



## *English for the Bavarian Abitur*

*To succeed in your English Abitur in Bavaria you will need:*

- to understand and analyse English texts in depth (both literary and journalistic, from a variety of sources)
- to write essays and other compositions in coherent and elegant English
- to understand many elements of British and American culture and history
- to study certain works of literature in detail, understanding the cultural and historical background to each book
- to be able to give confident, coherent oral presentations in English
- to be able to take part effectively in debates and other discussions
- to understand and be able to manipulate fine points of English grammar
- to understand and be able to use advanced English vocabulary
- to translate accurately and elegantly from English into German

### *Why choose OISE Oxford?*

- The course places a high priority on developing skills in Text Analysis and Writing
- The course always includes 1:1 tuition (one or two hours each day) to help you really improve in the areas which are important to you
- All course elements are based around authentic, up-to-date texts dealing with British and/or American culture or History
- Grammar and Vocabulary studied is tailored precisely to the needs and level of the group. The syllabus is not set until the teacher knows the group
- OISE Oxford is a multi-national school with ambitious students of all ages and many nationalities, all keen to interact and practise English in their free time

### *Topics Covered:*

*British Politics* (The Constitution, the Political Parties, the Government, etc)

*Britain and Europe* (Important dates, the 'Eurodebate', etc)

*Empire and Commonwealth* (The History, and the Commonwealth today)

*Multicultural Britain* (Ethnicity and 'Britishness' today)

*Ireland* (The History of the Troubles, Ireland since the '90s, the 'Celtic Tiger', etc)

*US Politics* (The Presidential System, The Federal Republic, Elections, etc)

*America and the World* (The USA and World War II, the Cold War, after 9/11, etc)

*American History* (The Revolution, the Civil War, the Civil Rights Movement, etc)

*The American West* (Native Americans, the Myth of the West, the West today etc)

*The American Dream* (The two sides of the American Dream, Poverty in the USA, etc)

*Global Issues* (Genetic Engineering, Globalisation, Population Growth, etc)



## *OISE Oxford's Abitur Preparation Programme (Bavaria):*

### *Tutorial Class (1 student; 1 hour or 2 hours each day)*

As the exact format of the Abitur varies between schools, even within Bavaria, these classes are a vital part of your course. In them, you can focus on any area which is important for you personally, with a specialist teacher. We will contact you before your course to discuss what you need to focus on in your Tutorials, and we will make sure you have the very best teacher for you. Some suggestions:

*Literature:* Study your set books and/or films in depth with a literature expert who can really help you get to grips with every element of the text.

*Translation:* Develop your translation skills with our experienced teachers, using a range of authentic texts, both literary and journalistic, on subjects which are relevant and interesting to you.

### *Textual Analysis and Writing Skills*

In these classes you will:

- study in depth and analyse texts, both journalistic and literary, dealing with many areas of British and American culture.
- develop your skills in 'reading between the lines', and your ability to understand the author's opinion and intention.
- improve your skills in writing concise, well-organised, interesting essays and other compositions

### *Grammar and Vocabulary Development*

In these classes you will:

- study small differences and subtle nuances of meaning between structures, as well as any areas of grammar which are problematic for you.
- study synonyms and near-synonyms of words, as well as words and phrases specific to particular subject areas, to help you speak and write more effectively and elegantly in English.
- develop your skills in understanding the meaning of unknown words and phrases from the context, to help you understand texts in more detail.

### *Cultural Seminar*

In these classes you will:

- study many different elements of British and American culture and history, using texts designed to give an interesting overview
- participate in discussions and more formal debates based on these texts
- work on your public-speaking skills, and give mini-presentations.