

SAT SUMMER CAMP 2021



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In just four tensive weeks, students will learn everything they need to succeed on the SAT, a college entrance exam required by 95% leading universities across the US and Europe (Bocconi, IE, UK universities).

By visiting the H-FARM campus, you will take advantage of almost twice as many teaching hours on the SAT. You will learn a variety of skills, such as programming and creative writing, which will prove invaluable in University Applications as well as their professional lives. The blended learning option enables you to live with other students who are taking the test, learning from your peers as well as from our educators

Students will choose between 2 Optinons:

- **Blended** (2 weeks on campus 2 weeks online)
- **Online only** (4 weeks online)

Our Oxford an Harvard educated tudors will teach the English and Math sections of the SAT. Through rigorous, interactive and engaging tutorials, students will explore the nuances of English grammar, reading comprehension strategies, a wide range of Math topics from fractions through trigonometry, literary analysis and writing techniques, and much more.

There will be over 10 hours of objective assessments. That ensures pupils' progress is objectively measured and tracked, and that they will get ample opportunities to practice before the actual exams. By the end of the four weeks, students will be confident in their ability to approach any question they encounter on the SAT.

They will receive a bespoke report detailing their plan of study moving forward, their current projected score, and when they should take the exam. Students also have the option of pursuing additional, individual tutoring throughout the four weeks and beyond, to perfect their university applications.



Welcome home

Explorers
Dreamers
Pirates

130 hours of teaching excellence

- Students who take the blended teaching option will have at their disposal 130 hours.
- Taught by top-scoring SAT tutors, who attended the world's best universities, such as Harvard and Oxford.
- For 70 hours, they will study every topic present on the English and Maths sections of the SAT.
- For 60 hours, students in the blended version of the course will have the opportunity to perfect their craft with 1:1 tutorials, which they will be able to attend as an alternative to the activities offered by H-FARM in the afternoon.

60 hours to lay the foundations of your essays... and enjoy your summer!

- You will have to complete several essays for your university applications, especially if you apply to the US.
- We have devised this course to lay the foundations of those essays.
- Students who will choose the Blended option of the SAT training course will have the opportunity to boost their CVs with programming and creative writing courses.
- They will also get to experience a wide range of educational and entertainment activities, such as welcome and farewell parties, boat trips to the Venice islets, skate contests, mountain hikes in the Dolomites, experiential dinners, all sorts of sports including BMX pump track and much more.

10 hours of objective assessments

- Pupils will undergo an initial, 1.5 hours long assessment of their skills in the SATs.
- **After two weeks, they will sit a simulated 3 hours, 45 minutes long FULL SAT** examination, useful for monitoring their progress, identifying critical areas, and giving them a real sense of the stamina required during examination day.
- **After a further two weeks, there will be a second 3 hours, 45 minutes long FULL SAT** examination session. This will be used to compile a bespoke report detailing their plan of study moving forward, their current projected score, and when they should take the exam.

$$70+60+10=140$$

1x1
Tutoring

Essay

Assesment

Hours total



TIME (CET)	CAMPUS	ONLINE
w	Mathematics	Mathematics
10:30-11:00	Break	Break
11:00-12:30	English Reading Writing / essay	English Reading Writing / essay
12:30-14:30	Lunch	Lunch
14:30-16:00	Independent study time	Once a week, 1:1 tutorial
16:00-17:30	Tutorial, or summer activity depending on the student's choice. Depending on the day, the tutorial will be compulsory.	
17:30-19:00	Tutorial, or summer activity depending on the student's choice	

IN DEPTH COMPARISON

THERE IS NO LESSON ON WEEKENDS

BLENDED
€4.095+VAT

ONLINE
€3.275+VAT

	Two weeks	Four weeks
Total Course	Two weeks	Four weeks
In presence Begins on	4 July	None
In presence Ends on	16 July	None
Begins on (Online)	19 July	05 July
Ends on (Online)	30 July	30 July
Total teaching hours	130hs (Classroom teaching, 1:1 tutorials, group activities)	70hs (Virtual Classroom teaching)
Weeks Online	2	4
Number of weeks At H-FARM Campus	2	0
Total assessment hours (on top of teaching hours)	10hs	10hs
Do you cover the whole SAT syllabus twice?	Yes	Yes
Maximum class size	20	20
English language instruction	Yes	Yes

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THERE IS NO LESSON ON WEEKENDS

BLENDED

ONLINE

Do we assess students to create
beginner and advanced classes?

Yes

Yes

Weeks of Unlimited in-house support
during course

4

None

Full SAT assessments
(3hs long practice exam)

2

2

Extra tutorials to cover material in
case you are struggling

Once a day
on Campus

0

Weekend trips

Venice,
Cortina d'Ampezzo

0

Weeks of after school activities,
including sport, fish dinner
experience in beautiful Torcello island,
storytelling classes and programming

2

Two



FULLY ONLINE

4 WEEKS ONLINE

Low student to teacher ratio

Capped at 20 maximum participants

Highly interactive

In our classes, tutors speak for less than 50% of the time. The focus is on you: your skills, your capacity to solve a problem, and your ability to express your arguments.

Classrooms based on skill-levels

We assess every student at the beginning of the course, and sort them into classrooms accordingly. This will ensure the course is always tailored to your needs.

Experienced online tutors

We have been teaching SATs online since 2016. Years of experience have allowed us to perfect our craft and ensure an engaging teaching experience.

Flexible, convenient

Follow our sessions anywhere in the world, from the comfort of your home

BLENDED

2 WEEKS ON CAMPUS

2 WEEKS ONLINE

More than online.

You will spend the first two weeks on campus, the last two weeks online. This blended teaching experience offers the same perks as the online version of the course, but it includes almost twice as many hours of tuition, classes in precious skills such as programming and creative writing, and allows you to live and breathe this journey with a community of fellow students.

Technology meets idyllic nature

H-FARM's high-tech campus experience enables you to make the most of H-FARM's pioneering leadership in entrepreneurship, technology, and innovation. You will live in the stunning countryside near Venice, Italy, learning from your peers as well as our educators.

Lay the foundations of your application

Unleash your potential with the help of our creative writing coaches. Master this century's most precious hard skill by taking classes in programming. Develop a portfolio of skills which you will be able to report in your university application essays.

Make friends, Immerse yourself in beauty

Discover the breathtaking Torcello island and the mysteries hidden in Venice maze-like canals, on our weekend trips to the lagoon. Have the time of your life participating in endless entertainment activities. Make lifelong friends during our trips to the Dolomites and Cortina d'Ampezzo!

WHAT DO THE ONLINE CLASSES LOOK LIKE?

- You can forget your school's online sessions.

The courses are interactive, LIVE, and taught by experienced tutors who have been teaching online ever since 2016.

- The class size is less than 20 people.

The sessions are student-led, interactive, engaging. The tutor will explain the material, but he or she will ask you to be centre stage and solve worked examples.

- The classes will happen on Zoom, and will employ a variety of e-learning tools, such as google docs, shared whiteboards, interactive quizzes, etc.





LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

- The SAT is taken in English, so the classes will be taught fully in English.
- For this reason, we will assess your English language skills prior to enrolling you in the course.
- If your English skills are not sufficient to take the course, we will discuss on a case by case basis if you can sustain the course with further English language tutoring support, or if it is best to issue a refund and postpone the course altogether.
- Your skills will be assessed alongside your starting SAT level.

WHO ARE THE TUTORS

OLIVIA

Olivia grew up in Queens, New York and attended Harvard University in 2012. She graduated Cum Laude in 2016 with a degree in English and a minor in Mind/Brain/Behavior.

Olivia specializes in assisting students with both the Maths and English sides of the SAT and the ACT, as well as the SAT Subject Tests. Olivia approaches tuition in a friendly manner, taking special consideration of a student's comfort.

Olivia believes that when students feel supported in lessons, they are able to better engage and take an active role in their studies.

Olivia excels at making the content approachable, particularly for students who may feel intimidated by the harder maths concepts such as algebra or complex American grammar concepts.

JULIA

Julia teaches SAT, and IB English and Economics. She was admitted to NYU Abu Dhabi, the most competitive undergraduate programme in the world (1% acceptance rate), and graduated magna cum laude with a degree in social research and public policy, political science, and film production. She was then admitted as a Yenching scholar and completed a masters in economics with distinction at Yenching Academy at Peking University.

Julia started her career in journalism combining her writing skills and passion for current affairs. She's worked with the Huffington Post and the United Nations in New York, served as a CNN International correspondent in Paris, and as a journalist at Thomson Reuter's in Jerusalem following the 2014 Israel-Gaza war.

Julia believes that anyone can achieve their dreams with the support and belief of a trusting coach and tutor.

COURSE DEVELOPER: VALDO ACADEMICS

Valdo Academics is a London-based tutoring agency that helps Italian and foreign students to excel in the international arena - especially during the IB Diploma, in university admissions applications and during the degree program. They have been pioneers of online teaching since 2016, and since then all our lessons take place electronically, with the support of specific software for each subject such as shared documents, shared whiteboards, graphical calculators, etc.

To date, the students we follow boast an access rate to British universities of 93%, against a British average of 69% and an Italian average of 54 %. In the SAT field, the average score of Valdo Academics students in 2020 was 1400 points (top 6%).



SAT MATH
(AVERAGE = 523)

SCORE
PERCENTILE 2020
520 OR LOWER
BOTTOM 50%
520-690
BETWEEN TOP 50% AND TOP 10%
690-740
TOP 10% TO TOP 5%
740+
TOP 5%

SAT ERW
(AVERAGE = 528)

SCORE
PERCENTILE 2020
530 OR LOWER
BOTTOM 50%
530-670
BETWEEN TOP 50% AND TOP 10%
670-710
TOP 10% TO TOP 5%
710+
TOP 5%

SAT: WHEN TO START PREPARING?

- You can take the SAT as many times as you want, so it is good to start early! In fact, the best of your performances will be valid. The best time to start is as early as possible, roughly starting from the third last year of High School.

- For international students, the SAT takes place in March, May, June, August, October, December.

- Ideally, you should embark on your final year of high school without having to worry about SAT exams. This will allow you to focus your attention on writing University applications and maintaining a very high school average to maximize your chances of entering the university of your dreams.

- The goal must therefore be to finish the SAT exams by the summer before the penultimate year.

- But be careful! Since the SAT can be done several times, if you want to maximize your chances, you should take the SAT already at the beginning of your PENULTIMATE school year. The right time to prepare therefore, is the summer BEFORE your penultimate year (or, ideally, even earlier).

IDEAL SEQUENCE

SUMMER BEFORE YOUR PENULTIMATE YEAR

PENULTIMATE YEAR

Depending on the system, known as:
IV superiore ITA

- Grade 11
- Year 12
- IBDP1
- Junior year

START PREPARING FOR THE SAT!

FIRST TWO ATTEMPTS OF THE SAT

SUMMER BEFORE YOUR LAST YEAR

LAST YEAR

Depending on the system, known as:
V superiore ITA

- Grade 12
- Year 13
- IBDP2
- Senior year

LAST ATTEMPT OF THE SAT
PREPARATION OF UNIVERSITY

SUBMIT UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS AND KEEP HIGH GRADES, WITHOUT GETTING DISTRACTED WITH THE SAT







HOW

- There is an assessment at the beginning of the course which will give the students:
 - A score section by section
 - An overall grade
 - An indication of the percentile they will fall into given that grade
- A second assessment is given to check the improvement during the course and highlight the areas where the student still needs to practice.
- The students will learn from top scoring SAT tutors who attended some of the world's best universities.
- There will be 1:1 tutorials to support the classes and ensure that each students' questions are addressed, and the weaknesses are identified.
- There will be rigorous daily group tutorials in which students will be given thorough practice of all subjects present on the SAT.

HOW

- There will be 1.5 hs of individual practice.
- There will be tutorials in which experienced US college admissions tutors will guide students through the process of gaining admission to top US universities. Students will have to draft preselected forms.
- The tutors will track the students' performance during the course and highlight strengths and weaknesses in a document which will chart their independent study and next steps.



RESULT AND MEASUREMENT

- Students will have a clear understanding of what topics they are performing well on, and what topics they still need to improve upon.
- By the end of the course, students will have a quantifiable measurement of how they improved on each section of the exam according to their work throughout the tutorials.
- By the end of the course not only will they know how to score higher in the SAT... but also WHY to score higher: they will get a glimpse of the tutors' extraordinary experiences. Measured with a survey at the end.
- Students will leave the course feeling confident about their academic abilities in approaching all sections and topics of the exam. Measured with a survey at the end.

- Students will gain a clear understanding of all subjects present on the SAT, including but not limited to English Grammar, Writing Skills, Reading Comprehension, Speed and Accuracy, difficult math topics like Trigonometry, Advanced Algebra, and Word Problems. Measured with the SAT assessments.
- Tutors will guide students through the complex process of applying to US universities, such as picking a list of schools to apply to, how to write a successful Common App essay, approaching supplemental essays, securing references, and more. The forms will be evidence of the understanding.
- Students will leave the course with a bespoke, individual plan for continuing to keep their skills sharp and honing in on the topics with which they still struggle, in order to earn top marks when they finally take the exam.

TEST STRUCTURE

1H

SAMPLE OF THE VARIOUS QUESTIONS

SECTION	ORDER ON TEST	TOTAL # OF QUESTIONS	TOTAL TIME (MINUTES)	QUESTIONS PER MINUTE	SHARE OF TIME WITH NO ESSAY
READING	1	52	65	0,8	36%
BREAK 1	2	-	10		
WRITING AND LANGUAGE	3	44	35	1,3	19%
MATH NO CALCULATOR	4	20	25	0,8	14%
BREAK 2	5	-	5		
MATH CALCULATOR	5	38	55	0,7	31%
BREAK 3					
ENGLISH					



HERITAGE

From sea to mountain, the H-FARM campus is centrally located. We are only 20 minutes way from lagoons of Venice to the beaches of Jesolo. Meanwhile, the Dolomites and ski haven Cortina d'Ampezzo are only 1 hour away.



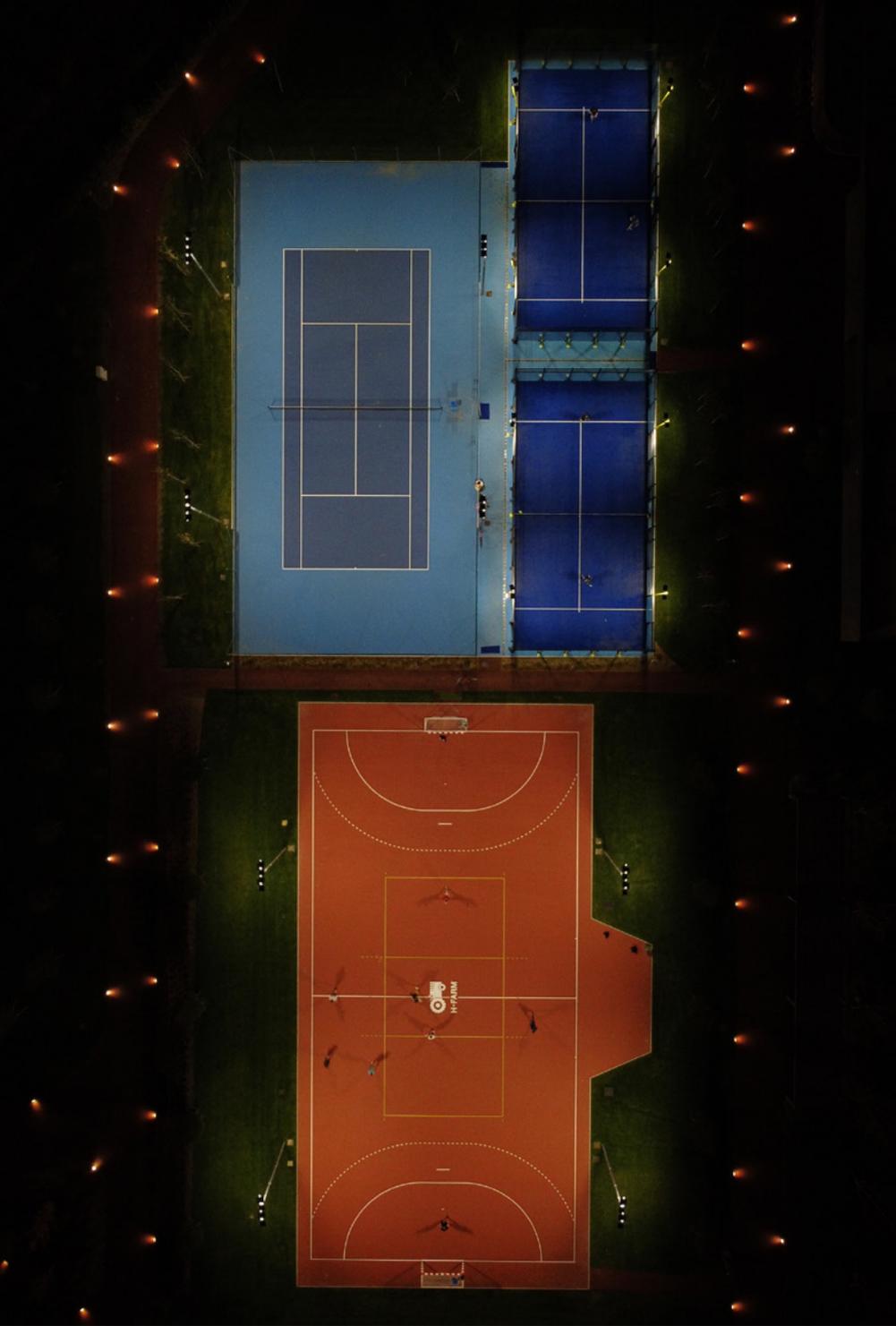


BOARDING HOUSE

Life at the boarding house is managed by the Head of Boarding, who is the main reference person for management of the service. A Residence Life Coordinator also supports students in their personal growth and in their daily challenges.

Several school teachers of the school live in the boarding house and have the task of helping the students with their school work.





SPORT FACILITY

Boarding students have unlimited access to all sports facilities in the campus.

Your future starts here

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