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*Welcome  
to the SABIS®  
Educational  
Summer Camp  
Newsletter!*



The 9<sup>th</sup> annual SABIS® Educational Summer Camp, held at SABIS International School UK (SIS-UK), continued in its tradition of offering camp participants a motivating, inspiring, and exciting opportunity to learn, grow, and have fun in the process! This year, over 160 students from around the world travelled to Bath, England, where they enjoyed a summer packed with cultural and historical experiences, fun activities, and morning academic sessions.

The 9<sup>th</sup> annual SABIS® Educational Summer Camp newsletter is a tribute to the amazing summer and a great way to keep those wonderful memories alive. Read on for some highlights!



*Why  
SIS-UK?*

SABIS International School UK's idyllic location is the perfect backdrop for an active and inspiring summer camp. Housed on the stunning Ashwicke Hall Estate, the SIS-UK campus is surrounded by 148 acres of charming English countryside, green fields, and gardens making it an idyllic setting for a summer camp like no other!

SIS-UK also offers all the educational facilities that are required for the academic sessions that take place throughout the camp. Spacious classrooms equipped with cutting edge IT tools as well as teachers experienced in the SABIS® Educational System offer campers a comfortable and smooth transition from classrooms at home to classrooms at SIS-UK.





## *Daily Life at the Summer Camp*

Since 2006, the **SABIS® Educational Summer Camp** has combined learning, cultural enrichment, and enjoyable activities. In the morning, students have classes, and in the afternoon they choose from a wide range of on-campus and off-campus activities that suit all tastes and ages.

On the camp's academic agenda is four hours of lessons each day. Campers choose two subjects from a wide range of offerings including English, French, Arabic, mathematics, physics, chemistry, and biology. There is also a special SAT mathematics and SAT English training program for all students in levels H-M.

During the afternoon, students participate in an array of clubs such as science, hiking, or cooking clubs. They also enjoy a wide variety of on-campus as well as off-campus activities.





# *Dorm Life*

Throughout the **SABIS® Educational Summer Camp**, camp participants live in the SIS-UK campus dorms. Boys and girls live in separate dorms in rooms that are designed to house up to four students. Students are responsible for keeping their rooms clean and tidy under the supervision of a house parent, an adult supervisor who lives in the dorms and is responsible for the wellbeing of all boarding students.

Each of the girls' and boys' dormitories also has a "common room" — a shared space that is equipped with computers, a television, a pool table, and a lounge area. Students and teachers spend quality time socializing and relaxing in this room.



Life in the dorms is exciting and educational for the students. As each day passes, students begin to feel a strong sense of responsibility and independence, as well as build lifelong friendships.



## *On-Campus Activities and Events*

This summer, the numerous activities and events offered were designed with the objective of keeping the camp participants engaged, excited, and having fun!







### **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.



### **Zumba Dance Club:**

Campers were organized and engaged in a group fitness class that mixes music, Latin dance, and aerobics. The Zumba Club gave the campers a chance to get their hearts racing and exercise in a fun and upbeat way.

### **Science Club:**

Each week, campers had the opportunity to join the Science Club in a stimulating and exciting scientific experiment. The club offered the students a chance to learn and discover from the results of the different experiments they participated in.





### **Chess Club:**

Expert teachers taught campers the art of chess and spent quality time practicing with them for the chess competition that would take place in the last week of school. Campers enjoyed showcasing their new chess skills and participating in the friendly competition.

### **Hiking Club:**

Campers and teachers took advantage of their location at SIS-UK and went for a memorable hike to the village of Marshfield. Students saw the famous 100-year old houses and enjoyed walking around.

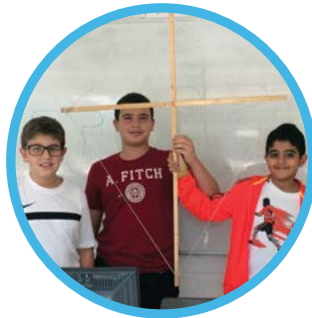
### **Cooking Club:**

Every Friday afternoon, the club held cooking sessions, where campers were allowed to create their favorite recipes and serve them to their teachers and friends at the weekly Friday BBQ.



**Movie Club:**

Campers transformed their common room into a movie theater and hosted a movie night for everyone to sit back and enjoy during their free time, at least once a week.



**Cycling Club:**

From Monday to Thursday, after lunch, campers had the option of taking a bike ride around the beautiful campus and enjoying views of the Ashwicke Hall Estate.

**Kite Making Club:**

This club was dedicated to spending time outdoors and flying kites after learning how to make them. Campers spent hours in the art room in Ashwicke Hall learning to make kites. They flew their kites in the green field at the weekly BBQ.



#### **Arts and Crafts Club:**

Under the supervision of the art teacher, campers used their free time to express themselves through arts and crafts.

Their projects were then put on display during the last week of camp for their friends to see.

#### **Beading Club:**

Campers enjoyed some quiet time learning how to bead. They made key chains, animals, jewelry, and much more. It was a nice and creative way to pass the time.

## *The Friday BBQ*



Friday BBQ evenings were highly-anticipated by everyone involved in the **SABIS® Educational Summer Camp**. On Friday afternoons, the school's soccer field became the center point for all the campers and staff members to meet and engage in a variety of enjoyable activities from sports to quiz races.

Delicious food was served and enjoyed by all. As dusk set in, campers searched for firewood to feed the bonfire and roasted marshmallows.





# *Sports*

Throughout their stay at the **SABIS® Educational Summer Camp**, students enjoyed a variety of sports on campus. These included swimming, basketball, football, squash, tennis, volleyball, badminton, and more.

Physical Education teachers also organized competitions for interested students in their last week of camp. The sporting events offered excitement for everyone. Athletes showcased their talents while campers in the stands cheered them on. Those who were victorious were awarded certificates at the last Friday BBQ.



## *The Tuck Shop*

The Tuck Shop was an idea initiated by some of the campers who wanted to create a small, food-selling stand.

The purpose of the Tuck Shop was not profit, but rather to inspire and develop the students' business skills, responsibility, and independence. The kiosk sold all kinds of treats such as popcorn, muffins, soft-drinks, donuts, and much more.

The Tuck Shop inspired the students to be creative and gave them insight on what it would be like to have a business of their own one day.





## *The Talent Show*

Toward the end of **the SABIS® Educational Summer Camp**, campers from all ages organized a spectacular talent show that included all kinds of acts—singing, dancing, poetry reading, etc. After weeks of practicing, campers bravely got on stage and displayed their talents to the teachers and other campers.







## *Off-Campus Trips*

In addition to a full agenda offered at SIS-UK, the **SABIS® Educational Summer Camp** also included numerous off-campus trips for the campers. The trips varied from historical sites and nature retreats to theme parks and more.





## *Trip to the City of Bath*

Bath is a beautiful city located in southwest England. Rich with historical heritage and many stunning sites, this city is also a renowned shopping destination.

On their first visit to Bath, students participated in the famous Bath City Sightseeing Bus Tour, which allowed them to sit back, relax, and explore both ancient and modern attractions around the city. The trip also included opportunities for campers to shop in the bustling city.

## *Trip to the Roman Baths*

Situated in the city of Bath, the Roman Baths complex is a major historical attraction. The complex is a well-preserved Roman site for public bathing. This popular attraction has four core elements which include the Sacred Spring, the Roman Temple, the Roman Bath House, and the museum, which offers visitors a look at various objects of interest from the era of Roman Bath. SIS-UK campers enjoyed a comforting day trip to the Roman Baths, learning as they toured the museum and the natural hot spring that flows from the Bathhouse.



## *Trip to Buckingham Palace*

This grand palace has stood as the official residence for Britain's sovereigns since Queen Victoria's time. Not only has this palace accommodated the royals since 1837, it is also most often the center of royal events and ceremonies

SIS-UK campers had the chance to watch the *Changing of the Guard* ceremony. The appearance of the Horse Guard and then the Royal Guards excited all campers in attendance.





## *Trip to Stonehenge*

Stonehenge is one of the wonders of the world and one of Britain's most frequented tourist sites. Visiting this truly spectacular attraction was one of the most magical experience campers had! The stones themselves captivated the campers, who gazed at them in wonder, but still found time for photographs.





## *London Eye*

Campers were really excited to visit the London Eye, a giant Ferris wheel overlooking the River Thames in London. It is currently Europe's tallest Ferris wheel, offering a bird's-eye view of London. The London Eye is the most popular paid-tourist attraction in the United Kingdom with over 3.5 million visitors annually. The wheel's 32 sealed, air-conditioned passenger capsules slowly rotate, which allows visitors to walk on and off easily at ground level.

This modern giant wheel proved to be a hit amongst summer camp students, giving them the one-of-a-kind opportunity to take beautiful landscape photographs of other popular landmarks in London such as the Buckingham Palace, the Houses of Parliament, and Big Ben.

## *London Dungeon*

The London Dungeon recreates a wide variety of historical events in a scary and humorous style for a young audience. A distinguished group of talented artists perform scary and funny shows using special effects that keep visitors on the edge of their seats.

SIS-UK campers thoroughly enjoyed the interactive experience at the dungeon, going back in time on a journey through a dramatic London landscape.



## *The Emirates Stadium/ Arsenal Stadium*

Perhaps the most exciting trip amongst the soccer fans at the camp was the trip to the Emirates Stadium, home to the Arsenal Football Club. The vast stadium has a capacity of nearly 60,000 seats and giant screens everywhere. The students entered the stadium through the tunnel used by the players to enter the field and sat where the team managers sit. At the end of the visit, the campers visited the dressing rooms and the Arsenal store where they could buy original items such as jerseys, shorts, footballs, and other souvenirs.

## *Madame Tussauds London*

The campers took a delightful trip into the city of London and visited the popular Madame Tussauds. The museum is filled with wax statues of all kinds of famous people from history and today's popular culture.

The students had loads of fun taking photographs with their favorite stars, football players, and even superheroes! They also learned all about the history of Madame Tussauds and watched a 4D show. At the end of the tour, the campers had the chance to take a ride in classic London taxis.



## *Hyde Park*

Hyde Park is London's most well-known park. It opened in 1536 and was once the hunting grounds for Henry VIII. Visitors go there to enjoy its large green area and its spectacular beauty. Some of the famous spots in this royal city park are the Speakers' Corner, the Rotten Row, the Serpentine Lake, and the Diana Memorial Fountain and Rose Garden.

SIS-UK summer camp students enjoyed an afternoon "chilling" at the park. The park's large lake, abundance of trees, and ornamental flower gardens made the campers forget they were right in the middle of London.



## *Canoeing Trip*

The Bristol Channel is situated in the heart of the historical city of Bristol. Water lovers go there to enjoy water-based activities of all sorts from kayaking to canoeing and even riding motor boats. Campers embraced the opportunity to put on their lifejackets and paddle out into the river.

Games during this trip provided further entertainment, with some campers admitting that the capsizing of the teacher's canoe was their favorite part! Working together as a team was the key to successfully navigating the waters, and many campers excelled at this.







## *High Ropes and Tree Abseiling*

A trip to the purpose-built high ropes and tree abseil course, located in Bristol, gave campers a challenging and exciting activity. Set amongst the trees in a private forest, this activity offered a number of different courses that allowed campers to climb between 9 to 65 feet above the ground. Working as a team, each individual attempted a course with the security of a safety harness and with the help of the other team members.

SIS-UK summer camp students got the chance to test their bravery and climb to the highest height that they possibly could. This successful activity got the campers' pulses racing as each course required trust, teamwork, and communication in order to successfully scale the obstacle.



## *Indoor Rock Climbing*

SIS-UK campers were put to the challenge during a trip to the Redpoint Bristol Climbing Center in Bristol. The artificial rock wall, comprised of shaped climbing holds that are randomly attached to the surface, mimics the experience of outdoor rock climbing. Before starting, a climber is secured with a safety harness to a climbing rope. Indoor rock-climbing is the safest way to do what people perceive to be an extreme sport in a relatively harmless environment. This activity developed the students' problem solving skills and their ability to work as part of a team.



## *Trekking and Navigation*

This course was meant to help campers learn/rediscover the essentials of nature navigation without a GPS. Campers focused on map and compass skills, the core elements of safe navigation. They learned how to take bearings in order to walk in the correct direction and how to relocate themselves when unsure of their position. Particular attention was paid to applying these key skills to a trek with a focus on the trekking plans of participants in each course.





## *Urban Adventure*

Campers traveled to the Bristol Harbor for a day of thrilling activities at Bristol Urban Adventure. The students were challenged both mentally and physically. The games promoted teamwork, practical skills, and healthy competition.

The campers were divided into six teams, competing against one other. In order to win, the team had to enter as many zones as possible by using a map, compass, and clues given in their game pack. Each zone had a series of challenges, problems, and tasks for the teams to solve in order to score points. The Bristol Urban Adventure challenge was a unique experience for everyone.

## *Theme Parks*

Summer campers had a thrilling experience during trips to the United Kingdom's most famous amusement parks. For heart-stopping adventures, mind-bending chills, and intense forces, the Thorpe Park and Alton Towers were the highlight of the theme parks among most campers.



## *Pottery Painting*

After two weeks of pushing their physical abilities to the limits, **SABIS® Educational Summer Camp** students were taken to a more relaxing and fun destination, the Flying Saucers Café in Bristol. It is a cozy place that specializes in pottery painting. Students tried their hands at ceramic and clay paintings.

For their projects, there were a fabulous range of mugs, bowls, and plates to choose from. There were beautiful colorful paints, and plenty of paintbrushes to use. Students spread their creative wings and we were glad to see an array of wonderful ideas ranging from flowers, penguins, and movie stars to personal and emotional messages. Campers had a great day out and created something they could take home.





## *Laser Tag*

The laser tag experience at Laser Fusion was entertaining for all. Using laser guns, campers challenged each other in a game of laser tag, in which students were to “tag” one another in a “battle zone.” This was the summer camps’ ultimate interactive event, especially for the campers, who liked playing with the cool equipment.

## *Go Karting*

As soon as campers entered the track, they were handed a driving suit, helmets, driving gloves, and other equipment that would insure their safety. The session began and the drivers took to the track, where they raced against time. The vibrations of the engine and high speeds had the campers on the edge of their seats. Excitement and adrenaline filled the air as the students drove by.



*MUSS*

## *Manchester United Soccer Schools (MUSS) Residential Soccer Camp*

Soccer lovers had the chance to enjoy a professional soccer training week with Manchester United Soccer School (MUSS) in their residential camp at Denstone College. The camp offered 20 SIS-UK campers an exciting, league-quality soccer experience.

The soccer camp ran for two weeks, one in July and the other in August, and offered 25 hours of football coaching to the students. Players were given a MUSS Nike kit pack, and at the end of the training week, players took a trip to Old Trafford and were given a certificate of participation from MUSS. This experience enhanced the participants' soccer skills and team skills.





*Final  
Farewell to  
Campers*



By the end of the students' time at **the SABIS® Educational Summer Camp**, they had learned new skills, made long-lasting friendships, and become stronger academically. All the campers left with lasting memories of their experience at the summer camp at SIS-UK.





*Arriving safely back home, many campers and their parents wrote about their experiences. This is just some of what the campers had to say:*



## *Testimonial*

"This experience has strengthened my ability to be independent and it has allowed me to mature in so many ways."

**Reem Al Nooryani**  
ISC-Sharjah

## *Testimonial*

"The academic courses were very helpful and the teachers were extremely kind. If I get the chance to come back next year, I definitely will! It was amazing to make new friends and learn about their cultures."

**Wonchan Jung Wan Son**  
ISC-Abu Dhabi





## *Testimonial*

"During my four weeks at SIS-UK I was exposed to new cultures and historical diversity. I recommend the camp to anyone who seeks to add value to him/herself. I also made some new friends whom I will never forget."

**Mohammad Omar Abyad**  
ISC-Koura

## *Testimonial*

"This camp has made me change into a better person and made me experience something I never thought I would ever experience. I made new friends of different nationalities and in the process made a new family. I have become more mature and responsible. We have all become a part of something that we will never forget."

**Mohamad Ahmed Ismail**  
ISC-Manama



## *Testimonial*

"This camp was such a wonderful experience for me. I met so many new people, got better at so many sports, and I learned a lot of things in class. The trips were fun and amazing. The on-campus activities were the best! I enjoyed this camp so much. It was one of the best experiences of my life."

**Michael Khoury**  
ISC-Abu Dhabi



*Parents were equally enthralled  
with their children's experience.*

"According to my son, it was awesome! Thank you so much! We hope to return!"

"My son really enjoyed his stay at SIS-UK and gained a lot of beneficial experiences. He learned so much, met new people, and absolutely loved the campus. The environment was surrounded with joy and happiness. Moreover, all the teachers and staff were so caring and supportive. We hope to repeat it again."

"Ever since my daughter returned home, she has nothing to say except how wonderful the camp was and how helpful the staff were! it was certainly a great experience for her and your team made it a very memorable one."

"My two daughters couldn't stop crying when the camp ended. I can only assume that means they had a wonderful time and enjoyed every single moment! Thank you all!"

*Here's to next year!  
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