



Summer Programme 2026 at King's College London

London Summit: Youth Leadership in Global Diplomacy,
International Relations, & Model United Nations



5th – 11th August 2026

Ages 12-14 | Ages 15-18

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Shape Your Future in the World's Most Influential City

Leadership is not taught in textbooks alone. It is learned by standing in the chambers where laws are made, walking the halls where history was shaped, and engaging with the ideas that define our time.

This August, we invite ambitious young minds to King's College London for seven days that will change how you see the world and your place in it.

You'll study global leadership with expert tutors from Oxford, Cambridge, LSE, and King's. You'll visit the Houses of Parliament and Churchill's War Rooms. You'll step into the role of an international diplomat in our Model United Nations Conference, negotiating solutions to real global challenges and collaborating with peers from around the world.

This is learning that matters. This is preparation for the life you want to lead.

Welcome to the London Summit!





About The Programme

London Summit is an intensive residential programme designed for students who want more than their school curriculum can offer.

Over seven days at King's College London, you'll immerse yourself in the disciplines that shape global affairs - leadership, diplomacy, governance, law, and technology. But this isn't passive learning. You'll represent nations in our Model United Nations Conference, negotiate international agreements, analyze Churchill's wartime decisions, and collaborate to address global challenges through diplomatic simulation.

The curriculum covers six core areas:

Global Leadership - What defines effective leadership today

Core Diplomacy - The art of negotiation and cultural intelligence

UK Governance - How democracies function and laws are made

Technology & Global Affairs - Digital diplomacy and challenges in global affairs

Law, Diplomacy & Democracy - The systems that maintain stability

Crisis Leadership - Learning from Churchill's wartime decisions

You'll also participate in a two-day Model United Nations Conference - an immersive diplomatic simulation where you represent a country in UN committees, address a global health crisis, collaborate with fellow delegates, and work to pass resolutions that shape international policy. No prior experience required.

By the end, you won't just understand how the world works. You'll have the skills to shape it.

Secure Your Spot

Why This Matters

The traditional classroom prepares you for exams.
This programme prepares you for life.

Critical Thinking

Break down complex problems, question assumptions, and argue with clarity and evidence.

Communication & Influence

Master persuasion through diplomatic negotiation and public speaking in Model UN settings.

Cultural Intelligence

Adapt quickly across cultures by understanding and valuing diverse perspectives.

Strategic Decision-Making

Study high-pressure leadership - from wartime decisions to modern crises - to navigate uncertainty.

Ethical Reasoning

Examine the moral dimensions of leadership and learn to make principled choices.

Collaboration & Teamwork

Lead and contribute effectively through hands-on group projects and real-world simulations.

These aren't abstract concepts. They're capabilities you'll use immediately and develop for decades.



What Sets London Summit Apart



Location That Matters

King's College London sits in the heart of Britain's capital, minutes from Parliament, the Supreme Court, and the institutions that govern one of the world's most influential democracies. You're not reading about these places - you're experiencing them.

Academic Excellence

Our tutors teach at Oxford, Cambridge, LSE, King's College London, and Imperial College London. They bring current research, professional insights, and genuine expertise to every session. This is university-level thinking, made accessible and engaging.

Real-World Learning

Theory matters, but application matters more. Every concept you learn is practiced through simulations, Model UN committee sessions, site visits, and projects. You'll negotiate. You'll present. You'll analyze decisions under pressure. You'll leave with skills, not just knowledge.





The Hero Mentor Experience

Meet a young professional already working in diplomacy, law, politics, or global leadership. They'll share their journey, answer your questions honestly, and show you what these careers actually look like day-to-day. It's the conversation that makes abstract ambitions feel achievable.

Small Cohorts, Personal Attention

We deliberately limit group sizes. This ensures meaningful interaction with tutors, quality discussions, and individualized support. You're not a number in a lecture hall - you're part of a community.

Comprehensive Support

From arrival to departure, everything is handled. Accommodation, meals, transport, activities - all included. 24/7 supervision by safeguarding-trained staff means you're safe, supported, and free to focus on learning.

Lecture & Workshop Overview



1. Global Leadership in the 21st Century

Overview:

This session introduces students to the qualities, challenges, and evolving demands of leadership in a rapidly changing world. It explores how globalisation, technology, climate change, and shifting geopolitical dynamics shape the expectations of modern leaders.

Learning Outcomes:

- Understand the core competencies of effective leadership in the 21st century.
- Recognise the impact of global trends (technology, climate, conflict, demographics) on leadership.
- Analyse examples of contemporary leaders from Africa and around the world.
- Reflect on their own leadership strengths and potential areas for growth.
- Understand the importance of ethics, empathy, and collaboration in global leadership.

2. Core Principles of Diplomacy - Interactive Workshop

Overview:

A practical introduction to diplomacy focusing on the fundamental skills diplomats use: negotiation, cultural intelligence, communication, and conflict resolution. Students participate in hands-on activities to learn how to navigate international interactions.

Learning Outcomes:

- Define diplomacy and understand its role in international relations.
- Learn key concepts: negotiation, mediation, protocol, and soft power.
- Develop cultural intelligence through interactive exercises.
- Practise negotiation strategies through games or simulations.
- Build confidence working in diverse teams and representing different viewpoints.





3. UK Governance: How Is the UK Run?

Overview:

An accessible breakdown of how the United Kingdom is governed, including the roles of Parliament, the Prime Minister and Cabinet, political parties, courts, and devolved governments. The session prepares students for visits to the Houses of Parliament and the Royal Courts of Justice

Learning Outcomes:

- Understand the structure of the UK government and the roles of key institutions.
- Explain how laws are made in the UK and the role of Parliament.
- Recognise the function of the judiciary, including the Supreme Court and lower courts.
- Compare UK governance with different systems across Africa.
- Appreciate the principles of accountability, checks and balances, and the rule of law.

4. Technology in International Relations

Overview:

This session explores how Artificial Intelligence is transforming global leadership, world politics, international cooperation, and development. Students examine ethical dilemmas and propose their own AI governance solutions.

Learning Outcomes:

- Understand what AI is and why it matters for global leadership.
- Explore how AI influences diplomacy, security, economics, and development.
- Identify opportunities and challenges AI creates for African nations.
- Analyse ethical questions around AI fairness, bias, privacy, and accountability.
- Work in groups to design a short AI governance policy proposal or framework.

5. How Law, Diplomacy & Democracy Interact

Overview:

A session examining how the rule of law underpins democratic governance and how diplomacy allows states to resolve conflicts peacefully. Students explore how these three forces shape national stability and international relations.

Learning Outcomes:

- Understand the concept of the rule of law and its importance for democracy.
- Explain how democratic institutions rely on legal principles to function effectively.
- Explore the role of diplomacy in preventing conflict and upholding national and international laws.
- Analyse real case studies where law, diplomacy, and democracy intersect (e.g., peace agreements, constitutional crises).
- Discuss why these three elements are essential for stable societies and effective global cooperation.

6. Leadership Under Crisis – A Winston Churchill Case Study

Overview:

This session introduces students to the principles of leadership under extreme pressure. Students examine how Churchill led the UK through one of the most dangerous periods in modern history, making rapid decisions, maintaining public morale, and navigating complex diplomatic alliances. The session prepares students to understand the historical context and leadership challenges they will see firsthand during their visit to the Churchill War Rooms.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this session, students will be able to:

- Explain the context and challenges of Churchill's wartime leadership, particularly during the Blitz and the early months of WWII.
- Identify key leadership traits Churchill demonstrated under crisis, such as resilience, communication, decisiveness, and situational awareness.
- Understand the role of strategy, intelligence, and diplomacy in managing a global conflict.
- Analyse real historical decisions Churchill had to make, considering the pressures and uncertainties involved.
- Prepare for the War Rooms visit, knowing what to look for: decision-making tools, communication systems, and the physical environment of wartime governance.



The Model United Nations Challenge



Experience International Diplomacy in Action

Throughout the week, you'll prepare for a two-day Model United Nations Conference - a simulation of real UN proceedings where you represent a country and address a global health crisis. This isn't an add-on activity - it's the thread connecting everything you learn.

Structure:

Day 5 Morning - Leadership Workshop: Leading in Diverse Teams & UK Governance masterclass as preparation

Day 5 Afternoon/Evening - MUN Conference Day 1: Introduction to UN procedures, committee assignments, opening ceremonies, and initial debates

Day 6 - MUN Conference Day 2: Continued committee sessions, crisis scenarios, resolution drafting, voting, and closing reflections

You'll be assigned to one of six UN committees - WHO, General Assembly, Security Council, ECOSOC, UNICEF, or UN Environment Programme - each tackling different aspects of the same global challenge. You'll research your country's position, negotiate with other delegates, draft resolutions, and vote on international policy.

What You'll Gain:

Confidence in public speaking. Diplomatic negotiation skills. Strategic thinking under pressure. Cultural intelligence and global awareness. The ability to build consensus across competing interests. These skills carry far beyond the conference - into university, interviews, leadership roles, and any moment you need to influence outcomes in complex, high-stakes environments.



Visit to the Houses of Parliament

Walk through Westminster's corridors and chambers. Understand how legislation moves from proposal to law. See where elected representatives debate the issues that affect millions. This isn't a tourist visit - it's a lesson in how democracy functions in practice.



Churchill War Rooms

Descend into the underground bunker where Churchill and his cabinet led Britain through World War II. See the maps, the communication systems, the decision-making spaces. After learning about his leadership in the morning session.



London Politics & Royalty Walking Tour

Trace the evolution of British governance from monarchy to constitutional democracy. Visit landmarks where power shifted, protests erupted, and history turned. Your guide connects past to present, showing how current institutions emerged from centuries of struggle and negotiation.



Oxford University Excursion

Walk through Westminster's corridors and chambers. Understand how legislation moves from proposal to law. See where elected representatives debate the issues that affect millions. This isn't a tourist visit - it's a lesson in how democracy functions in practice.



London River Cruises

See the city from the Thames - past Parliament, the London Eye, Tower Bridge, and the financial district. It's a different perspective on how geography, commerce, and governance shaped this global capital.



British Culture Quiz Night

Test your knowledge of British history, traditions, politics, and culture in a fun, competitive format. It's learning disguised as entertainment - and excellent team bonding that builds cultural intelligence and collaboration skills.



Your Week, Day By Day: Schedule



Week One		Morning		Afternoon		Evening	
Day 1 5th August	B R E A K F A S T	Arrivals Coach to KCL Water on Coaches		Check In	Local Area Orientation	Welcome Ceremony with Programme Overview & Briefing	Ice-Breaking Games
Day 2 6th August		"Global Leadership in the 21st Century" 09:30 - 11:00	"Core Principles of Diplomacy" Workshop 11:15 - 12:45	Visit to The Houses of Parliament & London Politics & Royalty Walking Tour		London River Cruise	
Day 3 7th August		"Digital Diplomacy, Misinformation and AI" 09:30 - 11:00	"Leadership Under Crisis" Winston Churchill Case Study 11:15 - 12:45	Visit to the Churchill War Rooms Leadership Under Crisis		British Quiz Night	
Day 4 8th August		Excursion to Oxford: Punting		Excursion to Oxford: Lecture "How Law Diplomacy and Democracy"		Rest Evening	
Day 5 9th August		Leadership Workshop: "Leading in Diverse Teams" 14:00 - 15:30	"UK Governance - How the UK is Governed" 15:45 - 17:15	Model UN Conference		Model UN Conference	
Day 6 10th August		Model UN Conference		Model UN Conference		Graduation Dinner & Leaving Party	
Day 7 11th August		Departure Coach to Airport		Departures		Departures	
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What's Included?



Accommodation

Superior single en-suite rooms at King's College London, with modern facilities, central location, and 24/7 supervision.

All Meals

Daily continental breakfast; lunch and dinner at KCL; packed lunches on excursions. Full dietary support for all requirements.

Academic Programme

Six expert-led masterclasses, interactive workshops, simulations, a guided debate challenge, Hero Mentor session, and all learning materials.

Recognition

Certificate of Achievement and an optional personalised Letter of Recommendation.

All Transportation

Coach transfers from Heathrow and transportation for all scheduled activities and excursions.

Exclusive Access & Excursions

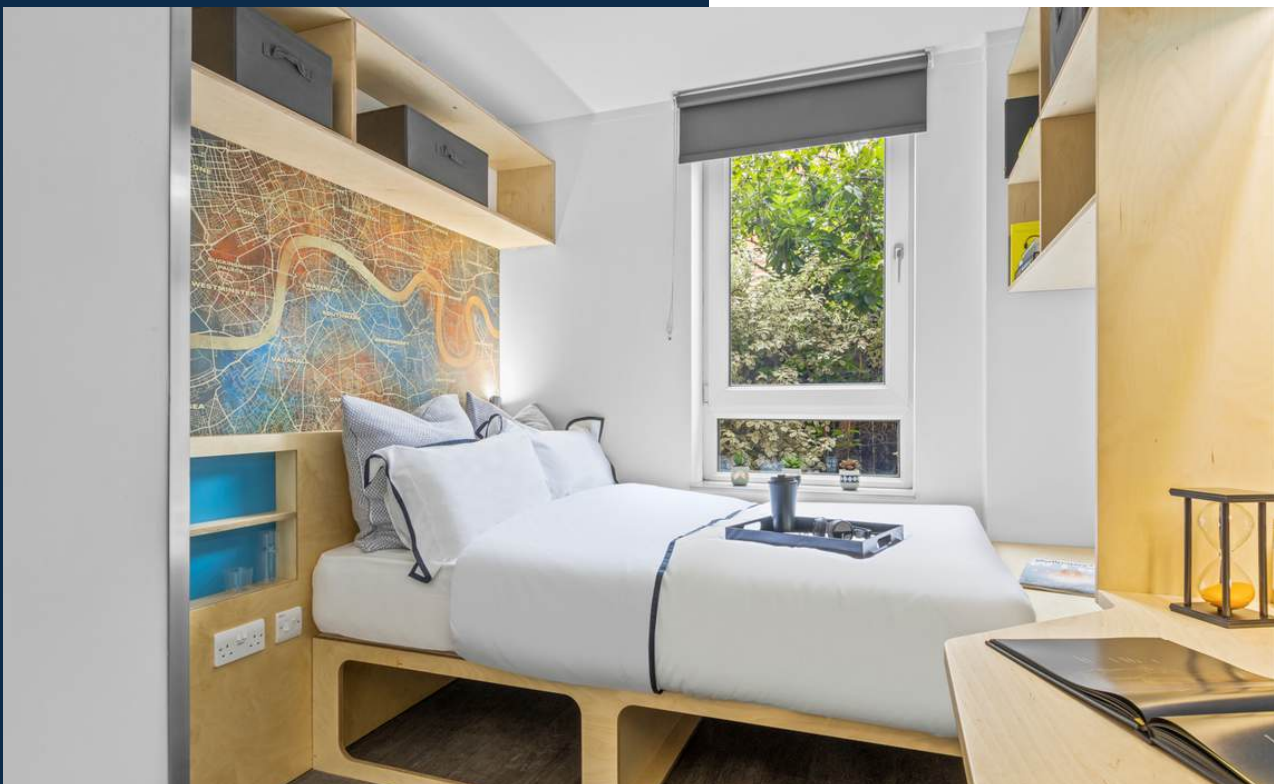
Houses of Parliament tour, Churchill War Rooms, London Politics & Royalty walk, full-day Oxford visit with lecture and punting, river cruises, and cultural activities.

Comprehensive Support

Round-the-clock supervision, pastoral and wellbeing support, medical access, and full emergency protocols.

Not Included:

- International flights & Visa
- Travel insurance
- Personal spending money
- Activities outside the scheduled programme



Key Outcomes



Academic Growth

University-level insight into leadership, diplomacy, governance, and global affairs - plus expert teaching and advanced frameworks rarely covered in school.



Practical Skills

Stronger diplomatic negotiation, public speaking, negotiation and conflict resolution, critical analysis, evidence-based research, and high-pressure teamwork.



Career Clarity

Direct exposure to careers in law, politics, diplomacy, and IR through Hero Mentor sessions - helping you understand each path and what fits you.



Confidence

Comfort presenting complex ideas, deeper self-awareness, and resilience gained from stepping outside your comfort zone.



Credentials

An official Certificate of Achievement and a personalised Letter of Recommendation - valuable for university applications and personal statements.



Lasting Connections

A network of ambitious peers from across countries and continued access to the A Learning Lab alumni community.



Memories & Perspective

A transformative week in a global city - and a clearer understanding of leadership, power, and your own potential.

Programme Details

Dates: 5th – 11th August 2026 (7 days, 6 nights)

Location: King's College London, Stamford Street, Central London SE1

Pricing: £ 2700

Age Groups: Two separate cohorts

Ages 12-14 with age-appropriate content and activities

Ages 15-18 with advanced curriculum and deeper engagement

Group Size: Limited enrollment to ensure quality of instruction and individual attention

Arrival: Coach transfer from Heathrow Airport included (meeting point and time provided upon registration)

Departure: Coach transfer to Heathrow Airport included (schedule coordinated with flight times)

[Book Your Seat Today!](#)

Safety & Wellbeing

Your safety is our absolute priority:

- All staff are DBS-checked and safeguarding-trained
- 24/7 supervision throughout the programme
- Secure campus accommodation with controlled access
- Students accompanied during all activities and excursions
- Strict sign-in/sign-out procedures
- Regular room checks and welfare monitoring
- Clear emergency protocols and contacts
- Access to medical support as needed
- Detailed risk assessments for all activities

What to Bring

A comprehensive packing list will be provided upon registration, including:

- Comfortable clothing for sessions and activities
- Walking shoes for excursions
- Weather-appropriate layers (August in London can vary)
- Formal/smart attire for graduation dinner
- Personal toiletries and medications
- Any required medical documentation
- Spending money for personal purchases during free time



FAQs

Questions?

Who teaches the programme?

Expert tutors from Oxford, Cambridge, LSE, King's College London, and Imperial College London.

Can dietary requirements be accommodated?

Yes, completely. We cater for all dietary needs including allergies, religious requirements, and ethical preferences.

What if my child has never traveled independently before?

Our staff provide comprehensive support. Many students use this as their first independent experience, and we're experienced in helping them thrive.

Can parents visit during the week?

The programme is designed as a fully immersive residential experience. We maintain regular communication and can arrange calls if needed.


What's the staff-to-student ratio?

We maintain low ratios to ensure safety and quality of experience, with 24/7 supervision coverage.



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