SVITLO SUMMER



2026

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Svitlo Summer at a Glance

In 2026, we offered:

75 Summer School places to our students

In 2026, we partnered with:

13 summer schools who offered a range of programmes & new activities for our students.

Including:

7 new partner schools

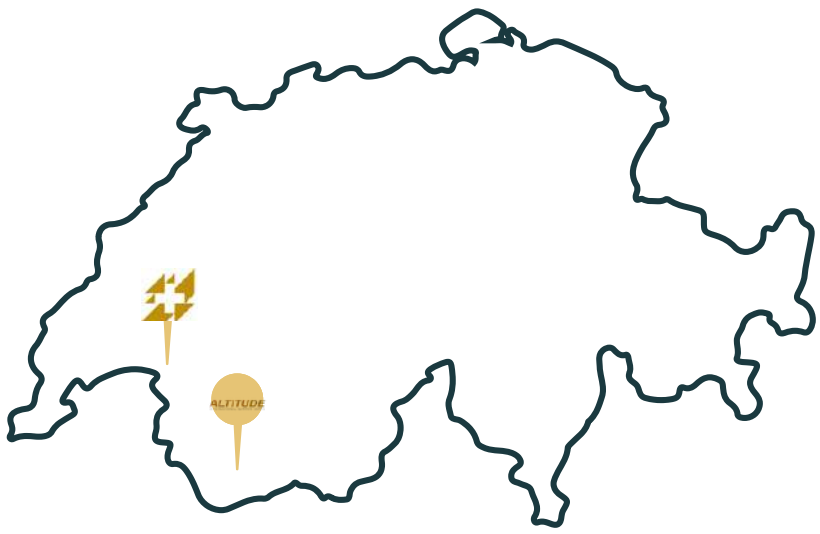
In 2026, our global community grew:

2 new summer schools in Switzerland for the first time!



In 2026, we offered:
15+ summer school locations

Giving students opportunities to experience different communities and environments



Summer at Svitlo

Summer at Svitlo Education is a special time. Throughout June, we continue our regular lessons even after Ukrainian schools have broken up for the summer, giving students the chance to attend their favourite classes and keep practising their English during the holidays. Then comes a well-deserved break for our dedicated teachers and students. This is a time to rest, recharge and start missing Svitlo and our vibrant community. But a “break” does not mean that nothing exciting or educational is happening at Svitlo.

For the past four years, we have offered students the opportunity to spend two weeks at one of our partner summer schools in the UK, USA or Switzerland. Our aim is not to encourage young Ukrainians to leave the country to study or work abroad, but to give them the confidence, connections and global perspective to build their futures in Ukraine and become future global and social leaders.

For many students, summer school also provides something deeply important: respite from the reality of war. Many live under the constant threat of attack, experiencing sleepless nights, disrupted lives and carry the psychological burden of war. Spending two weeks in a peaceful and supportive environment is not only a relief, it is an essential opportunity for them to recharge, heal and simply be children again.

International Education
Build the confidence, independence and global outlook at the heart of Svitlo’s mission to empower future global citizens.

Gaining Independence
Enhancing students’ confidence to step out of their comfort zone, make new connections and embrace new opportunities.

Respite from the war
Students spend two weeks sleeping soundly through the night, attend school without air raid sirens and have no fear of drones or shaheds.

Practicing English
Daily communication and lessons help students improve their English and become more confident using the language.

International Friendships
New perspectives, shared experiences and the confidence to see themselves as part of a wider global community.

A place at Summer School

We would like to reward our most diligent and proactive students. They pour their hearts and efforts into studying and developing Svitlo School and making it the special place it is. And what better way to recognise this dedication than with a fun and enriching trip to an international summer school, where they can make new friends, take part in exciting activities, explore a new country, improve their English and learn new skills!

There is a thorough allocation process taken each year by the Svitlo leadership team, in collaboration with teachers based on different criteria:



Good attendance across a variety of lessons; **Active participation** in lessons, such as asking and answering questions, giving thoughtful opinions and contributing to class discussions.



Contributing to Svitlo School life, such as becoming a prefect, buddy or student council member, taking part in projects or competitions, helping to organise house events.

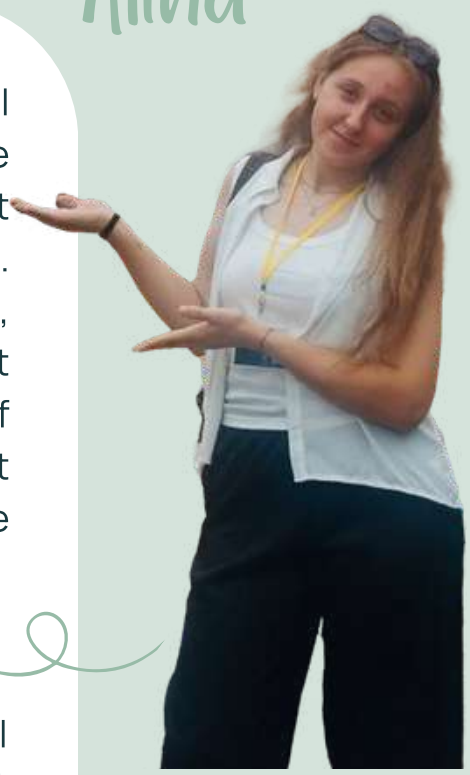


Demonstrating kindness and helpfulness, such as supporting fellow students, respecting and listening to teachers, being generous with knowledge and helping new students.

Why do you think you were given this opportunity?

and here is what they said:

Alina



“Throughout the year, I tried to be as active as possible. I was also a Reading Buddy, Buddy, Prefect, a member of the Student Council. I worked hard to manage everything, but at the same time I had to prepare for my final school exams. So I focused on fulfilling my responsibilities at Svitlo, attending my lessons, and preparing for the NMT. I thought I wasn’t doing enough but when I was told that I was one of the lucky ones who would be going to England that summer, I was over the moon and simply couldn’t believe it!”



Dmytro

“I think I got the opportunity to attend the summer school because I worked hard and held the position of prefect. It was both a dream and a goal of mine”

Anastasiia



“I believe I got the opportunity to attend the summer school because I managed to push myself out of my comfort zone and overcome my fears, including my social anxiety. Without doing that, I wouldn’t have started speaking up in lessons, taken on so much responsibility - including being a Reading Buddy, a Prefect, and working in copywriting - or taken the initiative. That’s why I believe that if you want to succeed, you need to work on yourself every single day and never give up.”

“I was extremely active and took part in everything I could, even in things I probably couldn’t! I think that was the key factor that helped me get the opportunity to attend the camp”

Yurii



2026

SUMMER

A huge thank you

The placements in summer schools are provided free of charges thanks to the incredible genorsity of our summer school partners. **This year was our biggest summer ever with 75 of our Svitlo students attending summer schools, and 7 new partner schools.**

A huge thank you to anyone who donated to our Make Svitlo Summer Bright Campaign over on our Instagram. The campaign highlighted what two weeks at a summer school can offer our students as so much more than two weeks of learning. As a charity we must cover the other essential costs including travel to airports outside of Ukraine, airfaire to the UK, visas, transfers, meals when out exploring new cities or meeting teachers in person for the first time. Our students on the instagram team did a fantastic job of showcasing the light of Svitlo summer.

On the following pages, hear inspiring stories and experiences from each of our summer schools







Discover Svitlo on Instagram

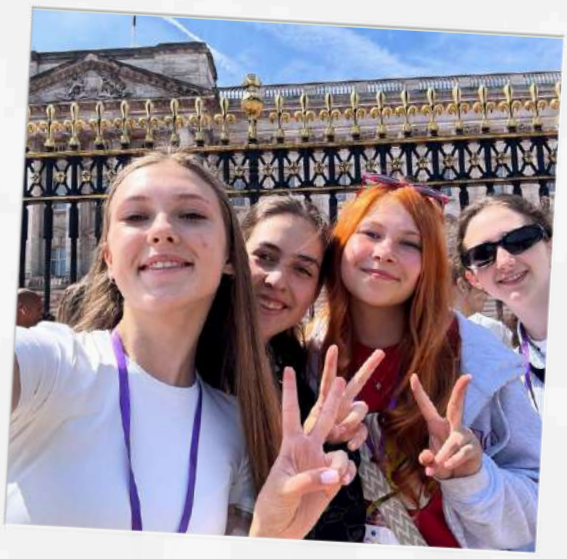
@SvitloEducation
Follow our English-language account for the latest news, stories, opportunities and ways to get involved.

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Follow our Ukrainian student-led account to hear directly from our students and see Svitlo through their eyes.

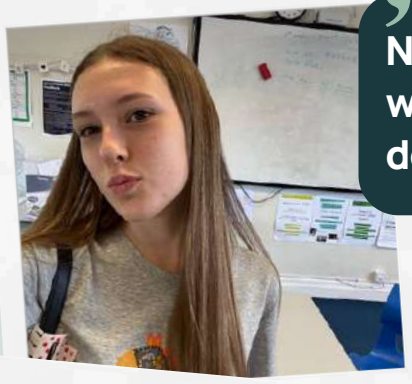
ILC Ipswich

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE CENTRES

The English & Multi activity Course combined 3 hours of English lessons every morning with exciting afternoon activities, plus full and half day trips to amazing destinations including Cambridge, Norwich and London.
Our students Diana, Vlada, Valeriia and Dariia got to experience it all for themselves and they absolutely loved it! From improving their English to exploring new places and making memories with friends, they had an incredible two weeks!



Summer at ILC



Now I've seen for myself why I've been working so hard to learn English and how many doors it can open for me in the future.



Diana

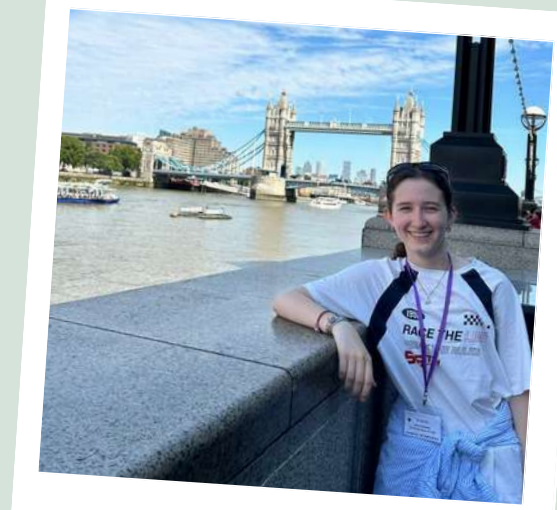
"The most valuable part for me was probably getting the chance to communicate with students from different parts of the world, practice English with native speakers in real-life situations, and see London with my own eyes, it was absolutely incredible!"

"The thing I learned in summer camp is probably that we have to enjoy every moment of our life, even if it seems usual. Because you will miss such moments when you come back home and regret that you didn't enjoy it enough. Those 2 weeks were the best in my life and now when I remember everything that happened to me there I miss it so much."



Vlada

"I found it really interesting to meet people from different countries and learn more about their cultures, traditions and habits, as well as simply communicate and spend time with them. Every activity was not just about playing a game or taking part in an activity, but also about communication, building teams and developing team spirit. Along the way, we got to know each other better and simply had a great time together."



Valeriia

This trip also helped me to recharge, to get some fresh perspective of the world and to distract myself from the war.



Dariia

"Apart from knowledge I got in the classroom and outside of it, I also thought about all the problems and circumstances I had and just let it go. So the camp was not only educational for me, but also very reflective."

ILC Walhampton

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE CENTRES

This two week course offered 15 hours of lessons each week, with classes covering topics including Free Time, Holiday & Travel, Around the World, Environment, Health & Fitness and more. These two weeks gave our students the oppportunity to increase their confidence as well as improving overall English abilities. The activity and excursion programme is designed to provide our students with opportunities to enjoy their time, practise their English and make new friends.



Summer at ILC

“I really enjoyed my time at ILC Walhampton Summer Camp. It’s such a peaceful and quiet place, surrounded by beautiful nature and a lovely environment to live in. I also really enjoyed talking to students from other countries.
I met some wonderful girls from France, and I already miss them so much. I was also very happy with the lessons we had at camp.
Thank you, Svitlo School, for such an amazing experience!!”

What I liked most was that I got to communicate in English with my friends all the time. I even made a friend from Turkey, and we’re still keeping in touch via WhatsApp.



Oleksii

“These were the best two weeks of my life: exciting trips, meeting new people, making new friends, lots of communication, interesting lessons, time to relax, and the coolest counsellors! Everything was so interesting and absolutely incredible. It was an amazing experience!”



Oleksii and Dmytro



Oleksandra and Zhanna

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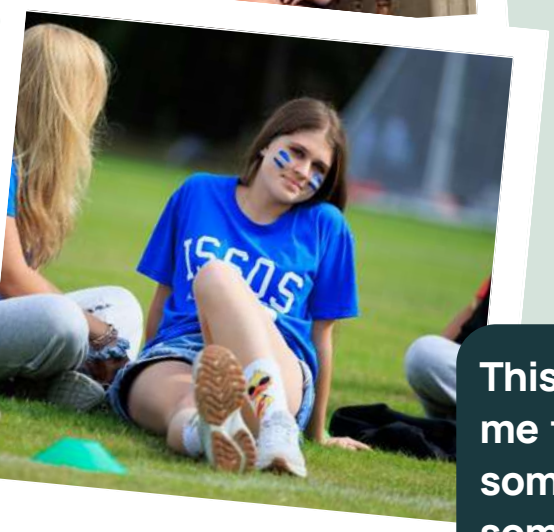
ISSOS
the experience of a lifetime™

The three-week academic summer school in St Andrews offered our students the opportunity to learn, develop new skills and experience life at Scotland's top university. The programme blended academic study, creative enrichment and cultural activities, helping students gain valuable skills while building international friendships. Our students chose one academic and one elective and spent their evenings and weekends taking part in the specially designed activities programme and going on cultural trips to exciting nearby cities and towns.



Summer at ISOSS





Uliana

"These three weeks were the best three weeks of my life. Every day was incredibly packed: classes, sports, golf, team games, trips, evening activities, new people and so many emotions. I chose Debates and didn't regret it for a second. By the end, I even had the opportunity to be a judge at the Final Night Debate, which was such a special experience for me.

We visited Edinburgh and Glasgow, explored museums and a castle, went kayaking. And St Andrews itself became a whole little world for me — cosy, beautiful and incredibly special. But my biggest love turned out to be golf. I had never tried it before, but here I fell in love with it literally from the very first lesson. And I became one of the three people who received an award for achievement in golf!"

"This trip gave me motivation and showed me that sometimes you just have to give something a try — and you might discover something truly incredible."



"With each day, I'm enjoying camp more and more.
The atmosphere here is amazing, with so many fun activities, new people to meet, and unforgettable experiences. I'm so happy to have the opportunity to be here! During this time, we had an incredible Counsellors' Show, where each counsellor came up with their own character. They really put so much effort into it, and it was so much fun to watch! There was also a Talent Show, where we managed to both laugh and cry, because all the participants were incredibly talented and showed off their amazing skills! There was always something happening within our teams too: sports competitions, different challenges and team activities.
We also went bowling, and I even tried surfing for the first time! It was absolutely incredible! It was my first time, but somehow everything just clicked, and the experience really inspired me! The atmosphere was simply incredible!"

"Our teachers from Ireland gave us an incredible amount of knowledge and helped us develop so many valuable skills.



Varvara

BOSS

boss UK
Buckswood Overseas Summer School

The BOSS Summer School is a lively and international programme where students learnt English with 15hours of lessons a week in a dynamic environment filled with energy and excitement. BOSS gave 10 of our students a summer of cultural exchange and the chance to meet friends from around the world.



Summer at BOSS





One of the best parts was that we were constantly speaking English — we even started forgetting to speak Ukrainian to each other!

Misha

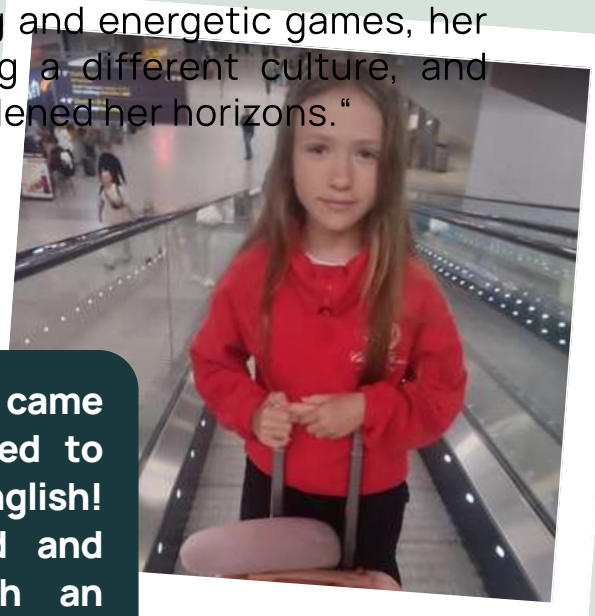
"I came back from camp with so many amazing memories! Each day was packed with different activities, lessons, quizzes, competitions and new people to meet. We also went on so many exciting trips. There were children from so many different countries at the camp. I made lots of international friends who I'm still keeping in touch with."





Lidiia

"My daughter Sofia is already back home, and her smile says it all, she hasn't stopped talking about it for a second! She's absolutely bursting with excitement, telling us nonstop about how much fun she had, all the amazing and energetic games, her new friends, discovering a different culture, and how much this trip broadened her horizons."



And the best part — she came back incredibly motivated to learn and practise English! Seeing her so inspired and enthusiastic after such an amazing experience is the best feeling for any parent.

Sofiia

"Throughout the camp, our days were so packed with activities and lessons that I barely had any time to use my phone at all (which I actually loved!).
I still can't quite believe that I was actually in the UK, especially in London, that I got to meet Yulia Kosko in person, and that I made so many amazing friends from all over the world."



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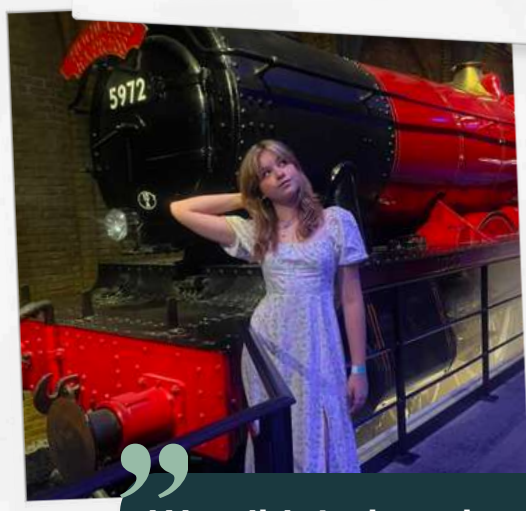


Danylo

“I am so grateful for this incredible opportunity to go to BOSS! I got to visit London — I saw Big Ben, rode the London Eye, visited Buckingham Palace! But what I loved most about Buckswood were all the activities, the lessons, the teachers, gathering in the sports hall after breakfast, the food, my friends, the counsellors and so much more.”



Kira



We didn’t just improve our English there — we also grew as individuals.

Speaking English not only helped me to improve it, but also keep growing, developing and becoming more confident!



Myroslava

“At camp, our days were packed with activities, competitions and lessons! Every single day was unforgettable. We had so many excursions, relay races, competitions for House Points and so much more. We went on trips to London and Hastings, and it was truly unforgettable. At this camp, I made so many new international friends!”

“I absolutely loved everything about the camp — there were so many activities, adventures, trips and new experiences every single day! Everything was so well organised that every day brought new emotions and unforgettable experiences.I was constantly excited and felt so happy! The trips, activities, entertainment and new people — I experienced so much during these two weeks, more than I had in a long time.”



Summer at BOSS

Our Student Journeys

Many people may not realise that Ukraine's commercial airspace has been closed for years due to the war. Our students must travel by land to a neighbouring country before they can fly. Ukraine is larger than France and almost the size of Texas, so even reaching an airport can be a long journey.

Valeriia's journey to the UK took her 4 days! So she decided to share her story

1 ZAPORIZHZHIA TO LVIV (2 DAYS)

My journey from Zaporizhzhia to Ipswich took a whole 4 days! We travelled from Zaporizhzhia to Lviv for 2 days, and then met up with the girls and travelled together to Poland.

2 ON THE ROAD TO POLAND

We spent around 6 hours at the border and then we had a very scenic drive to Krakow Airport. Everyone slept during the journey. When we arrived, we had to wait about 9 hours for our flight. We spent the time however we could: some people slept, some watched football, some drew, and some worked.

3 KRAKOW AIRPORT WAIT

When everyone woke up, we went for a little walk around the airport, where we discovered a LEGO version of the airport we were in. Unfortunately, it closed almost immediately, and there was almost nothing to do as it was already very late.

4 FLIGHT TO THE UK

When it was time to check-in we got our tickets printed. Unfortunately, they spelled both my and Vlada's name incorrectly. Luckily, though, this didn't cause any problems. The flight itself was very calm, except for the fact that the pilot apparently decided to give us a full tour of the English countryside!

5 ARRIVAL & TRANSFER

After getting off the plane, we went looking for the way to the main terminal. There, we ordered some food and drinks while waiting for our transfer to Ipswich. During the drive to the city, we joined Svitlo's online awards ceremony and cheered for every single one of us!



When we arrived in Ipswich, we walked to our school where our house parents were already waving at us. And **that was our journey to the place where we spent two amazing weeks and made so many memories, had countless emotions and, most importantly, made new friends!**



Discovery Summer

discovery summer

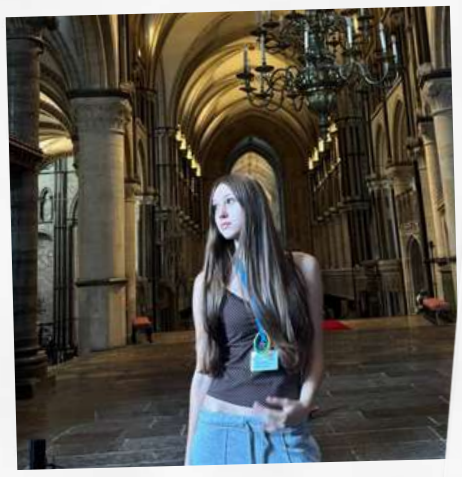
Discovery summer offered a fun-packed programme combining a wide range of afternoon activities, exciting evening entertainment and two excursions a week. Students enjoyed sports, arts and crafts, drama, nature walks, team challenges, quiz and talent nights.



Summer at Discovery Camp

For me, it was a valuable experience of becoming more independent. I quickly adapted to the pace of camp life and actively took part in the lessons. I also won debates, participated in sports competitions, and joined activities and games such as football.

“What I enjoyed most was the opportunity to meet people from different countries around the world and exchange knowledge, culture and experiences with them. Taking part in activities, lessons and excursions together over the course of one or two weeks really brought us closer and helped us form strong connections. It was really inspiring to be surrounded by so many talented and ambitious teenagers at the camp. Some of them played musical instruments, others were into sports, played chess, and had so many other interesting talents and hobbies. Being around people like that motivated me to keep developing myself, and it also made me want to get to know them and become friends.”



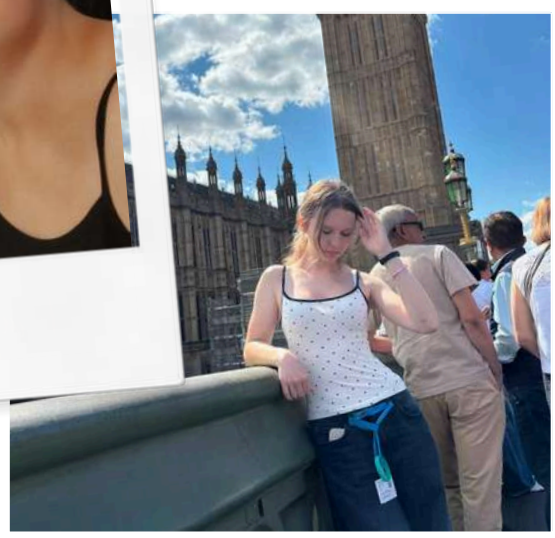
Anhelina



Anastasiia



Anastasiia



Anhelina

“During this camp we had a lot of activities and we also had many options of what to do. In the first week I chose film making and I was a producer, Anhelina B. and other girls were actors so we made a short film like “The Notebook” you all may know with Ryan Gosling . And on the second week I chose drama class (yes, I’m a fan of acting) and we were getting ready to present by the end of the week “The Lion King” where I was a mum of lion Simba. We performed well and actually it was my first time being on a big stage and perform without a fear.”

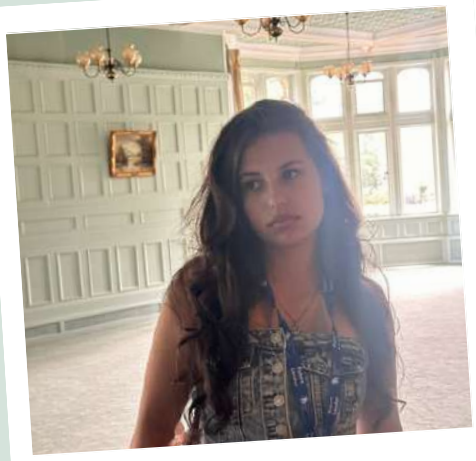
During the camp, I made lots of new friends, significantly improved my English, and finally overcame my language barrier. I developed many new skills, gained invaluable experience, and got to see new places and some of the most beautiful parts of England.

International House

Students could choose from a range of programmes tailored to different interests and goals - from Discover (ages 12–17), English+ and Intensive English to Future Leaders programmes focusing on Entrepreneurship, Inventors and Pioneers. They each joined a two-week session throughout the summer, creating the perfect mix of learning, personal development, new experiences and unforgettable summer memories!



Summer at International House



Polina







Vladyslava

“When I arrived, I was immediately impressed by our house. The atmosphere really felt like a family. From the very first day, I adapted to the new environment very quickly and met lots of participants from different countries, especially Brazil, Argentina, Mexico and Turkey. It was incredibly interesting to learn about their cultures and practise my English.”

In our classes, we studied business, leadership, and communication. This course helped me better understand what I want from my future and my future career



Mariia and Sofia

From the very first day of camp, I made friends from Germany and Ecuador. We explored Oxford together and spent our afternoons taking part in different activities.

I especially enjoyed the lessons. We learned a huge amount of useful vocabulary and immediately put it into practice. We also regularly and presented projects, which helped me become much more confident when speaking in front of other people

“The summer programme gave me an absolutely unforgettable experience! The trip started with my very first flight, and travelling completely on my own for the first time was a real challenge — but it helped me become much more independent.
Every day was incredibly busy and packed with a variety of exciting activities. One of the coolest parts was getting to try a completely new sport that I had never done before. Thanks to the excursions, I also had the chance to visit different cities across England, see the country from the inside, and meet so many interesting and inspiring people.”

International House



Anastasiia



Anastasiia playing tennis

> **What I appreciated most was having the opportunity to take a break from life in a frontline city and mentally switch off without thinking about the realities of everyday life.**

"There were 24 different nationalities at the camp, and I tried to communicate with as many people as possible, learning about customs and everyday life in other countries. I also want to highlight **how much my mindset and worldview have changed. I came back with an incredible motivation to change my life for the better, explore new opportunities and build a better future for myself. I genuinely feel like I returned as a different person** and started actively working on my life. During my stay at International House in Oxford, I finally had the chance to step onto a tennis court. My best friend from Svitlo, Marta, taught me how to serve, and before long, tennis became part of my everyday life at the camp. I enjoyed tennis far more than I had expected, so when I returned home, I decided not to leave it behind. I started playing regularly, and today, tennis has become my main sport and something I'm genuinely passionate about."

> **The biggest lesson for me was not to turn down an opportunity just because I'm scared. If I had stayed at home back then, I would never have found out that I'm capable of navigating a new place on my own, working with people from different countries, approaching people first, and communicating in another language**



Viktoriia



Margo



Marta

"What I loved most was the feeling of being in a real boarding school — it honestly felt like something out of a TV series! Everyone was so friendly, and it was amazing to meet people from different countries.
One moment that really stayed with me was when I suddenly realised during a lesson: I was sitting in a class that was conducted entirely in English, surrounded by people from different countries, and I was casually communicating with them in English. It was such a special feeling!"

Stafford House

Our students could choose between two programmes designed to combine English learning with an exciting summer experience: the Classic Course and the Junior Intensive Course. The Classic Course combined English lessons with activities and excursions, allowing students to put what they learnt in class straight into practice while exploring new places and having fun. The Junior Intensive Course offered a more intensive learning experience while still leaving plenty of time for fun, social activities and excursions, giving students lots of opportunities to practise their English in real-life situations.

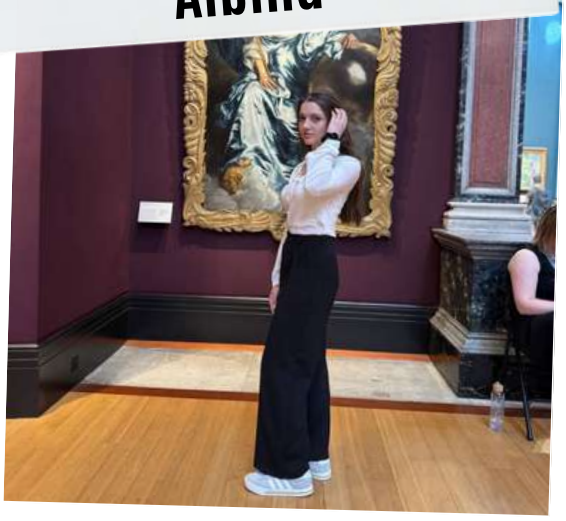


Summer at Stafford House



Albina

“What I value most are the people I met there. They inspire me to explore my creativity more, as they are artists themselves and shared their passion and inspiration with me.



Olena

“There was so much creativity throughout these two weeks, and it inspired me to get even more involved in creative activities after the camp. The two activities that were the most meaningful to me were the street survey and our trip to London. We did the survey as part of one of our lessons, when we had to approach local people and ask them about their favourite places in the city. I used to be so impressed by people who could easily walk up to a strangers and start a conversation — it was something I had always dreamed of being able to do myself, even without fully realising it. And now I can do it too!! I’m so proud of myself! :))”

“The camp staff were amazing! They were always cheerful, supportive, and very welcoming. Thanks to them, I became more open to meeting new people and much more independent.

“I absolutely loved my time at the camp. It was an unforgettable experience that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. I really enjoyed sharing Ukrainian culture with people from other countries and learning about their cultures in return.
I’m incredibly grateful for this opportunity and want to thank Svitlo School for making it possible for me.”

“Speaking English in real-life situations rather than just in lessons is a completely different experience, and it’s something I’ll never forget. I made some wonderful friends from Turkey. And it was amazing to wake up every morning in such a picturesque city as Canterbury. By the end of our stay, it had truly become a second home to us. :)”

“My quiet personality turned into that of a real social butterfly, and communicating with my peers became much easier than before.



Anastasiia

SVITLO SCHOOL

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Summer School Firsts

For many of our students, summer school is their first experience of travelling abroad and their first chance to discover a whole host of new experiences. From trying something completely new to making friends from around the world, we asked our 2026 summer school students to share their favourite 'firsts'...

My first experience at the BOSS camp was truly unforgettable. The journey itself was also very special because it was **my first time travelling by plane**. I was a little nervous, but at the same time it was incredibly exciting and breathtaking. Looking out of the plane window and seeing the clouds below me was something I will never forget!





I tried surfing for the first time there, and it was absolutely incredible. First, we took the boards and practised on the beach. The instructors showed us how to get onto the board properly, keep our balance, and what to do once we were in the water.Then we went into the sea to give it a try. Of course, it didn't work out perfectly at first, but I managed to stand up on the board and catch a wave An instructor was still helping me at that point, and he even asked, "Do you surf?" And I was like, "No, this is literally my first time!"

Communicating with people from different parts of the world! For me, it was almost a completely new experience, especially with such a diversity of countries represented. It was incredibly interesting and, at the same time, a little surprising to realise that, despite how different we are, we are also very similar in many ways.It's already been a week since the camp ended, and we're still sending each other vlogs about life in our countries, our cities, and our everyday lives.







It was my first time trying archery! I chose this co-curricular activity because I wanted to try something completely new and unusual. I really enjoyed it, and I was happy to discover that I was quite good at it — I even placed third in my group! It was definitely one of the most memorable activities at camp 🏹

Sevenoaks

SEVENOAKS SCHOOL
SUMMER PROGRAMME

The Summer Programme is an academic enrichment course for bright, ambitious students aged 11-16 with a strong level of English.The academic aspect of the course includes four modules: Critical Thinking, Social Leadership, Creativity and Digital Skills. Each module is a ten-hour course and the variety on offer gave students a taste of what academic life is like at Sevenoaks School. Parents received a detailed report from their child's teachers at the end of the programme.



Summer at Sevenoaks



It was my first experience at a summer school abroad and my first time communicating with native speakers in real life for two weeks, which significantly improved my speaking and listening skills.

Yelyzaveta

"I really enjoyed the international atmosphere and loved learning so much about other countries and nationalities, things you simply can't discover by just looking them up online.
I really enjoyed Sevenoaks School and its campus, the grounds are huge, with lots of different facilities and spaces, and everything is modern, beautiful and well maintained. The town itself is also very cosy and charming.The teachers were all kind and caring, always supportive and ready to explain everything whenever we needed help.
There was also a huge choice of activities, and one of my favourites was archery."

I definitely improved my English a lot and met so many new people. Especially since it was my first time in the UK, I was really happy to have the chance to visit Oxford and London!



Polina

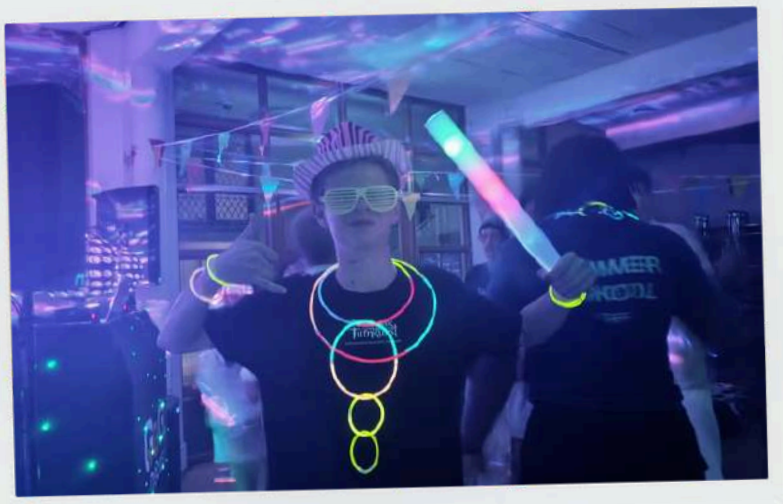
"Every day we wouldn't return to our rooms until around 5 p.m. We had lessons first, followed by two hours of curriculum activities, where we could choose what we wanted to do. There was such a huge variety of options, from drawing and baking to archery and survival skills.
At the end of the day, we usually had a film night or some kind of craft activity. We also went on lots of trips, including to an amusement park, Oxford and, of course, London. In the evenings after lessons, we also had discos, casino nights, talent shows and open mics."



MPW

M|P|W

These two weeks combined an exciting academic programme, My Life; My Way life skills workshops, fulfilling enrichment activities and a fun-packed schedule of social events. Each element of the programme was engaging and interactive. This enabled our students to enhance their reading, listening, writing and comprehension skills, as well as providing ample opportunity to hone their English language skills.



Summer at MPW



Hordii



After camp, my mindset, worldview and attitude towards many things changed completely. I realised that so much is possible if you really want it. Camp gave me the opportunity to discover myself, learn about other cultures, discover new things about myself, and let go of my fear of making mistakes. I may have even discovered an interest in a particular career path.

“I chose the Programming, Coding and AI course. During the course, we built our own little cars and programmed them to drive around a track based on code we wrote ourselves. We even got to take the cars home with us! The lectures about artificial intelligence and how to achieve success were especially informative, and I think I enjoyed them the most out of everything.“

“I discovered that I have strong leadership skills, and I would even love to come back and work at the camp as a member of staff in the future. A lot of people would be happy to see me there again as a staff member!I really enjoyed communicating with the teachers as well. Thank you for all the opportunities you give us — I really appreciate it!”

These two weeks were the best moments I’ve had in a very long time. In Cambridge, I found something more than just friends — I found myself again.





Anastasiia

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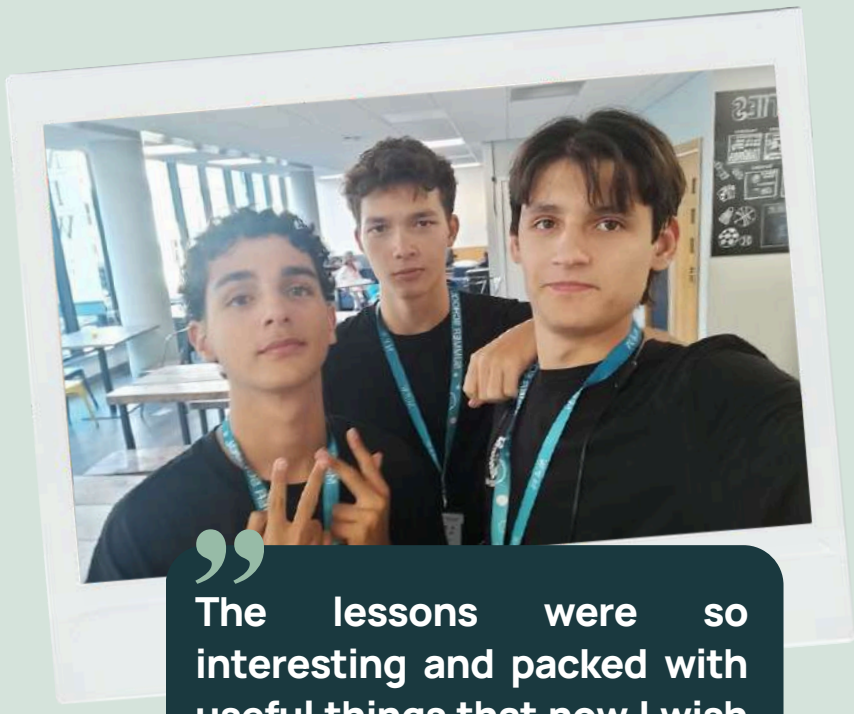
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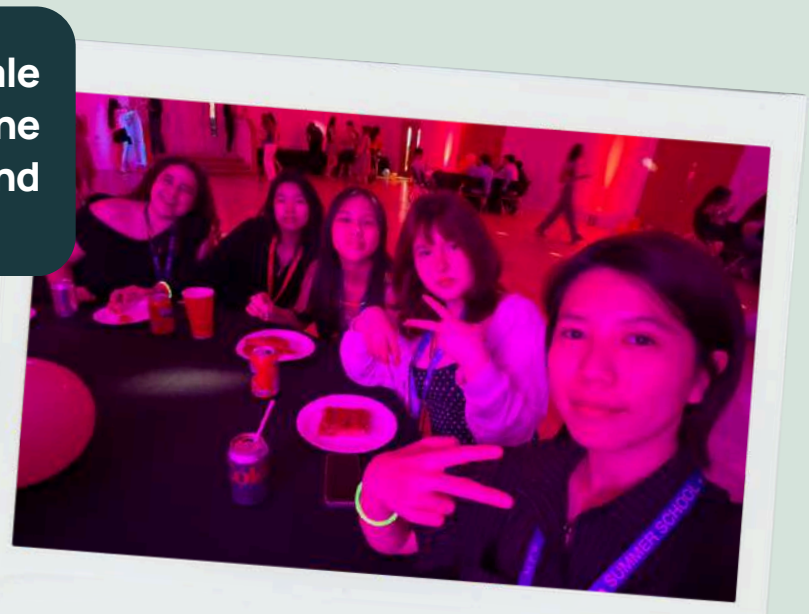
“From the very first day, I realised that the people working there were true professionals. They welcomed me like one of their own, showed me my room and gave me a tour. I’m definitely going to miss the staff!
The very first thing I did at camp was gather some future friends in a circle and suggest that we talk about our hobbies and exchange contacts. I’ll never forget these people!
I also really enjoyed learning Python. Since I’m studying programming, I chose the IT course. We also built a robot, which was a lot of fun — although, unfortunately, most of them never actually worked, except for one girl’s robot!



The lessons were so interesting and packed with useful things that now I wish I could keep studying there forever.

Outside of school, we mostly explored London.
I’ll also always remember the moments when we walked around the streets and laughed constantly. We tried to be serious, but we were really bad at it. In our free time, we went to restaurants and cafés, where there were even more moments when we simply couldn’t stop laughing. These memories will stay in my mind forever...
Overall, this was the best camp I’ve ever been to, and I honestly can’t put all my emotions into words. I’m already thinking about going back one day, although, for now, it’s still just a dream.”

Everything about the camp felt like a real-life fairy tale to me. From breakfast in the morning until dinner in the evening, every single activity was exciting and captivating.



“I’m just incredibly grateful for MPW. 🥹 For me, it was so much more than just a few weeks — I met some amazing people, experienced so many new emotions, made countless memories and went through so many moments that I know will stay with me for a very long time.
I’m so happy that I had the opportunity to be a part of it. Thank you for the people, the conversations, the laughter, the little moments, and everything that made this experience so special. I honestly never thought I would become so attached to this place and to the people I met here. I’m incredibly grateful that I got to experience it in the first place. I know I’m going to miss everyone so much, and I really hope I’ll get to see you all again someday. “



Yana

MPW Medicine Course

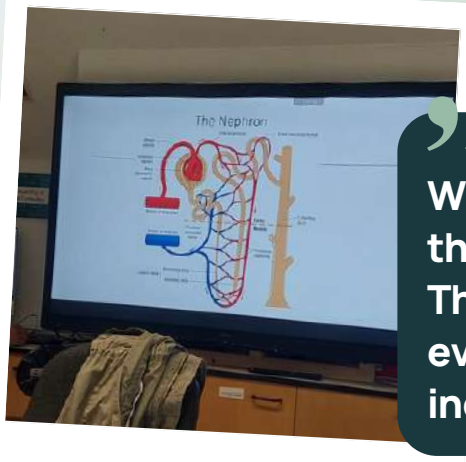
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During the Medicine course at MPW, our students started their journey to medical school. They took part in practical, hands-on workshops and built their theoretical knowledge. They gained valuable guidance from medical professionals and insight into how to succeed through the medical school admissions process. Alongside their studies, they also enjoyed a variety of fun activities and exciting excursions, making the experience both educational and unforgettable.



Summer at MPW





Kateryna

What I enjoy most is being in class because the teachers here are absolutely amazing! They explain everything really clearly, and we even get to dissect some organs, which is incredibly interesting! :)

“The main thing I would say about this experience is that it was completely unique and new for me, and it was incredibly exciting to experience it for myself! As I’ve already mentioned, I absolutely loved the programme, the place where we stayed, and Cambridge itself. It’s such a beautiful, green and peaceful city, filled with a unique historical and intellectual atmosphere. The staff were also amazing - everyone was so different, and that made each person really memorable in their own way.

It was also the first time I had been surrounded by so many incredibly smart people my age. I was genuinely amazed to hear everyone speaking English so fluently, knowing so many medical terms in English, and simply being so knowledgeable about a wide range of things.
It was such a pleasure to spend two weeks surrounded by such an inspiring group of people.”

After the course I got more motivation to study as the lessons were really interesting - in such a short period of time, we learned a lot of important and fascinating information.



“Every day is completely packed with lessons and all kinds of fun activities, so there’s absolutely no time to get bored! :) From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., we have lessons or lectures, and then we usually have some free time to explore the city. In the evenings, there are different activities such as movie nights, rock climbing, punting, bowling and karaoke.”

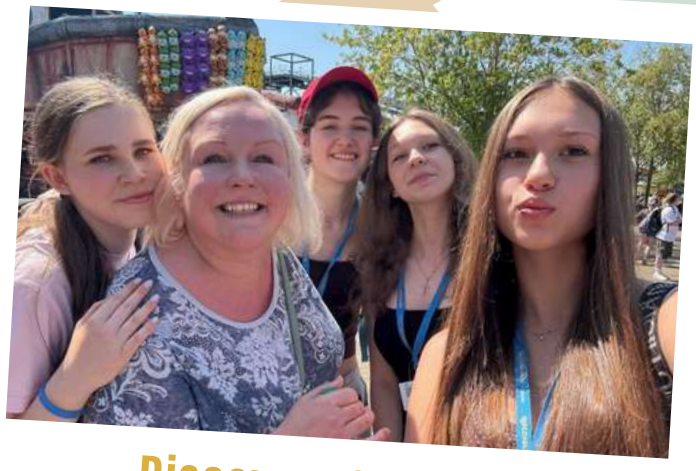


Kseniia

Our Volunteers Meet Their Students in Person

When our wonderful volunteers learned that the students were going to different summer camps in the UK, they immediately wanted to meet them in person!

Leslie O'Connor, who leads the Svitlo class in Leadership Skills, did her best to meet as many students as possible! Different camps, dates or locations, nothing could stop Leslie from seeing her amazing students!
Leslie received lots and lots of gifts from Ukraine, as the students wanted to share a little bit of Ukrainian culture with her and leave her with a special reminder of them ❤️



Discovery Summer



LC Ipswich



Sweet and warm presents from students



MPW



Stafford House



MPW

Our students Anastasiia from Staffod House had the chance to meet up with **Aditi**, our Poetry class teacher on her excursion for the day in London.

Our student Yurii from MPW camp had a chance to meet up with **Lorraine**, our Svitlo Drama class teacher.

Our Volunteers Meet Their Students in Person

ILC Ipswich students became real record-holders for meeting the volunteers!

During their trip to London they also met their teachers from Poetry and Physics classes – **Aditi Banerjee and Philippe Chauvet**





ILC Ipswich



Bishop's Stortford



Bishop's Stortford



Stafford House



Stafford House

Christine Stanley, who runs ESOL sessions, came to Bishop's Stortford to meet Dana and Alina, active students of her classes!

Aditi Banerjee who leads both Poetry class for older group, and Drawing class for younger group met the students of Stafford House together with **Alison Kelly,** our Reading Buddy supervisor and a teacher of the Story Time class

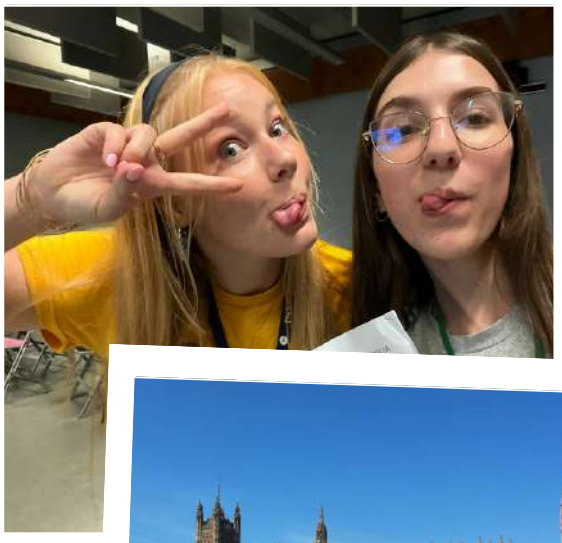
"We had an amazing time at the London National Gallery. We spent several hours exploring the paintings and learning more about their history

Lewis School of English

Our students took part in the English & Theatre course in addition to the Classic programme. They explored the music, stories and characters of popular West End musicals, including Hamilton. Throughout the sessions, they developed their English and performance skills while working creatively with different musical scenes and characters. At the end of each week, they had the opportunity to showcase their work to their peers, either through a live performance or a recorded presentation.



Summer at Lewis





Oleksandra

“My experience at the camp was truly unforgettable. I made lots of new friends, had the opportunity to learn more about British culture, and even share Ukrainian culture with others. The programme was quite intensive: three hours of English in the morning, three hours of theatre in the afternoon, and two hours of evening activities.

The lessons were useful but also far from typical. We acted out scenes in groups. The theatre programme was also very intensive, as we managed to prepare an entire musical in just two weeks!

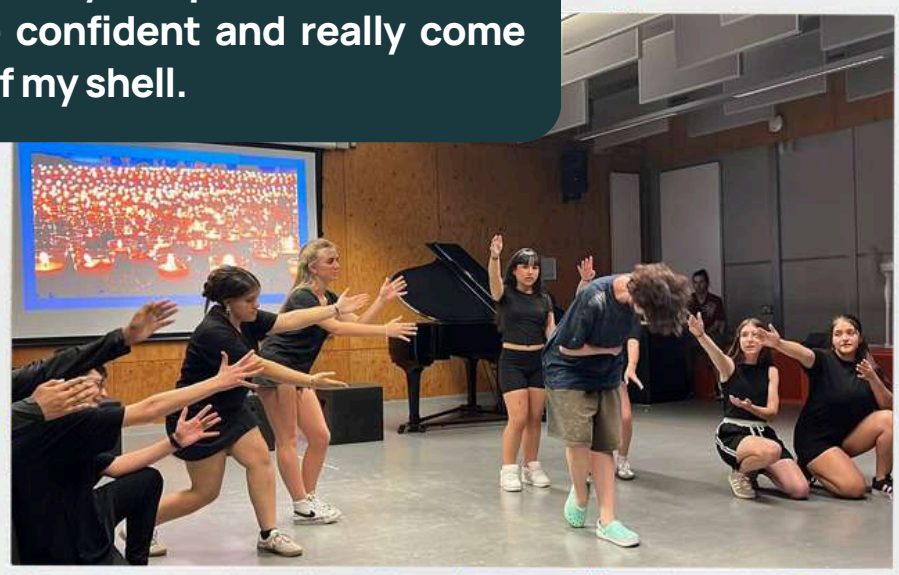
We had quite a lot of free time and went on four trips. All four were interesting and, in my opinion, very well planned, as we had enough time to visit famous landmarks, explore the cities and do some shopping.

I also want to mention the campus separately. It was absolutely huge and very modern. There were also lounge areas and outdoor tables where we could hang out with everyone else.”

“I would like to highlight the theatre programme. Performing in front of an audience almost every day helped me become more confident and really come out of my shell.



Galina



Whitgift

Whitgift combined morning English lessons with afternoon progressive skills in action project-based classes. Our Svitlo students engaged in 23 hours of lessons per week for 2 weeks enhancing their English communication skills, both in terms of fluency and accuracy leaving feeling inspired, motivated and confident.



Summer at Whitgift



These two weeks, filled with peaceful nights, gave me hope for a brighter future and the motivation to keep moving forward. I learned how to express my thoughts better and, overall, became much more confident in myself.



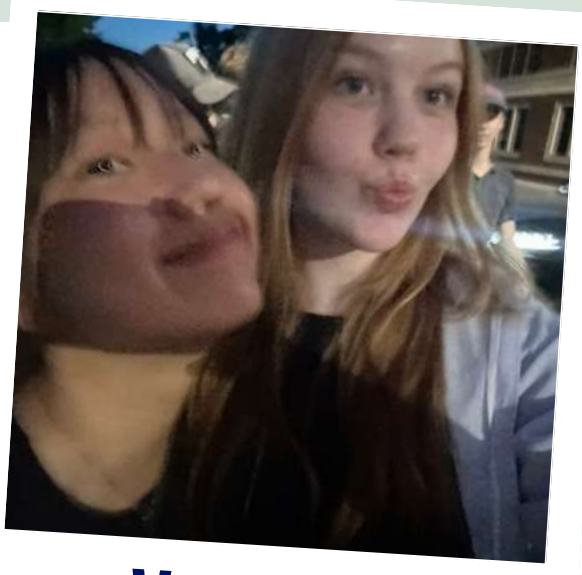
Anna

"I probably still haven't fully realised everything that happened during those two unforgettable weeks! Every day was packed with an incredible number of activities, from quizzes during our morning lessons to sports competitions and even a detective mystery in the evening. During our excursions, we had the chance to visit some really exciting places, including the London Dungeon and Chessington, as well as explore the streets of London and Cambridge with our new friends from camp. They came from all kinds of countries, from the USA and the UK to Japan and Hong Kong. I still can't believe that all of this actually happened. I'm endlessly grateful to the entire Svitlo team for making it all possible and giving me so many warm moments and unforgettable memories."

"The camp had a huge impact on me. I met so many new people, communicated in English a lot, and gained an experience that I definitely could never have had just by studying at a regular school. I also tried squash for the first time and absolutely loved it, so I immediately found squash courts in my city to keep playing after the camp!)) For me, the camp and the people I met there are something truly special, and I know this experience will stay in my heart forever."

Over these two weeks, my English improved so much thanks to communicating with native speakers, as I had never talked to British teenagers before.





Veronika

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INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

Over two weeks, students combined morning English classes with a range of afternoon activities, exploring the local area and some of the UK's most historic cities. The programme concluded with a certificate ceremony and prize-giving, providing students with the opportunity to experience life at the College while developing their spoken and written English.





Dana

"Every day is packed with all kinds of activities, so there's barely any time to be on our phones — which I absolutely love!! We've already been on lots of exciting excursions to Cambridge, Oxford and Canterbury. The days are really busy, and the community here is absolutely incredible! What I loved most was how we all became one big family. There wasn't a single moment when I felt like an outsider or felt left alone. 🥹 I'm incredibly happy that I had this opportunity because the people I met there became so much more than just friends to me."

"The teachers and counsellors at Bishop's Stortford were some of the kindest and funniest people I had ever met. They supported us, explained things, helped us whenever we needed it, and at the same time knew how to have fun and make us laugh.

"Bishop's Stortford Summer Camp was truly an unforgettable place and the best camp ever! I met friends from all over the world and learned so much about the traditions, cultures and beliefs of different countries. I met people who inspired me to become the best version of myself and work towards it every single day. All these trips, friendships, the atmosphere and the emotions made these two weeks some of the best of my life and inspired me to work harder and keep developing myself."



Summer at Bishop's



Alina



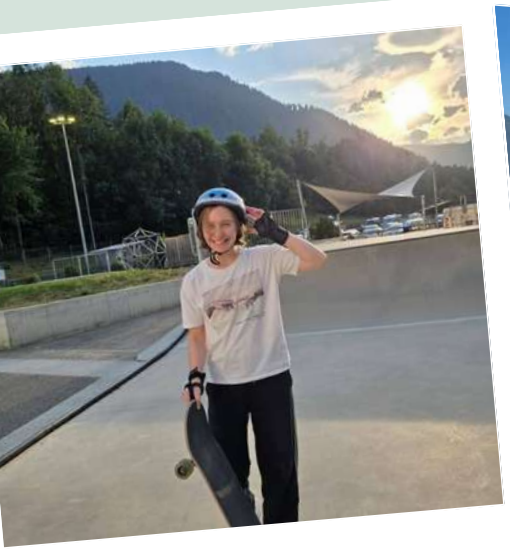
Altitude Camps

ALTITUDE
INTERNATIONAL SUMMER CAMPS

The Altitude two week programme provided our Svitlo students the opportunity to develop their confidence whilst acquiring the fundamental skills of vocabulary, conversation and grammar.
Taking advantage of the beautiful mountain environment, students explored nature, discovered new practical skills and gained an aptitude for both leadership and teamwork.



Summer at Altitude





Maryna

When you wake up and see the Swiss Alps outside your window, you already know that the day is going to be special.

"I loved getting to live in a completely different environment, communicate with people from different linguistic and cultural backgrounds, learn to be more open-minded and tolerant, and, of course, enjoy the incredible views and food. I really managed to make the most of all of it. Some of the activities were also perfect for both me and the younger participants, so I think the camp did its job wonderfully. At the same time, I can honestly say that I did my part pretty well too. I got to introduce Switzerland to a Ukrainian who speaks English. The first question I was asked after saying where I was from was, "Do you speak English?" I was genuinely surprised by how impressed they were that we knew English, even though the question probably wasn't meant that way.
So I hope that Oleksandr and I made an absolutely fantastic impression on the Swiss, and that they will remember Ukrainians as wonderful people. Being part of Altitude Camp was a truly valuable experience for me. "

"This trip gave me an invaluable experience, as for the first time in my life, I discovered so many new interests and activities. I tried mountain biking, rock climbing on real outdoor terrain, played both mini golf and traditional golf, discovered tennis, took part in various activities surrounded by dense forests and, of course, went on an unforgettable hike through the majestic Swiss Alps. These two weeks were a real reset for me. I completely immersed myself in nature, which amazed me with its untouched beauty."



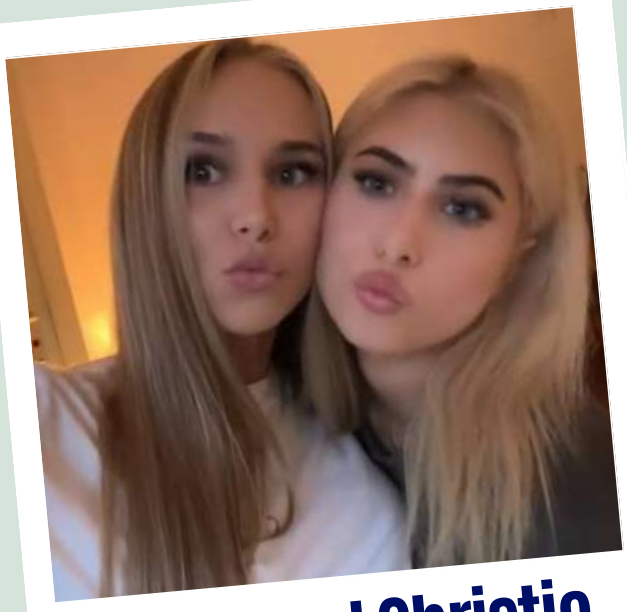
Oleksandr



I finally managed to disconnect from the virtual world and the endless screens of our phones, which helped me find that sense of inner peace and harmony I had been longing for.

Swiss Education Academy

This one-week course combined English language learning with a range of activities, giving students the chance to discover new destinations, try new sports and experiences, and make lifelong friends. Living and learning alongside other motivated students, they developed valuable life skills and created lasting memories while discovering Switzerland in a safe and inspiring environment.



Milana and Christie



Summer at Swiss Academy

“I loved how much free time we had and the freedom to decide how we wanted to spend it. We could go swimming at the beach whenever we wanted, walk along the promenade in the evenings, explore the city, or simply spend time together. The hike was also one of my favourite moments - the views were absolutely beautiful, and Switzerland itself is such an amazing place.

I also really loved our classes, especially one of our teachers. He is a business owner and honestly one of the most interesting and impressive teachers I have ever met. He had travelled a lot in Ukraine and told us about visiting Mariupol, Simferopol, Kharkiv, Kyiv and other cities. He also helped us so much with our project and really guided us in the right direction. I would genuinely like to thank him separately for this experience, because it is rare to meet a teacher who is so inspiring, knowledgeable and genuinely interested in helping students. I honestly would love to thank him for his work because it’s very rare to have such a great teacher.”

“During the lectures, Christie and I were able to improve our business idea and started developing a plan for our startup. The teachers helped us understand all the terminology, so this was one of the most valuable outcomes of the summer programme.

“During the program, we visited the Lavaux vineyards, which are on the UNESCO World Heritage list. We also went to a Swiss chocolate factory and saw how they actually make the chocolate. And of course, we went swimming in the lake and spent time at the beach.

I think the schedule was very well-balanced, with interesting classes, activities, free time, and opportunities to explore Switzerland. I also really enjoyed Switzerland itself — it is such a beautiful country, and being able to experience it while learning and spending time with someone I really enjoyed being around made the whole program very special for me.”

Different Summer Schools, One Svitlo Community

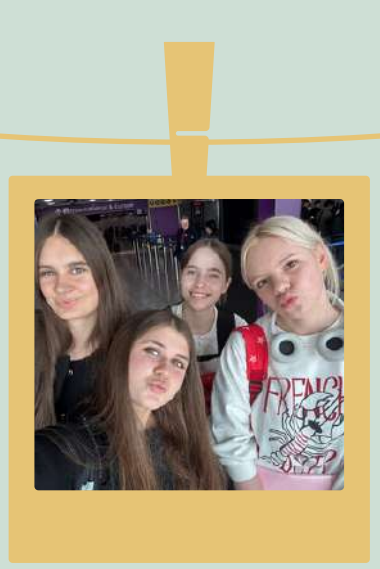
Alongside their exciting camp experiences, students spoke about how special it was to finally meet friends they had come to know through Svitlo's online classes. Learning together on Zoom had created such a strong sense of community that, when they met in person, they felt like one big family.

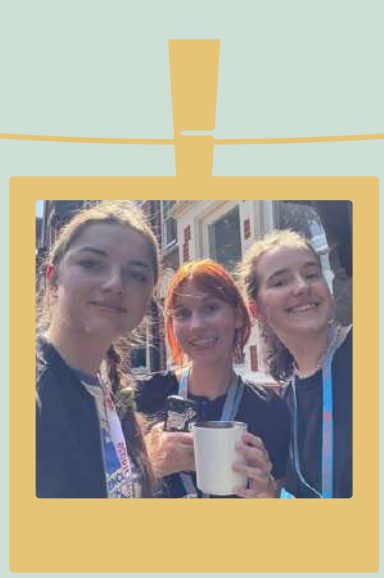
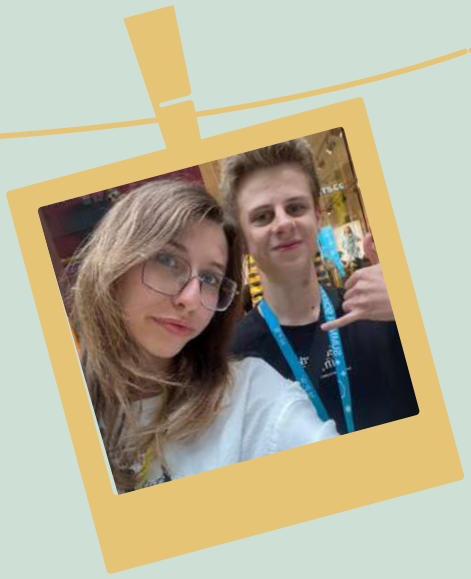


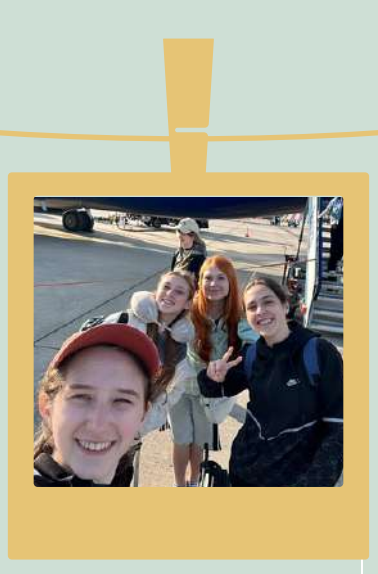








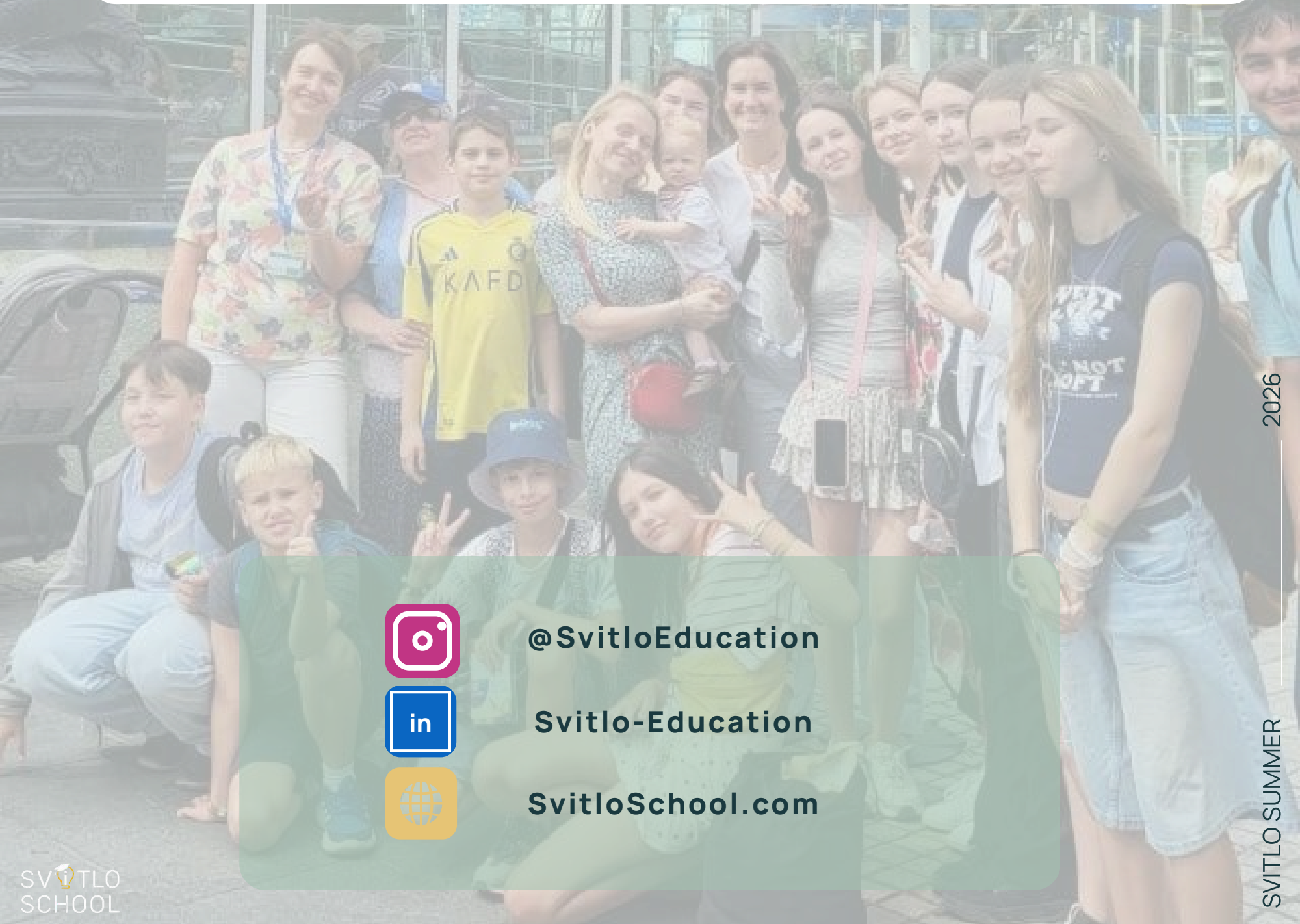


This connection extended across the summer schools too: when students from different camps crossed paths on excursions, they were delighted to recognise familiar faces, share their experiences and spend time together beyond the screen.

Every summer, these summer schools impact the lives of our Svitlo Students both personally and academically. These fully funded, two/three-week programmes provide Svitlo Students with invaluable opportunities to strengthen their English language skills, immerse themselves in new cultural experiences and develop lasting international connections. For many students these summer schools are a chance to feel seen, supported and inspired. The friendships they build, the confidence they gain and the joy they experience stay with them long after the Summer finishes.

The smiles, stories, and sense of direction that emerged from these opportunities stand as a true testament to their lasting impact on our students. We are deeply grateful to the schools that so generously offered our students places, giving them experiences that will stay with them for years to come. Thank you for helping us create these unforgettable memories and for believing in the potential of every child.

Whether it is through a donation, connecting us with a summer camp willing to offer places, volunteering your time, or simply spreading the word about Svitlo, your support helps open doors to unforgettable experiences and brighter futures for our students.



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