

## Israeli Teens Travel to England for English Summer School

*Israeli teens are looking for opportunities to improve their English and make friends from different countries. Oranim International School brought a group of Israeli teens to Oxford, England this past summer to study English with teens from all over the world.*



In the summer of 2018, fourteen Israeli teens travelled with Oranim International School to Oxford for English Summer School. They made friends from all over the world and studied English with top-level teachers of English as a second language. Oranim International School's Hanny Fuks led the program, including accompanying the teens to England.

### **Learning English in and out of the Classroom**

The unique course of studies was intensive, experiential, and fun, combining music, theater, and other creative activities. Students improved their verbal skills and increased their vocabulary. One student explained: "The program contributed to my English language skills and also to my self-confidence."

Learning English did not only take place in the classroom. The enrichment program included plays, touring historical sites, competitions, sports, karaoke, and more. As one student wrote, "Even on field trips, we were together with people from outside of Israel, so that learning the language also occurred outside of classes." Field trips included: London; Cardiff and Wales; Bleinheim Palace; Cotswold Park; and Thorpe Park.

One student summed up her experience: "This was the best experience in my life. I think every person should do this at least once in their lives, so that they can really understand the meaning of the English language and connecting to people from outside of the country you live in."

## **Young Mentors in Oranim English Club**

When students returned home to Israel, they had the opportunity to serve as mentors in the Oranim English Club. This year, Oranim International School established the Oranim English Club, a successful afterschool English program that takes place once a week, for two hours each time.

Although it is only the first year of the program, there are already **sixty fifth and sixth graders** participating. The popularity of the program demonstrates that it is meeting a real need for high-level and experiential English language enrichment.

More than **thirty high school students** are serving as mentors in the program, including five who attended the Summer School. Oranim students of education from the English department direct the program and supervise the young mentors.

### **Register Now for Summer 2019!**

Recruitment is already underway for English Summer School in 2019. Next summer, we hope to send groups of students to several locations in England. See [here](#) for more information and registration.