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*A Letter
from SABIS®
Executive Regional
Director*

It is with great pleasure that I have the opportunity to address every one of you toward the end of a very successful 2013 SABIS® Educational Summer Camp. The camp, this year, was, once more, an important tool for academic excellence as well as for working toward learning new skills, developing self-confidence, building team spirit, improving proficiency and performance, and understanding and being more tolerant toward others and their cultures.

The 2013 SABIS® Educational Summer Camp, like the camp in all other years, was designed to foster social interaction, facilitate personal growth, and develop physical, social, and mental skills. Our camp included a wide range of trips, activities, specialized art and academic enrichment, and sports-focused programs for indoor and outdoor enthusiasts. Facilities were used on the premises for basketball, tennis, soccer, and swimming programs. Having the resources on site provided a smooth and productive day for our campers. Friday BBQs were a great opportunity for our students to socialize and build lasting friendships.

Our students had access to daily communication with the director, dedicated staff, and counsellors. Fully-trained, adult supervisors also ensured the safety of our campers. With the summer camp behind us, I would like to take the opportunity to remind participants what they learned during their stay at SIS-UK. Your education and reputation are the two things that you have full control over and you must always:

- Treat others the way you wish to be treated, with great respect
- Stick to good values and truth at all costs
- Don't be too quick to blame others, perhaps the fault lies with you
- Aim to develop resourcefulness, inner satisfaction, personal worth, and self-dignity
- Crave change and allow this dream to grow and expand within you

I hope these lessons will stay with you forever.

Salah Ayche

SABIS® Executive Regional Director



Why Bath?

The beautiful city of Bath is a major tourist attraction in southwest England. Its beautiful scenery, many attractions, and spacious greenery make it an ideal location for the SABIS® Educational Summer Camp.

SIS-UK is located approximately 8 miles from the city of Bath. Housed on the stunning Ashwicke Hall Estate, it is surrounded by 148 acres of beautiful English countryside, an idyllic setting for a truly life changing experience.





Academics at SIS-UK

For many years, the SABIS® Educational Summer Camp has combined learning, cultural enrichment, and fun. In the morning, students have classes, and in the afternoon they choose from a wide range of activities suitable for all tastes and ages.

The camp's academic agenda includes the following subjects taught at all levels: English, French, Arabic, mathematics, and some enrichment courses as physics, chemistry, economics, biology in addition to SAT mathematics and SAT English. Every Friday, students are tested on the material that has been covered during the previous week.





Summer Camp Clubs

Participants at the SABIS® Educational Summer Camp were given the opportunity to join a number of clubs where they could learn new skills and develop their talents.

Book Club: Campers had access to a wide range of books when they wanted to indulge in reading.

Chess Club: Experts taught campers how to play chess. Students were then able to challenge each other during the competition on the last day.

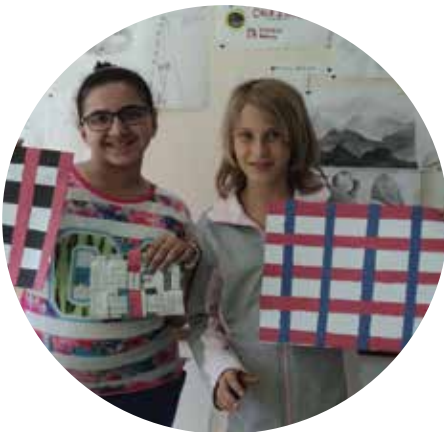
Movie Club: Campers watched a number of movies on site during their free time.

Cooking Club: Every Friday afternoon, campers were able to cook their favorite meals and then present them to their peers during the BBQ.





*Summer
Camp Clubs*





Art and Painting Club: With the help of the art teacher, campers painted, drew, and had their artwork displayed during the last week of camp.

Water Rocketry Club: Campers prepared water rockets and observed some of Newton's laws in action.

Origami and Rubik's Club: Twice a week, campers attended this club and learned how to make origami shapes and solve a Rubik's cube in under a minute.

Cycling Club: Every day between 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. campers had the chance to enjoy the views of Ashwicke Halls while riding bikes.

Chemistry Club: In the chemistry lab, campers learned how to prepare invisible ink.

Kite Making Club: Campers learned how to make kites and showed them off to their peers during the BBQ on Fridays.





Trip to the City of Bath


In the south-western part of England lies the beautiful city of Bath. Rich with its historical heritage and amazing sites, the city is also a lively shopping destination for many of its visitors. SIS-UK campers had the opportunity to visit the city twice during the first couple of weeks.

On their first visit to Bath, students boarded the famous Tower Bus and explored both ancient and modern attractions of this amazing city. On their second visit, students went shopping. Bargains abounded, and students thoroughly enjoyed the experience.






Pottery Painting



The summer camp's participants visited the "Pottery Painting Café," where their hidden talents and creativity were revealed. The colored cups and plates that they made were so beautiful that students either took them home as gifts or kept them as souvenirs.



There were plenty of other things to do at the café, but most students were interested in discovering their inner artist.



Thorpe Park

Summer camp students had a thrilling experience at the Thorpe Park, a theme park in Surrey, England. It was the highlight of the end of the week. The campers felt the adrenaline rush as they rode the rollercoaster "Saw the Ride" (named after the blockbuster movie "SAW") and took the "Stealth" ride.

The students also rode other rides such as the "Slammer," Detorator," and "Rumba Rapids." One could hear their exciting screams at all times.



Wookey Hole

Wookey Hole Caves is a show cave and tourist attraction in the village of Wookey Hole on the southern edge of the Mendip Hills near Wells in Somerset, England.

SIS-UK Summer Camp Students had the chance to visit this site and enjoy walking through a maze of tunnels and caves. They also enjoyed the huge variety of attractive activities the location had to offer such as the "Maze of Mirrors," "The Pirates of the River Axe," and the "Monster Mill." Once again, it was a great trip during a week busy of events at SIS-UK Summer Camp 2013.





Talent Show

Toward the end of the summer camp, students from all ages organized a spectacular Talent Show. Over 20 students had spent the previous weeks practicing their acts with the help of their teachers. The students performed in front of a large crowd, dazzling them with amazing acts, from dances, to songs, to poetry. All in all, the event was a great way for students to put their talents on display for their peers and teachers.





Friday BBQ Evenings


Friday BBQ evenings were a highly-anticipated event each week. On Friday afternoons, all the students and staff members gathered at the school's football pitch, where a range of fun activities take place, from sports to races. Some campers danced, while others gathered around the BBQ. Delicious food was enjoyed by all. When darkness fell, some campers kindled the fire and roasted marshmallows.

Both the students and staff members did not want BBQ nights to end, especially the last BBQ, since they knew the very next morning, everyone would be flying back home.






Trip to the Roman Baths



The Roman bath complex in the city of Bath is a site of historical interest. The bath house is a well-preserved Roman site for public bathing. The Roman Baths themselves are below the modern street level. There are four main features to this attraction: the Sacred Spring, the Roman Temple, the Roman Bath House and the Museum holding finds from Roman Bath. The buildings above street level date from the 19th century CE.



SIS-UK Campers enjoyed a full day trip to the Roman bath complex. They toured the water talks and learned more about the baths in the museum.



Laser Fusion

The experience students had during their visit and participation at Laser Fusion was enjoyed by all. Using laser guns, students were able to "tag" one another in a so-called "battle zone."

This was the summer camp's ultimate interactive event. Everyone was excited and enjoyed Laser Fusion's unique setting and concept.





Harry Potter Studios

For more than a decade, people all over the world have been enchanted by the Harry Potter films. The wonderful special effects and amazing creatures have made this iconic series beloved to both young and old – and for the first time, the Warner Brothers doors were open for SIS-UK Summer Camp students at the studio where it first began. Students had the chance to go behind-the-scenes and watch some deleted scenes.

From breathtakingly detailed sets to stunning costumes, props, and animatronics, the tour provided a unique showcase of the extraordinary British artistry, technology and talent that went into making the most successful film series of all time.





Madame Tussauds

Campers were really excited during their visit to Madame Tussauds museum. This London attraction was one of the highlights of the camp. Students had the chance to mingle and exchange ideas with world famous leaders, athletes, musicians, and movie stars made of wax! It was an incredible experience to have photos taken with people. This trip really enriched students' imaginations and information about well-known people.

Following this visit, some campers took the "Spirit of London" ride, where one hops onto one of London's famous black cabs and take a journey through the capital's history.





Rock Climbing

Another very popular activity during the 2013 camp was rock climbing. The campers, along with the other visitors, raced to achieve the best possible time! At one point, a SABIS® student from the Military High School, Omar Abdelaziz Al Mansoor, challenged the manager of the rock climbing facility when he said that the best time achieved to date was 10.2 seconds by the none other than himself. Confidently, he added: "No one has ever managed to break this record!" The manager accepted Omar's challenge at the drop of a hat.



Omar prepared himself, and once the manager signaled the start, he flew like an arrow from a bow and completed the climb in just 10 seconds. This was a new record! The manager was very impressed. Campers and other visitors were cheering as Omar accepted their adulation.



Testimonial

The most amazing thing about the camp was to experience U.K., meet new people, new cultures, make new friends and most importantly, have a fun time!

Tolga Vadim Sahin
Level J - Dubai, U.A.E

Testimonial

The camp is a splendid way to spend the summer vacation. In addition to taking new subjects and touring the country, you get to make a second family. Most importantly, I was able to share my culture and learn new traditions.

Hareer Naman
Level L - Amman, Jordan





Testimonial

I loved the BBQ evenings that took place every Friday. It started with some activities and games, followed by a soccer match, and then food was served. After everyone finished eating, music was played and everyone started dancing. It was an amazing way to start the weekend.

Gang Min Kim

Level H - Manama, Bahrain

Testimonial

The summer camp experience changed me and the way I act. I've learnt how to make my bed, tie my shoe laces, wake up without an alarm clock. I've learnt to be responsible, patient and most importantly independent. This is always going to be my second home.

Izabela Nitecka

Level H - Abu Dhabi, U.A.E

