

# Summer at Doon

21st May - 3rd June 2019

The Doon School's Summer Leadership Programme



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DOON  
SCHOOL



## **Welcome from the Headmaster**

I am delighted to welcome aspiring and enthusiastic young men and women aged 14 - 18 years from all over India and across the globe to The Doon School's Summer at Doon programme May 2019. The Doon School has long been associated with innovative thinking and leadership and is passionate about being at the forefront of educational opportunity for its students. Summer at Doon seeks to create a very special experience that will enable a wider student body of girls and boys to discover essential qualities within themselves that will help them on their journey of action, leadership, service and fulfillment. The course will be taught by many of our experienced staff as well as by alumni and other special guests. The two week long programme will be an adventure that promises to be challenging and intellectually demanding, enabling students to meet and make likeminded friends, and learn from each other, as well as from the adults leading Summer at Doon. We have created a dynamic and thought provoking course that will ensure participants receive a profound understanding of what global citizenship and youth leadership looks like in our complex and ambiguous world. I am very pleased to be a part of the Summer at Doon faculty and look forward to leading a few of the modules that we have in store for the 2019 cohort.

*Matthew Raggett*



## About The Doon School

The Doon School aims to be an institution of excellence, dedicated to finding and developing exceptional students to serve a meritocratic India. Founded in 1935 by Satish Ranjan Das, The Doon School has had a long and distinguished history on India's tradition-enriched soil. It offers programmes that lead to the Cambridge IGCSE, ISC and IB Diploma to 560 boys between the ages of 12 and 18 in a fully boarding environment. More than a quarter of students, who come from every socio-economic background and from 26 Indian states as well as many countries overseas, receive scholarships or bursaries as part of the school's mission to attract exceptional boys irrespective of their religion, caste or economic background.

Nestled in the Doon Valley with the magnificent Garhwal Himalayas to the north and the Sal-clothed Shivaliks to the south, the school is set in a wooded 70 acre campus which offers an idyllic location for young people to live and learn together and explore their interests. The curriculum is broad and provides a balance of intellectual challenge, creative problem solving and adventure in addition to a strong sporting tradition and love of the arts. Service, social responsibility and leadership are part of the school's curriculum and are embedded in its ethos. With a lifetime's experience of residential care, the guidance and support that students receive from committed teachers in and out of the classroom is second to none in India. Boys achieve first class academic results



every year and go on to study and succeed at top universities and colleges at home and abroad. In the last few years our students have gained admission to IITs and Delhi University, to Singapore and Hong Kong universities, to Oxford and Cambridge as well as the Russell Group universities in the UK, to Canada and to Ivy League colleges and highly regarded liberal arts and science colleges in the US. The school's founding Headmaster, Arthur Foot, was a master at Eton before taking up his post at Doon, so many of its traditions and its ethos are rooted in the British education system. Since its foundation, the school has had a disproportionate impact on India and has produced many distinguished alumni in all walks of life, including Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, many chief ministers of Indian states, ambassadors and luminaries in the world of arts and letters such as sculptor

Anish Kapoor and authors Vikram Seth, Amitav Ghosh and Ramachandra Guha. Doon is a member of the Round Square, The Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference (HMC) and the International Boys' School Coalition (IBSC) and is also an IB World School. The Summer at Doon programme is designed to help participants discover themselves as team members, leaders, servants and citizens. By engaging in the workshops, sessions and activities designed to explore and identify attributes and skills that make teams and leadership work, they will build their own capacity to become agents of change and thought leaders in their own communities.



## The pedagogical approach

At the core of the programme is the engagement between the participants and the programme leaders. The action that it brings about, through forum theatre, Socratic dialogue, workshops, adventure, design challenges, service and play, will create a powerful and transformative learning experience. Readings, talks and films will be the starting point for classroom based activities that will include the thoughts of thinkers, philosophers, writers, statesmen and entrepreneurs from the past to the present who have actively shaped the world around them or are leading the world in thought and action. This will be an invaluable preparation not only for leadership roles in the future, but also for university and college studies and participation at top institutions in India and worldwide.

The programme will allow students to expand their horizons across multiple academic disciplines and learn through the lenses of history, geography, philosophy and economics. This learning approach will be a departure for many students and will provide them with a unique, intellectually stimulating and creative approach to understanding what engagement, participation and leadership are and how it can be seen historically, and presently leading them to envisage what role they can play to impact the future

## How to apply to the Summer at Doon programme?

- Register and apply by e mail or in hard copy
- Course offer is made by the School
- Payment
- Place confirmed
- You come to The Doon School for the Summer at Doon experience!

## Admissions Criteria

- Interested candidates are required to provide the following:
- A completed application form obtainable from the website: [www.doonschool.com/summer.doon/leadership](http://www.doonschool.com/summer.doon/leadership)
- A short personal essay
- A reference from a teacher
- Payment once acceptance has been acknowledged

The course cost is Rs. 1,45,000/- . This is inclusive of everything apart from pocket money and transport to and from school.





## Leadership Case Studies

Students explore case studies to analyse and reach conclusions based on facts, conflicting goals and values, and their impact on people and societies. We have developed our own, as well as drawn on relevant political and business case studies from institutions such as Harvard, Stanford, Yale, Oxford and Cambridge. Leadership case studies can also be enriched from the student's own experiences in their schools, friendship groups and interests that require an understanding of what leadership is and how it can have a profound effect on the positive, and the negative, where it is poor or, perhaps worse, non-existent. Leadership is a taught part of The Doon School's curriculum and the school's faculty are experienced in teaching its practical and theoretical aspects.





## **The Performing Arts**

Music and Drama programmes are used to explore creativity and self-expression by giving students opportunities to develop ideas, and script, practise and perform them. In addition to supporting spatial learning and temporal reasoning in young adults, the programme is designed to give students an opportunity to collaborate, influence and lead. Students will have the chance to be taught by experienced teachers from the school and to perform in the Rose Bowl amphitheatre and/or indoor theatre spaces.

## **Communication**

The curriculum offers participants opportunities to understand the impact of (and to practise) influential writing, speaking, presentation skills and non-verbal cues (e.g., body language). It uses compelling speeches from well-known leaders to ensure that participants are able to internalise both substance and style. Soft skills help students to deal with, and positively manage, diverse environments, dissent, challenging situations and people.

## **The Outdoor Experience**

The programme makes use of Dehradun's proximity to a rich and diverse natural environment. Outdoor activity provides an appreciation for natural beauty and its forces. This is based on short, age appropriate activities such as trekking and camping outdoors – inspiring planning, endurance, leadership and team work, as well as enhancing participants' awareness of the environment and the challenges we human beings pose to it.



## **Social Service & Social Responsibility**

Students will participate in selected social and community projects from amongst the many that The Doon School supports. These include building schools, village development, orphanage support, and similar projects that make an impact on the lives of the marginalized sections of society. At the core of the school's own curriculum, community service inspires empathy, compassion and creates a bias towards action in young leaders.

## **Leadership Agenda & the project**

Participants will be helped to lay out their own leadership agenda for the future and to commit themselves to a personal project to build on the skills and experiences developed during Summer at Doon. The programme is transformative in profound ways and students will leave it wanting to make a difference in the world in their own unique and individual ways.

## **Reflection**

Central to the course are periods of reflection and contemplation. These enable the participants to develop the mindfulness and equilibrium essential to inspirational leadership.

## Guest Lectures

A variety of guest lecturers will speak to and interact with the boys and girls on the programme, including NGO leaders, politicians, writers, journalists, business leaders, artists and innovators from many walks of life. They will provide practical and anecdotal examples of leadership and what has worked and not worked for them.

### What they say:

*"The Doon School facilities are amazing and if I had the opportunity, I would do anything to come here. The intellectual approach of the modules was interesting as it made me question my identity and things that I had never thought of before"*

- Nysa Keswani

*"I have definitely learnt to use my time more productively, reduced the need for my phone and I also have an idea now as to what I would like to do with my life."*

- Samriddhi Patil

*"The modules made me think from a different perspective and the activities were a lot of fun"*

- Arushi Jain

*"The teachers were like our friends, to whom we could talk about anything."*

- Riddhi Lohani

*"I am now more positive, feel more confident and am inspired to follow my passion."*

- Kashish

*"The modules were great because the tutors let everyone speak and give their ideas. Both teachers and students participating in the programme were very intelligent and I made good friends."*

- Suchet Gopal

*"I was very shy and never spoke out but now that has changed. I had a great time and have made many unique friends."*

- Avishi Gupta

## FAQs

### **What is the Summer at Doon leadership programme?**

The Summer at Doon programme is an engaging leadership course for students of Grades/Classes 9-12 that will build their leadership skills and enlighten them to move from thought to action and from success to significance.

### **What does Summer at Doon seek to achieve?**

The programme aims to develop: an understanding of how philosophy, history and experience have shaped and influenced well known leaders. Emotional, intellectual and social growth through different modes of learning in a safe and supportive environment, which is also academically challenging. Learning will include critical thinking, inquiry, debate, self-reflection, practical assessment, teamwork, empathy and a profound understanding of the wide-ranging issues raised in the programme. A greater sense of awareness about ethics and values-based leadership amongst the students with respect to society and business, science and the environment, politics and citizenship.

### **What is the duration of the programme?**

The programme will be a two week residential course at The Doon School, which is set in 70 acres of beautiful grounds abounding with glorious fauna and flora.

### **What age do you have to be?**

The Summer at Doon programme is open to interested students aged 14-18 years in Grades 9-12.

### **When is the Summer at Doon's office open?**

Monday - Friday 9 am - 5 pm and Saturday 9 am - 1 pm (These times are based upon India's time zone.)

### **How safe will the school be?**

Safety is our first priority. All journeys and activities are fully supervised by our experienced teaching staff. The Doon School is a gated community with 24-hour security and nobody can leave or enter the school without the guards' permission.

## How much money should I carry?

As the course is all-inclusive, students will require pocket money only, ideally not more than Rs 4,000/-

## What will be the style of the programme?

The programme is a blend of Socratic dialogues, experiential learning, motivational lectures, outdoor activity and adventure sports. A critically important element will be social service and social responsibility, and their relationship with leadership.

### **Text-based Socratic dialogues:**

Students will read, reflect on and conduct discussions on a series of thought provoking readings around the issues of leadership such as (i) *The Challenge of Leadership*; (ii) *The Promise of Leadership*; (iii) *The Good Society*; (iv) *The Possibility of Heroism*; and (v) *The Meaning of Life*.

### **Sports, Adventure and Social Service:**

In order to inculcate a bias towards action in the students, there are dedicated days for adventure sports such as trekking, leadership and team building games and social service projects.

### **Academic study of Leadership:**

Along with the readings, the programme also provides an academic perspective and understanding of leadership.

### **Communication Skills and Performing Arts:**

Written and verbal communication skills training will include activities such as public speaking which will give students an experience of combining quality and quantity of expression in a structured format in front of an audience. The students will also prepare a play on values-based leadership to 'experience' the leadership predicament.

### **Experiential Soft Skills Training:**

Living and learning as a community will enhance skills such as positive attitude and self confidence, motivating self and others, resolving conflict and dealing with stress, and becoming more emotionally intelligent.

## **Social Service and Social Responsibility:**

This forms part of the ethos and curriculum at The Doon School. It is an essential component of the Summer at Doon programme. Students will be involved in a range of projects to do with schools and other organizations, to sensitize them to various social issues, and expose them to an environment where there is a scarcity of basic requirements, inequities and hardships in life. This will also provide a relevant and necessary case study for all students to learn how leadership is required to manage and solve the manifold problems which exist in nations around the world.

## **What are the accommodation facilities?**

The Doon School has comfortable boarding houses with appropriate facilities. Girls will be in one house and boys in a separate house. Both houses will be fully staffed by our experienced boarding housemasters. Rooms will be shared. All houses have common rooms with recreational and washroom facilities. All sports facilities, such as the swimming pool, multiple tennis courts, basketball courts and squash courts, as well as pitches for cricket, soccer and hockey, the Music School, Rose Bowl amphitheatre, Library with internet access, Central Dining Hall, Art and Media School, air-conditioned 110-seat theatre, IT centre and Wellness Centre are all within easy walking distance from the boarding houses. There is wi-fi internet access for the evening.

## **What are the provisions for emergencies?**

The outdoor trips will be led by a team of staff from The Doon School who are very experienced in organizing activities of this nature across all age groups. The team will include first aiders and will always carry a comprehensive first aid kit. They will all be carrying emergency numbers of the nearest Hospitals and Ambulance Services. Students and/or their parents are requested to inform the school of any medical problems in advance, including allergies that they may have. If students have diabetes, allergies, asthma or any condition that may require emergency care, students are requested always to carry some identification (tag, bracelet or card) indicating the prescriptions required in case of an emergency. You are also advised to carry a letter from your physician. The school requires this information in advance of the student's arrival.



### **Is there a laundry facility available?**

Full laundry facilities are available at the school. Details of how the system works will be explained to all students on arrival.

### **My child has dietary limitations. Can these be met?**

The Doon School is able to provide for all known dietary requirements, either religious or medical. Before any group's arrival we make sure that we receive any special dietary requirements for all students and teachers so that we can provide this information to our catering manager. If in doubt, please contact us directly with specifics of your needs.

### **What kind of food is available?**

The Doon School offers a modern and comfortable Central Dining Hall which serves a nutritious and varied menu of western food (known in India as "continental"), and Indian cuisine. The menus are designed to meet the needs and palates of vegetarians and non-vegetarians, as well as anyone with special dietary requirements.

### **When the students go camping, how does the system work?**

Accommodation is on a shared basis in tents or guest houses.

## **How far is the hospital?**

The Doon School's Wellness Centre is a fully staffed and equipped medical centre and hospital with in-patient facilities at the very heart of the campus. It is staffed by a doctor, nurse and support staff, and has its own ambulance. Any serious problems are referred immediately to specialists as appropriate. The Max Super Specialty Hospital, a world class facility which can deal with all medical emergencies and conditions, is 15 minutes from the school and has state-of-the-art emergency ambulances. There are also plenty of other very good medical and dental facilities within minutes of the school in Dehradun should they be required.

## **Are mobile phones allowed?**

Yes, they are allowed, but as the programme is intensive and requires commitment, they will have to be submitted to the teacher-in-charge during the day and will be made available for an hour only in the evenings. We would advise students not to carry a fancy phone; please carry a basic communication device. In any emergency, telephones will be available or made available immediately.

## **Are laptops/ iPods/iPads allowed?**

No, they are not allowed. One of the greatest attributes of successful leaders is focus and the point of coming away on a summer programme is to connect with each other. Students must refrain from carrying such articles and also any other kind of gaming devices. There are plenty of computer terminals throughout the school should the need for them arise.

## **Can I carry a camera?**

Yes, but at your own risk.

## **Can I carry my guitar?**

Please do carry a guitar or any other musical instrument that you play; it will be very useful and welcome.

### **What is the weather like at that time of year?**

Average temperatures range between a low of 17°C (62°F) and 32°C (89°F). Normally there is little or no rain at this time. The Doon School campus, being essentially a botanical garden of rare and beautiful trees, is shaded and always several degrees cooler than the city. Light clothing is recommended, although if there are rainshowers, these can make nights a little cooler, so a sweatshirt or light second layer may be needed from time to time. A waterproof coat may come in handy.

### **What else can, or should, students carry with them?**

Carry a torch, basic medicines that you may be using as and when required, mosquito repellent cream, a pair of sports shoes and floaters as well as regular slippers. Hair comb, sunscreen, nail clipper and clothes suitable as per the climate. It is summer in Dehradun, so a hat or cap is also needed. Dehradun is a city in which any necessity that has been forgotten can be purchased. An outdoor kit comprising a small rucksack and a sleeping bag will be required for the outdoor excursion.

### **Where and when will the opening and closing ceremony be conducted?**

The opening and closing ceremonies will be conducted at The Doon School on 21st May and 3rd June respectively. Parents are cordially invited to attend either or both events.

## How is the fee to be paid?

Please click on the link below:

<https://smarthubeducation.hdfcbank.com/SmartFees/Landing.action?instId=DOTU>

Please select option 'Others(specify)' as Nature of Fee.

You will find a form SMARTHUB. Please fill this form and submit after that you will find 2 options to make the payment.

1. Online - Click online, choose from the following 3 options:-

- a) Netbanking
- b) Credit Card
- c) Debit Card

2. Challan (Offline), choose from the following 3 options:-

- a) RTGS, Neft
- b) Cheque
- c) Draft





## Where are we?

The school is located 240 kms from Delhi, a 30 minute flight away and is situated in a safe and secure environment of seventy acres. Delhi is also the nearest international airport. There are several flights available daily from Delhi and a direct flight from Bangalore and Trivandrum. The school can also be reached by train or road from all over India.

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**Or visit the website:** [www.doonschool.com/summer.doon/leadership](http://www.doonschool.com/summer.doon/leadership)

**Application deadline is  
20<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**APPLY  
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