

Summer 2021

Dear Bucksmore parent / partner,

As we all know, these are difficult times for international travel. However, we are determined to operate summer schools this year and offer a great educational experience that students will not have had a chance to enjoy since 2019.

In this document, I will outline the changes to our previous 2021 material and provide updates on our new plans for 2021.

Please note that this is based on current UK government advice in April 2021, and what we think is likely to happen in July & August. Bucksmore will always act in line with UK government restrictions and guidelines regarding residential gatherings, and international travel.

The key word is **FLEXIBILITY**. Bucksmore will provide updates as quickly as possible if anything changes. We do advise that you delay booking flights as long as possible, and please ensure you have flexibility over the booking in case the UK government does make late changes.

None of the below decisions have been easy. However, we believe this is the best outcome to deliver fun, stimulating summer programmes for all students in a Covid-secure environment. Every decision has been carefully considered.

If you have an existing booking with Bucksmore, please don't worry. We will contact everyone individually to discuss options and what is best for every student.

CHANGES TO LOCATIONS AND DATES

Bucksmore wants to ensure we deliver as many of our advertised programmes as we can, while also ensuring students have the best time possible. This means we have decided to condense locations.

Please see below for the three centres currently open for summer 2021, with the programmes running in these locations.

Location	Programmes available	Age range
Plumpton College	Bucksmore Summer	13-16
	Bucksmore Summer Juniors	10-13
d'Overbroeck's, Oxford	Young Professionals	13-17
	Young Leaders	13-17
	Bucksmore Oxford	13-17
Brasenose College, University of Oxford	Advanced Studies Programme	16-18

All programmes will run for 4 weeks from Tuesday 6th July to Tuesday 3rd August. Students can choose to study for 2 or 4 weeks, with 2 arrival dates:

Tuesday 6th July
Tuesday 20th July

The following programmes and locations found in our 2021 brochure, and on our website will not run in 2021. They will return in 2022:

Programme	Suggested alternative course for 2021
Bucksmore Coding / Veterinary Experience / Adventure / Performing Arts / STEM	Bucksmore Summer, Plumpton College; Bucksmore Summer Junior, Plumpton College; Young Professionals, d'Overbroeck's
Boarding School Experience	Online 1:1 Boarding School Experience
Young Professionals, Tonbridge School Young Professionals, Leman Manhattan	Young Professionals, d'Overbroeck's
Bucksmore Oxford, St Hilda's College & Bucksmore London, King's College London	Bucksmore Summer, Plumpton College; Bucksmore Oxford, d'Overbroeck's
Young Leaders, Wadham College	Young Leaders, d'Overbroeck's
Cambridge Advanced Studies Program	Advanced Studies Programme, Brasenose College, Oxford
Any summer school programme	Bucksmore Home Tuition, anywhere in the UK

CHANGES TO 2021 PROGRAMMES

Plumpton College

No English Plus options will operate. However, we will offer Coding, Performing Arts, and STEM workshops throughout each two-week course for every student enrolled on Bucksmore Summer and Bucksmore Summer Junior.

d'Overbroeck's - Young Professionals

Four subject areas will be available:

- Medicine
- Business
- Engineering
- IR & Law

Study-in-Action Days will not be included. This is a great shame, as they were very enjoyable experiences. However, we cannot confirm that all locations will be open for groups of visitors by the summer. We will replace these with digital alternatives wherever possible, included in the academic programme.

d'Overbroeck's - Young Leaders

The number of tuition hours will reduce to 25 from 28 per week. This is simply to allow the academic timetable to match Young Professionals and Bucksmore Oxford so they can integrate with other students. Extra time will be made available for project work if they wish to study for more hours.

Brasenose – Advanced Studies Program

We will offer the following subjects in Oxford:

- Business
- Economics
- Medicine
- Advanced Mathematics
- Physics
- Artificial Intelligence
- Politics & IR
- Philosophy & English Literature
- Marketing & Advertising
- Engineering

However, please do contact us if you are interested in any of the previously advertised subjects in our 2021 brochure, and you do not see it listed here. We will **always** try to deliver your chosen subject if at all possible.

Further details on the programmes will be made available in updated Information Guides, and a new booking form. These will be emailed and available shortly.

We're certain that you will have a lot of questions about the plans for this summer and we have tried to answer as many of these as possible in the attached document.

We completely understand that this is a difficult time, and I am very sorry if these changes cause you any inconvenience. We are doing everything we can to run academic courses again this summer, particularly as many students will not have had exams for two years. The very gifted, motivated students we welcome to Bucksmore every year will be desperate to set themselves apart from their classmates. Plus, I know that everyone is absolutely desperate to travel as soon as possible!

Please do not hesitate to contact us. We want to welcome as many students as we are allowed to this summer, so we will do everything humanly possible to support you.

Thank you for reading, and I hope to see you / your students / your children actually in person at some point in July or August.

Warm regards,

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Frequently Asked Questions

ARE THERE ANY OTHER GENERAL CHANGES TO THE BUCKSMORE EXPERIENCE?

We will of course have specific Covid-secure measures in place at the centre. These are outlined in our [Covid Summer Centre Document](#).

One important change is that we will not be offering entrances on excursions. Students will still enjoy 2 excursions per week, but they will all be based around outdoor activities, such as walking tours. It is possible we will reintroduce Covid-safe entrances closer to the summer if we can, such as the London Eye, or museums, but we will only do this if we are confident they are safe environments.

Please assume that all excursions will be outdoor based for now. In the case of bad weather, we may alter the timetable at short notice, or make suitable alternative arrangements.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T LIKE THE NEW CHANGES AND I DO NOT WANT TO TRANSFER?

We completely respect this, and we can only apologise for the inconvenience. We have tried our very best to accommodate all current bookings and requests.

Any money already paid will of course be refunded. No money will be requested until the date outlined in our [Covid-19 Booking Terms and Conditions](#) so you have until this date to decide if you accept the changes.

WHERE DO I FIND ALL THE NEW INFORMATION, INCLUDING TIMETABLES?

We will be publishing full Information Guides, with amended timetables for each location in the coming days. These will be made available and emailed to you as soon as they are completed.

I LIKE THE NEW 2021 PLANS. HOW DO I BOOK?

We have produced an update booking form, which will be emailed shortly.

Please also refer to our Covid T&Cs included above for details about when to pay deposits, and the current booking procedure for summer schools AND Home Tuition.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I NEED TO QUARANTINE?

This is the million-dollar question. Again, please see our [Covid Summer Centre Document](#) for more details.

In short, we expect the UK to use the red / amber / green 'traffic light' system for international travel. There is no confirmation yet, but we expect an announcement around 17th May. Assuming the traffic light system is in place, you will need to check which category the student falls into.

The following is correct as of April 2021. The system may change, but we expect a similar situation.

“Green Countries” – students must book a PCR test on the second day. No quarantine needed.

“Amber Countries” – Bucksmore will arrange a Quarantine Centre for students. This quarantine will be valid for students starting on 20th July. Students will arrive 14th July and must book:

A PCR test for Day 2 and Day 8

A Test to Release on Day 5

The Test to Release is compulsory or students will have to quarantine for 10 days. Bucksmore will not arrange this. It is an extra cost, but an overall saving compared to 10 days of quarantine.

Effectively, anyone travelling from an Amber Country must book 20th July to 3rd August at a regular centre, PLUS the 5 day Quarantine package from 14th July.

Bucksmore will release more details of the Quarantine Centre and arrangements before the end of April.

“Red Countries” – Bucksmore cannot accept students from Red Countries onto a programme. Quarantine for Red Countries must be arranged through the UK government and in a hotel. If a student wishes to do this, and meets all UK criteria for travelling from a Red Country, they may join a Bucksmore programme after completing all requirements.

Countries may be allocated a new colour at short notice. Bucksmore will accommodate changes as best we can, and will refund if amber countries change to red at short notice.

CAN I GET MY MONEY BACK IF I AM UNABLE TO TRAVEL?

Please refer to our [Covid-19 T&Cs document](#). In short, your money is protected if you are prevented from travelling for Covid-19 related reasons. If the course is running, and if you are able to travel, our regular Bucksmore T&Cs will apply.

If you are unable to travel, we would be delighted to hold your booking, and your deposit or full fee until 2022 when we are 99% sure summer will be very busy again. If you choose to do this, we will hold our fees for you, so you will be able to re-book in 2022 at a discounted rate.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WHO CAN I TALK TO?

If you have already booked with Bucksmore, we will be contacting you individually to discuss your booking.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me (matt@bucksmore.com) or my team at info@bucksmore.com.

If you are in contact with Nord Anglia GRU team members across the world, they will of course also be delighted to help.

Unfortunately our offices are still closed, so emails are the best means to contact us. We can always set up a Zoom or Teams call to speak further, if you would prefer.