

Bucksmore Pre-University Preparation • *Course Description*

Key Facts

Location:
St. Hilda's College

For ages: 15-17

Class Size: 12

Hours per week: 23 hours

Minimum Duration: 2 weeks

Start Dates: 30 June or 14 July 2026

Creative Writing

Subjects

Creative Writing

Story-telling

Poetry

Journalism

Experience Being Taught at First-Year Undergraduate Level in Oxford

Students will be taught this subject at a first-year undergraduate level within a prestigious Oxford University setting. The Pre-University Creative Writing course at Bucksmore introduces students to the art and craft of writing across a variety of genres.

Students develop their imagination, voice, and storytelling skills while learning how to translate ideas and experiences into compelling narratives, poetry, scripts, or journalistic work. The course combines theory and practice, preparing students for university-level creative studies.

Students live on campus and take part in excursions around Oxford and top UK destinations, ensuring a well-rounded learning experience that blends academic study with real-world applications.

For more information on this programme, please follow this link to our dedicated course page: www.bucksmore.com/summer-courses/pre-university-summer-courses/advanced-studies-oxford-creative-writing/

Course Features

This programme blends workshops, discussions, and hands-on projects to immerse students in the creative process. Participants explore the techniques, forms, and structures of storytelling, while refining observation, analytical, and critical thinking skills. The course mirrors first-year university study, combining academic insight with practical exercises to build confidence and discipline in writing. Students are encouraged to experiment with style, perspective, and medium, learning how to shape words into stories that communicate meaning and emotion. Our course aims to explore the following:

- **Narrative & Storytelling:** Developing plot, character, dialogue, and pacing across different genres
- **Poetry & Experimental Writing:** Exploring rhythm, imagery, and inventive forms to express ideas
- **Creative Non-Fiction & Journalism:** Translating observation into essays, articles, and feature writing
- **Scriptwriting & Media Writing:** Writing for stage, screen, or interactive media.
- **Critical Analysis & Editing:** Developing skills to critique and refine writing, understand audience, and improve clarity and style
- **Creative Process & Imagination:** Techniques for generating ideas, overcoming writer's block, and fostering originality

Course Details

Upper Intermediate (B2) English level required.

Fees include: subject tuition, full boarding, all meals, activities and excursions, complimentary airport transfers and insurance.

Course Certificates

Personalised report card,
Bucksmore Certification &
Bucksmore Letter of
Recommendation*

*(available on request)