are over 100 co-curricular activities each week to explore, ranging from Sport, Music and Drama, Debate and Outdoor Education, all aimed at nurturing creativity, teamwork, and personal growth.

With twice-weekly excursions to historic towns and cities across England, students will not only improve their English, but gain an understanding of British heritage and culture.

We look forward to welcoming you to Ratcliffe College.

Mr Jonathan Reddin,
Headmaster.



Experience the vibrant life of a boarder in a historic, traditional British Boarding school, making friends for life, immersed in our rich British culture.

A FULLY IMMERSIVE,
BRITISH EDUCATIONAL
EXPERIENCE.

THE RATCLIFFE COLLEGE IMMERSION EXPERIENCE



Group and individual bookings are welcome.

Experience life at Ratcliffe College for **2, 3, or 4 weeks during term time**. International students who join us for an Immersion programme are fully integrated into lessons alongside Ratcliffe College students, allowing them to improve their English, gain new knowledge, understanding and experience British boarding school life first-hand.



For International
students aged
10 - 17



Join us all year
round
(term time only)



2, 3, 4 week
programmes

This all-inclusive programme includes:

- A balanced schedule of academic study and English Language lesson support (EAL).
- All study materials and personalised academic support.
- Full-board accommodation in our boarding houses on campus.
- A wide range of weekly boarding activities and local visits.
- Twice-weekly cultural and educational trips.
- School Uniform - can be arranged upon request with our second-hand uniform shop or purchased directly through our official online uniform suppliers prior to arrival.
- Airport transfers (complimentary to and from London Heathrow and Birmingham International Airport only).

Entry Requirements

No formal entry test or interview is necessary. International students must submit a recent study report that details their current academic standing and achievements. We encourage students to send a short self-recorded welcome video before arrival to help us get to know them better ahead of joining the programme.

WHY CHOOSE RATCLIFFE?

Over the course of this programme, students will have the unique opportunity to live, learn, and take part in everyday life within an authentic British Boarding school environment.

Students follow the Ratcliffe College curriculum in Years 6 - 8, or the GCSE or A Level curriculum for older students. They are paired with Ratcliffe College students and take part in a wide range of co-curricular and cultural activities designed to broaden their understanding of life in a British boarding school.

Whether students wish to improve their English, experience British traditions, or gain an introduction to the English education system, the Immersion Programme provides the perfect foundation.

As an outstanding Catholic school, Ratcliffe College offers a warm, inclusive community where faith, learning, and personal growth are at the heart of everything we do. Every student is valued, supported, and inspired to thrive throughout their stay, by outstanding teachers and pastoral staff who are committed to providing students with an unforgettable experience.



A fully immersive, educational experience

Experience lessons on campus with Ratcliffe College students and learn from expert teachers who are passionate about their subject.



State-of-the-art facilities

Make the most of our fantastic living and innovative learning spaces, with everything on your doorstep.



Cultural enrichment and traditions

Engage in traditional, Catholic, British school events and ceremonies.



Improve your English Language skills

Enhance your English skills, vocabulary and speaking skills through immersive learning and daily interactions with British students, teaching and boarding staff.



Enjoy 100+ co-curricular activities

Participate in a wide variety of co-curricular offerings, including sport, CCF, Art, Music, Drama, STEM, Maths and much more, making new friends along the way.



Diverse, safe and nurturing community

Our Immersion Programme Co-ordinator and Boarding Teams will ensure a smooth transition into school life at Ratcliffe College.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

IMMERSIVE ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Students will be placed in classes suited to their age, ability and interests, where they will study a range of subjects including English, Mathematics, Science, Art, History, and Design and Technology. Lessons are designed to be interactive and engaging, encouraging students to think critically and work collaboratively alongside Ratcliffe students.

EXPLORE DIFFERENT CULTURES

Throughout the programme, students will have the chance to participate in traditional British school events, such as House competitions and will attend local excursions to famous historical sites and cities, for example Nottingham, Leicester, York, Stratford, Cambridge and Oxford. These experiences offer a deep-dive into British culture.

LIVE ON CAMPUS

Students will stay in one of our two boarding houses (Girls' House/Boys' House), where they will share living spaces

with British and other international boarders. This offers a fantastic opportunity to form new friendships, improve their English, and learn about different cultures in a supportive and safe environment, all located at the heart of our campus.

GET INVOLVED IN CO-CURRICULAR

Beyond the classroom, students can get involved in a wide range of co-curricular activities during their stay with us, including:

- Outdoor educational activities, such as archery and mountain biking.
- Musical theatre, choir, music ensembles and Drama.
- Chaplaincy activities, including charitable fundraising.
- Leadership and personal development.
- Business and Enterprise.
- Maths challenges.
- STEM clubs.
- Design and Technology.
- Art, Design and Photography, painting and sculpture.
- Combined Cadet Force.
- Sports: Football, Rugby, Tennis, Hockey, Golf, Netball, Athletics, Basketball, Cross-country Running, Swimming, Badminton and much more!

A BEAUTIFUL, SAFE AND RURAL LOCATION IN THE HEART OF ENGLAND

Ratcliffe College is set on a stunning 200-acre campus in rural Leicestershire. Living and studying in such a calm, physical environment creates a safe and secure space for students to flourish. At the heart of Ratcliffe is a welcoming, family-oriented community that quickly feels like a home-from-home. Here, every student is known, valued, and guided to reach their full potential.

Conveniently situated with excellent transport connections to London, Cambridge, and Oxford, Ratcliffe College offers the perfect balance between the peacefulness of rural life and easy access to the UK's most famous cities, historic towns, and iconic landmarks, all just a short journey away.

THE CAMPUS BOASTS FROM:



TWO SPORTS HALLS



MODERN ON-SITE ACCOMMODATION



STATE-OF-THE-ART FITNESS SUITE



EXTENSIVE GRASS AND ASTRO-TURF PITCHES



FLOOD-LIT TENNIS COURTS



TRANQUIL LOCKHART GARDEN



25M SWIMMING POOL



CARBON-ZERO BUILDINGS



TRADITIONAL SURROUNDINGS



EXCELLENT CATERING AND DINING FACILITIES



OUTSTANDING TEACHING FACILITIES



ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIO





**SPACE TO FLOURISH,
A PLACE TO BELONG.**

HOW TO FIND US

Situated in the East Midlands on the A46, between the cities of Nottingham and Leicester.

Ratcliffe College is conveniently located for the national motorway network and within close proximity to several airports.



NEAREST AIRPORTS

- East Midlands (45 Minutes)
- *Birmingham International (1 Hour)
- London Stansted (2 Hours)
- *London Heathrow (2.5 Hours)

*Free transfers included:

Complimentary transfers to and from Ratcliffe College are provided for arrivals and departures at:

- **Birmingham International Airport**
- **London Heathrow Airport**







MODERN BOARDING FACILITIES

Ratcliffe College boarding community is blessed with a nurturing family ethos, within its diverse boarding community. Our newly refurbished, modern Boarding rooms and communal areas, including kitchen, common room and cafe have added a fresh dimension to our Boarding Houses.

Bedrooms in the Boys' and Girls' Boarding Houses are comfortable, clean, modern spaces which cater specifically for the needs of young people. The Boarding Houses are safe and secure, with fantastic communal and kitchen areas for all students to relax and unwind after a fun-filled day. Students stay in single, double, or triple study bedrooms dependent on their age. To help students settle in and make new friends, we encourage sharing rooms with Ratcliffe boarding students, creating a welcoming and supportive community during their stay.

Each bedroom offers a comfortable and practical space, featuring a single bed, a lockable desk, wardrobe and drawer storage, and USB ports for modern devices. Students share modern communal shower and bathroom facilities, with several available in each boarding house.

Our central Boarders' Lounge is a great space to socialise with friends, keep in touch with family and step away from academic life. The lounge includes a pool table, flat-screen television, music station, comfortable seating and well-equipped kitchenette.

All our homemade meals are cooked from fresh local ingredients on site by our friendly and talented catering staff and served daily in our historic Refectory. Laundry is free-of-charge on-site. WiFi access is provided throughout the campus, allowing students to easily keep in contact with their families at restricted times.



A global,
multi-cultural
community



Single, double,
or triple rooms
available



Vibrant Weekly
Boarding Activities
Programme



Excellent catering
and dining
facilities.



Supportive
and nurturing
environment.

WHAT THE STUDENTS SAY...



I enjoyed every moment of the programme, from the lessons to the weekly trips. It was amazing to meet students from all over the world and experience life in a British boarding school.

Marco, Italy.



The Immersion Programme was a fantastic opportunity to improve my English and discover British culture. The teachers were very supportive, and I loved making friends from so many different countries."

Camille, France.



I loved the boarding life, and the teachers were very welcoming and supportive. I especially enjoyed the Summer Activity Week - it was a great experience.

Antonin, France.



Living and studying at Ratcliffe College helped me gain confidence in speaking English. The excursions and activities were so much fun, and I felt really welcomed by everyone.

Li Wei, China.



I loved the friendly atmosphere and the chance to explore England through the organised trips. The teachers really helped me with my English, and the boarding house felt like a second home.

Lena, Switzerland.





WINTER TERM EXEMPLAR SCHEDULE

International students will take part in EAL lessons (if required) and academic lessons, Monday to Friday. Each lesson is one hour long. Trips and activities can be tailored to personal interests.

Week 1	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
7.15am	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	9am: Boarders' Brunch	10am: Boarders' Brunch
Period 1	EAL - British Festivals & Traditions	EAL - British Media & Pop Culture	 Day Trip to Harry Potter Studios	EAL - British History	EAL - speaking & presentation skills	 Day Trip to Stratford Upon Avon - home of Shakespeare	 Shopping trip to Fosse Park and Eatery
Period 2	EAL - Creative Writing	EAL - exploring British landmarks		EAL - British Kings and Queens	EAL - Creative writing		
11.00 am - 11.20am	Break	Break		Break	Break		
Period 3	Maths	Business		Languages	Music		
Period 4	Music	Outdoor Education		English Lit	Drama		
1.15pm - 2.15pm	Lunch	Lunch		Lunch	Lunch		
Period 5	Computer Science	Games		Games	Business		
Period 6	History	Games		Games	Biology		
4.10pm - 5.40pm	Prep / Co-Curricular	Prep / Co-Curricular	Prep / Co-Curricular	Prep / Co-Curricular	Prep / Co-Curricular	Free time	Free time
6.00pm	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper
7pm - 9pm	Boarders' Lounge games	Sports and Night Prayer	Fire Pit Night	Bake Off and Night Prayer	Running Club	Film Night	Boarders' Lounge games
From 9pm	In House	In House	In House	In House	In House	In House	In House

WINTER TERM EXEMPLAR SCHEDULE

International students will take part in EAL lessons (if required) and academic lessons, Monday to Friday. Each lesson is one hour long. Trips and activities can be tailored to personal interests.

Week 2	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
7.15am	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	9am: Boarders' Brunch	10am: Boarders' Brunch
Period 1	EAL - My experiences in the UK	EAL - Cultural Traditions	 Day Trip to Warwick Castle	EAL - British food and bakes	EAL - Descriptive writing	 Day Trip to Cambridge	 Go Karting with the Boarding Community
Period 2	EAL - British Media & Pop Culture	EAL - Sports in the UK		EAL - British Inventors	EAL - History of Art		
11.00 am - 11.20am	Break	Break		Break	Break		
Period 3	Maths	Business		Languages	Music		
Period 4	Biology	Geography		Outdoor Education	Drama		
1.15pm - 2.15pm	Lunch	Lunch		Lunch	Lunch		
Period 5	Technology	Games		Games	Art / Design		
Period 6	History	Games		Games	Maths		
4.10pm - 5.40pm	Prep / Co-Curricular	Prep / Co-Curricular	Prep / Co-Curricular	Prep / Co-Curricular	Prep / Co-Curricular	Free time	Free time
6.00pm	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper
7pm - 9pm	Boarders' Lounge games	Sports and Night Prayer	Fire Pit Night	Bake Off and Night Prayer	Running Club	Film Night	Boarders' Lounge games
From 9pm	In House	In House	In House	In House	In House	In House	In House



SUMMER TERM EXEMPLAR SCHEDULE

International students will take part in EAL lessons (if required) and academic lessons, Monday to Friday. Each lesson is one hour long. Trips and activities can be tailored to personal interests.

Week 1	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
7.15am	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	9am: Boarders' Brunch	10am: Boarders' Brunch
Period 1	EAL - Creative writing	EAL - Cultural Traditions	 <p>Day Trip to Nottingham Castle</p>	EAL - Group presentations	EAL - British Kings and Queens	 <p>Day Trip to Oxford</p>	 <p>Boarders' Summer Inflatable Fun day and BBQ</p>
Period 2	EAL - British food and bakes	EAL - British Inventors		EAL - British Festivals	EAL - Creative writing		
11.00 am - 11.20am	Break	Break		Break	Break		
Period 3	Maths	Business		 <p>Senior School Sports Day</p>	Music		
Period 4	Biology	Geography			Drama		
1.15pm - 2.15pm	Lunch	Lunch			Lunch		
Period 5	Technology	Games			Art / Design		
Period 6	History	Games			Maths		
4.10pm - 5.40pm	Prep / Co-Curricular	Prep / Co-Curricular	Art Exhibition	Prep / Co-Curricular	Prep / Co-Curricular	Free time	Free time
6.00pm	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper
7pm - 9pm	Boarders' Lounge games	Sports and Night Prayer	Boarders' Rounders	Bake Off and Night Prayer	Running Club	Film Night	Boarders' Lounge games
From 9pm	In House	In House	In House	In House	In House	In House	In House

SUMMER TERM EXEMPLAR SCHEDULE

International students will take part in EAL lessons (if required) and academic lessons, Monday to Friday. Each lesson is one hour long. Trips and activities can be tailored to personal interests.

Week 2	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
7.15am	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	9am: Boarders' Brunch	10am: Boarders' Brunch
Period 1	EAL - British University system	EAL - Cultural Traditions	 Day Trip to Leicester Space Centre	EAL - British famous artists	EAL - advanced speaking	 Shopping Trip to York	 Outdoor Pursuits with the Boarding Community
Period 2	EAL - British Innovation and Invention	EAL - Contemporary Britain		EAL - Writing personal statements	EAL - British Film and Literature		
11.00 am - 11.20am	Break	Break		Break	Break		
Period 3	Maths	Business		Languages	Music		
Period 4	Biology	Geography		Outdoor Education	Drama		
1.15pm - 2.15pm	Lunch	Lunch		Lunch	Lunch		
Period 5	Technology	Games		Games	Art / Design		
Period 6	History	Games		Games	Maths		
4.10pm - 5.40pm	Prep / Co-Curricular	Prep / Co-Curricular	Prep / Co-Curricular	Prep / Co-Curricular	Prep / Co-Curricular	Free time	Free time
6.00pm	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	 Summer Picnic Concert	Supper
7pm - 9pm	Boarders' Lounge games	Sports and Night Prayer	Boarders' Rounders	Yoga and Night Prayer	Running Club		Boarders' Lounge games
From 9pm	In House	In House	In House	In House	In House	In House	In House

SUMMER TERM EXEMPLAR SCHEDULE

Activities Week: During the final few days on campus, students attending the Summer Immersion Programme participate in our school-wide Activities Week, and enjoy a variety of fun activities and trips, such as:

Week 2	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs
7.15am	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	
Period 1	British Youth Theatre Workshop	Maths Challenge		
Period 2				
11.00 am - 11.20am	Break	Break		
Period 3	Printmaking Art Workshop and Artist visit	Creative Writing and Author Visit		
Period 4				
1.15pm - 2.15pm	Lunch	Lunch		
Period 5				
Period 6	PSHCE and Leicestershire Outdoor Pursuits	STEM afternoon at Leicester Space Centre		
4.10pm - 5.40pm				
6.00pm	Supper	Supper	Supper	
7pm - 9pm	Campus summer walk	Talent Show	Summer Garden Games	
From 9pm	In House	In House	In House	



Wimbledon Tennis
experience day | OR |
Lord's Cricket
experience day



Departure Day



BOOK YOUR PLACE ON THE RATCLIFFE IMMERSION PROGRAMME:



Bookings for our Immersion Programme are open all year round. Places are limited, so we encourage you to apply early to secure your spot.

STEP 1: Visit our website to complete the booking form and accept our terms and conditions.

STEP 2: Submit your English level, personal details, and interests. You will then receive confirmation of your placement.

STEP 3: Once the booking form is submitted, the medical form will automatically appear for you to complete.

STEP 4: Send your transfer and flight details to immersion@ratcliffecollege.com.

STEP 5: Virtual Q&A session invites will be sent separately a few weeks before the programme start date to answer any final questions about the timetable and arrangements.



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