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"I love this school and how the staff welcome us. I'd stay here longer if I could" - Luisa, Student - Italy

Out of Summer Locations 2020/21

Locations

These are summaries of UKLC centres for 2020 - 2021;

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|------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|---------------|
| BRISTOL | Homestay | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ages ▪ Accommodation ▪ Available Programmes ▪ Available Dates | <p>11 - 17</p> <p>Homestay - single, double or triple person occupancy</p> <p>Mini Stay, Late Summer Options, Easter Camps, PON</p> <p>- 1st August 2020 – 27th June 2021</p> | Groups |
| CHESTER | University of Chester | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ages ▪ Accommodation ▪ Available Programmes ▪ Available Dates | <p>11 - 17</p> <p>Single, Single en-suite</p> <p>Mini Stay, Late Summer Options, Easter Camps, PON</p> <p>- 1st August 2020 – 27th June 2021</p> | Groups |
| | Homestay | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ages ▪ Accommodation ▪ Available Programmes ▪ Available Dates | <p>13 - 17</p> <p>Homestay - single, double or triple person occupancy</p> <p>Mini Stay, Mini Stay Inc. IDOL, Low Season Groups, Winter Camps, Easter Camps, PON</p> <p>1st August 2020 – 27th June 2021</p> | Groups |
| Edinburgh | Newbattle Abbey College | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ages ▪ Accommodation ▪ Available Programmes ▪ Available Dates | <p>11-17</p> <p>Single, Single en-suite</p> <p>Mini Stay, Low Season Groups, Winter Camps, PON</p> <p>1st September 2020 – 6th June 2021</p> | Groups |
| St Albans | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ages ▪ Accommodation ▪ Available Programmes ▪ Available Dates | <p>11-17</p> <p>Twin, Triple</p> <p>Mini Stay, Low Season Groups, Winter Camps</p> <p>1st September 2020 – 6th June 2021</p> | Groups |

| Centre | Centre Info, Downloads & Photos | Age | Available Dates |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|--|
| Bristol Homestay | Centre Webpage | (13-17) | 1 st August 2020 – 27 th June 2021 |
| University of Chester | Centre Webpage | (11-17) | 1 st August 2020 – 27 th June 2021 |
| Chester Homestay | Centre Webpage | (13-17) | 1 st August 2020 – 27 th June 2021 |
| Edinburgh, Newbattle Abbey College | Centre Webpage | (11-17) | 1 st September 2020 – 6 th June 2021 |
| St Albans | Centre Webpage | (11-17) | 1 st September 2020 – 6 th June 2021 |

Bristol

Bristol is one of Britain's favourite cities and was voted UK's best place to live in 2017 by The Sunday Times. It has a proud maritime history and it is from here that many of England's great explorers set off to travel the world. The City is situated in the South West of England with the River Avon on each side.

Top Visitor Attractions From Bristol

SS Great Britan



SS Great Britain is a museum ship and former passenger steamship, which was advanced for her time. She was the longest passenger ship in the world from 1845 to 1854. She was designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel, for the Great Western Steamship Company's transatlantic service between Bristol and New York.

Clifton Suspension Bridge



The world famous Clifton Suspension Bridge was designed by the great Victorian engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel.

Designed in the early 19th century for light horse drawn traffic, it still meets the demands of 21st century commuter with 11-12,000 vehicles crossing it every day. The Clifton Suspension Bridge's spectacular setting on the cliffs of the Avon Gorge has made it the defining symbol of Bristol, drawing thousands of visitors a year.

Bristol Zoo Gardens



Opened in 1836 by the Bristol, Clifton and West of England Zoological Society, Bristol Zoo is the world's oldest provincial zoo. It is a Victorian walled zoo located between Clifton Down and Clifton College, near Brunel's Clifton Suspension Bridge; it covers a small area by modern standards, but with a considerable number of species.

Bristol Cathedral



Bristol Cathedral, formally the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, is the Church of England cathedral in the city of Bristol, England. Founded in 1140 and consecrated in 1148, it was originally St Augustine's Abbey but after the Dissolution of the Monasteries it became in 1542 the seat of the newly created Bishop of Bristol and the cathedral of the new Diocese of Bristol. It is a Grade I listed building.

Bristol – Homestay

Location

Bristol is one of Britain’s favourite cities. It has a proud maritime history and it is from here that many of England’s great explorers set off to travel the world. Now a thriving cultural centre and the country’s 11th biggest city in 2017 Bristol topped the Sunday Times rankings of best places to live in Britain and was listed 4th in the Rough Guide’s top ten cities to visit worldwide.

Accommodation

Homestay

All of our host families are located in beautiful parts of the city. We offer single, twin and triple rooms with our accommodating and friendly families who all possess full DBS checks and are of the highest standard.

The families in Bristol are all in the very leafy suburbs of the city within easy access to the city centre itself. All families offer a drop off and pick up service in Bristol everyday for no extra cost. This makes Bristol a fantastic place for slightly younger groups who would like to travel to the UK

UKLC have very structured and strict policies and procedures that ensure that the students’ safety and wellbeing is paramount. UKLC will also provide a Homestay Co-Ordinator whose role it is to liaise with host families to ensure that students are safe at all times.





Bristol - Homestay - Factsheet

| | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Available start dates | 1 st August 2020 – 27 th June 2021 |
| Accommodation | Homestay – single, double or triple person occupancy |
| Maximum Students on site | Depends on time of booking |
| Programmes | Mini Stay, Late Summer Options, Easter Camps, PON, High School Integration (See Appendix 1 for sample 6 night programme) |
| Meals | 3 meals a day taken including packed lunch |
| Nearest Airports | Bristol - 25mins Birmingham - 1 hour 45mins London Heathrow - 2 hours |
| What's Included: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Min. 20 lessons (15 hours) a week • Initial grading test on arrival • Maximum classes of 16 students • End-of-course certificate and report from a British Council accredited provider • Full-board homestay accommodation as described • Daytime & evening programme of sports, activities and local visits (programme specific) • 24 hour UKLC support |

Chester

The City of Chester is a vibrant mix of cafes, shops and ancient walls, rows and architectural and archaeological features. The city is home to all-year-round arts festivals, events exhibitions and street entertainment including the famous Chester races, the Rowing Regatta and the internationally acclaimed Chester Zoo.

Top Visitor Attractions From Chester



Chester Cathedral

Large Visitor Attraction of the Year Award Winner 2015.

Chester Cathedral is many things to many people: a vibrant community of worship, an ancient abbey, an archaeological treasure, a cultural hub, a centre of musical excellence and a unique blend of modern and medieval history.



Chester Rows

The Rows are continuous half-timbered galleries reached by steps which form a second row of shops above those at street level. The rows are unique in the world to Chester and nobody is quite sure why they were built this way.



East Gate Clock

The Eastgate Clock is a turret clock built above the Eastgate of the ancient walls of Chester. The clock is considered a landmark of Chester and is the second most photographed timepiece in the United Kingdom after Big Ben.



Chester Racecourse

Chester Racecourse, known as the Roodee, is according to official records the oldest racecourse still in use in England.



Liverpool

Liverpool is one of the UK's most popular tourist destinations which is steeped in history. Students can visit the ever popular Beatles Story attraction and the World Museum as part of their stay.



Manchester

Manchester is the northern hub of the UK and considered one of the country's most important cities for trade. This industrial city is packed full of things to do and see including the Museum of Science & Industry (MOSI) and the National Football Museum.

University of Chester –Residence

Location

From the Roman amphitheatre and historic walls to the spectacular range of shops and coffee bars, our courses are based in the centre of it all. It is a classic, contemporary city bursting with must see treasures and 2000 years of history. Chester is a city steeped in history and character based in the north west of England within 1 hour of the popular and bustling cities of Manchester & Liverpool.

Campus

The University of Chester is a new university although having gained this status in 2005, it has a history dating back to 1839. The eclectic mix of modern and historical buildings combine to create an attractive campus set in a city that was founded as a Roman fort 2000 years ago with the name Deva Vitrix. It is now becoming a must see European destination.

The Parkgate campus of the University of Chester is set amongst beautifully kept gardens providing an abundance of green space for students whilst situated only a short walk to the centre of the historic and lively city of Chester. It is just a short walk away from the vibrant city centre with its mix of cafes, shops and ancient walls, rows, amphitheatre, historic architecture and archaeological features.

Accommodation

Residential

The residential option offers groups the chance to stay in high quality single-roomed accommodation on our exclusive Chester University Campus close to the centre of Chester, perfect for groups who would like to base themselves together in the heart of the city which boasts an eclectic mix of modern and historical buildings.



University of Chester - Residence - Factsheet



| | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Available start dates | 1 st August 2020 – 27 th June 2021 (a mix of peak and off-peak rates apply, see prices below) |
| Accommodation | Single / single en-suite |
| Maximum Students on site | Depends on time of booking |
| Programmes | Mini Stay, Late Summer Options, Easter Camps, PON, High School Integration (See Appendix 2 for sample 6 night programme) |
| Meals | 3 meals a day taken in the on-site cafeteria |
| Nearest Airports | Manchester - 35mins Liverpool - 35mins East Midlands - 1 hour 40mins Birmingham - 1 hour 45mins |
| What's Included: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Min. 20 lessons (15 hours) a week• Initial grading test on arrival• Maximum classes of 16 students• End-of-course certificate and report from a British Council accredited provider• Full-board residential accommodation as described• Daytime & evening programme of sports, activities and local visits (programme specific)• 24 hour UKLC support |

Chester in Homestay Accommodation

Location

From the Roman amphitheatre and historic walls to the spectacular range of shops and coffee bars, our courses are based in the centre of it all. A classic, contemporary city bursting with must see treasures and 2000 years of history, Chester is a city steeped in history and character. Based in the north west of England, it is within 40 minutes of the popular and bustling cities of Manchester & Liverpool.

Accommodation

Homestay

All of our host families are located in beautiful parts of the city. The host families have children of similar ages to students looking to take this option. We offer single and twin rooms with our accommodating and friendly families who all possess full DBS checks and are of the highest standard. Sometimes your students will be the only guest, but some homestays have two, three and occasionally four students in their house. These can be students from the same group or the same nationality or a different nationality, depending upon the requests of your students. Your students may have their own room or in some cases may end up sharing a room. All rooms are furnished with a bed and storage space and bed linen and towels are provided.

UKLC have very structured and strict policies and procedures that ensure that the students' safety and wellbeing is paramount. UKLC will also provide a Homestay Co-Ordinator whose role it is to liaise with host families to ensure that students arrive on time and depart safely back to their homes.





Chester in Homestay Accommodation - Factsheet

| | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Available start dates | 1 st August 2020 – 27 th June 2021 |
| Accommodation | Homestay – single, double or triple person occupancy |
| Maximum Students on site | Dependent on the time of the booking |
| Programme | Mini Stay, Mini Stay Inc. IDOL, Low Season Groups, Winter Camps, Easter Camps, PON, High School Integration (See Appendix 3 for sample 6 night programme) |
| Meals | 3 meals a day |
| Nearest Airports | Manchester - 35mins Liverpool - 35mins East Midlands - 1 hour 40mins |
| What's Included: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Min. 20 lessons (15 hours) per week• Initial grading test on arrival• Maximum classes of 16 students• End-of-course certificate and report from a British Council–accredited provider• Full-board homestay accommodation as described• Daytime & evening programme of sports, activities and local visits (programme specific)• 24 hour UKLC support |

Edinburgh

Location

As the capital city of Scotland, Edinburgh is recognised worldwide as a city of great history, architecture and culture. The city comprises of two main areas; the Old Town built up in the Middle Ages high on the Castle Rock overlooking the surrounding plain; and the New Town, in contrast, spreads out in a magnificent succession of streets, crescents, and terraces.

Our Newbattle Abbey College campus is situated just 8 miles from the city centre making it an excellent location for groups of all ages.

Top Visitor Attractions in Edinburgh



Edinburgh Castle

Edinburgh Castle is a historic fortress which dominates the skyline of Edinburgh, the capital city of Scotland, from its position on the Castle Rock. Archaeologists have established human occupation of the rock since at least the Iron Age (2nd century AD), although the nature of the early settlement is unclear.



Museum of Scotland

Since opening in 2011, the National Museum has become one of Scotland's most popular attractions. Welcoming over two million visitors each year, it incorporates collections from a number of Edinburgh's older museums, with highlights including national archaeological collections; medieval artifacts; and displays focusing on natural history, geology, art, science, and technology.



The Royal Mile

From the Castle gates to the Palace gates the street is almost exactly a mile (1.6 km) long and runs between two significant locations in the royal history of Scotland, Edinburgh Castle and Holyrood Palace, hence its name. The Royal Mile is the busiest tourist street in the Old Town, rivalled only by Princes Street in the New Town.



The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (RBGE)

Founded in 1670, the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (RBGE) is the second oldest such garden in Britain. It's also one of the largest, and boasts an impressive 13,200 different plant species. Within its magnificent 70 acres are a herbarium with a collection of over three million specimens.



Scottish National Gallery & Portrait Gallery

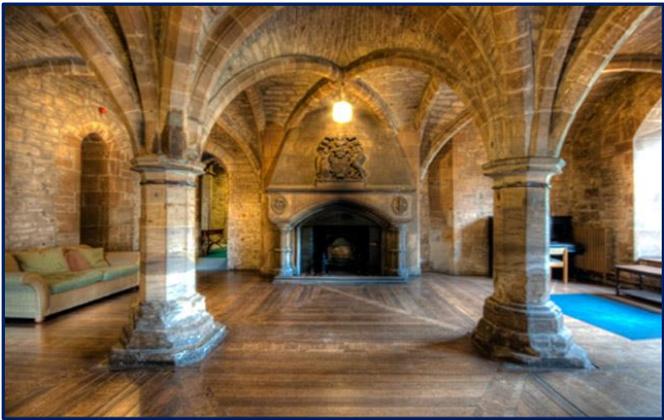
Founded in 1859, the **Scottish National Gallery** is the country's second major art collection and displays Scotland's biggest collection of European paintings and sculptures. Its collection includes works from the Renaissance period right up to the Post-Impressionists.

Edinburgh, Newbattle Abbey College - Residence

Campus

Newbattle Abbey College is based only 8 miles from the city centre. Its serene setting makes it ideally situated to experience the Scottish lifestyle. As a much loved and experienced campus for junior groups, it is a campus that will be extremely popular with our students.

Newbattle Abbey College





Edinburgh, Newbattle Abbey College - Factsheet

| | | |
|---------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Available start dates | 1 st September 2020 – 6 th June 2021 | |
| Accommodation | Residence | |
| Maximum Students on site | 100 | |
| Programme | Mini Stay, Winter Camps, Easter Camps (See Appendix 4 for sample programme) | |
| Meals | 3 meals a day taken in the on-site cafeteria | |
| Nearest Airports | Edinburgh | - 20mins |
| | Glasgow | - 1 hour 5 mins |
| | Newcastle | - 2 hours 10 mins |
| | Manchester | - 3 hours 45 mins |
| What's Included: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Min. 15 hours of English tuition per week • Initial grading test on arrival • Maximum classes of 16 • End-of-course certificate and report from a British Council–accredited provider • Full-board accommodation as described • Daytime & evening programme of sports, activities and local visits (programme specific) • 24 hour UKLC support | |

St Albans

Top Visitor Attractions from St Albans



Big Ben - London

Big Ben is the nickname for the Great Bell of the clock at the north end of the Palace of Westminster in London. The tower is officially known as **Elizabeth Tower**, renamed to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Elizabeth II in 2012. Big Ben holds the second largest four-faced chiming clock in the world (after Minneapolis City Hall).



London Eye

The London Eye is one of London's most recognisable tourist attractions set on the South Bank of the River Thames. The London Eye is Europe's tallest Ferris wheel and stands at 135m tall and has a diameter of 120m. The London Eye is the UK's most popular paid tourist attraction with over 3.75 million visitors each year.



Cambridge

Cambridge is one of the UK's most popular tourist destinations and is home to the world's second oldest English-speaking university, The University of Cambridge, which was founded in 1209. Students can enjoy punting along the river Cam as well as a visit to the popular King's College Chapel.



Buckingham Palace - London

Buckingham Palace is the official London residence and administrative headquarters of the reigning monarch of the United Kingdom. The Palace became the principal royal residence in 1837 on the accession of Queen Victoria who was the first monarch to reside there. Buckingham Palace is one of London's must-see destinations.



Windsor

Windsor is home to one of the official residences of the British Royal Family and is situated just 25 miles from central London. Located on the south bank of the River Thames, it is a popular destination with tourists who would like to visit a typically English regal town.



Oxford

Oxford, like Cambridge, is home to one of the world's most famous universities. Oxford University was founded in 1249 and has remained one of the World's leading higher education institutions. Students can visit the Christ Church Cathedral made famous by the Harry Potter films in the 2000s.

St Albans

Campus

St Albans campus is set among beautiful woodland and green space within 30 minutes of London Heathrow Airport. Built in 1901 as a convent for the All Saints sisters, this campus has undergone a recent renovation to convert it to an international education centre.

St Albans



St Albans - Factsheet



| | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Available start dates | 1 st September 2020 – 6 th June 2021 |
| Accommodation | Residence – Twin, Triple, Single for leaders |
| Maximum Students on site | 100 |
| Programme | Mini Stay, Winter Camps, Easter Camps (See Appendix 5 for sample programme) |
| Meals | 3 meals a day taken in the on-site cafeteria |
| Nearest Airports | London Heathrow - 45mins London Gatwick - 1 hour 30 mins Stansted - 1 hour London Luton - 20mins |
| What's Included: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Min. 15 hours of English tuition per week• Initial grading test on arrival• Maximum classes of 16• End-of-course certificate and report from a British Council–accredited provider• Full-board accommodation as described• Daytime & evening programme of sports, activities and local visits (programme specific)• 24 hour UKLC support |

UKLC Ministay Prices 2020/21*

All prices below are NET prices. Airport transfers are not included and are priced separately.

*the below prices are illustrative, all groups are priced on an individual basis based on specific requirements & subject to Covid-19 restrictions in the UK at the time of quoting

| Mini Stay & Closed Groups Pricing Schedule August 2020 – September 2021 | | | Number of Students | | |
|---|--|------------------------------|------------------------|------|------|
| | | | 15 | 30 | 45 |
| Bristol Homestay | 1 st August 2020 - 27 th June 2021 | English + General Activities | £383 | £359 | £354 |
| University of Chester – Residence - PEAK | 1 st August – 12 th September 2020 27 th March – 18 th April 2021 1 st August – 15 th September 2021 | English + General Activities | £399 | £381 | £372 |
| University of Chester – Residence – OFF PEAK | 13 th September 2020 – 29 th June 2021 (excluding 27 th March – 18 th April 2021) | English + General Activities | £396 | £365 | £359 |
| Chester Homestay | 1 st August 2012 - 27 th June 2021 | English + General Activities | £383 | £359 | £354 |
| Newbattle Abbey College | 1 st Sept 2020 – 6 th June 2021 | English + General Activities | £421 | £381 | £372 |
| St Albans | 1 st Sept 2020 – 6 th June 2021 | English + General Activities | Prices start from £440 | | |

Group Leaders

A free Group Leader place is provided for every 15 students. Additional group leaders will cost £210 in Chester and Bristol. In St Albans the group leader cost is £260 and in Colindale £350 for a 6 night stay.

*the below prices are illustrative, all groups are priced on an individual basis based on specific requirements & subject to Covid-19 restrictions in the UK at the time of quoting

Homestay Additional Supplements

Below are the additional supplements for students in homestay accommodation. UKLC will raise an additional invoice for chargeable supplements after receipt of the final group list from the agency.

| Dietary Requirements | Cost Per Night |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Coeliac | £4 |
| Vegetarian | £4 |
| Vegan | £4 |
| Halal | £4 |
| Lactose or Dairy Free | £4 |
| Homestay Requests | |
| Single Room Supplement | £4 |
| Single Student in One Homestay | £4 |
| Transport | |
| Bus Pass (<i>all students between 11-17 years-old will be given a bus pass and travel by bus to and from school unless stated otherwise</i>) | Included within Price |
| Drop off and Collection Service | £5 per student |
| Late Arrival Time (23:00 – 01:00) | £5 per student (one off payment) |
| Early Departure Time (05:45 – 06:30) | £5 per student (one off payment) |

Appendix 1

Bristol - Homestay Sample Programme, 6 Night – English + General Activities

| DATE | ACTIVITY | | |
|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | AM | PM | EVE |
| Sunday | Arrive and settle in | | Evening With Host Family |
| Monday | English Testing & Lessons | Bristol Walking Tour and Orientation | Evening With Host Family |
| Tuesday | English Lessons | Sports & Activities | Evening With Host Family |
| Wednesday | English Lessons | Clifton Suspension Bridge | Evening With Host Family |
| Thursday | English Lessons | Bristol Photography Workshop | Evening With Host Family |
| Friday | English Lessons | Bristol Museum | Evening With Host Family |
| Saturday | Depart | | |

Programmes can be tailored to the needs of your group. Optional excursions available

Appendix 2

University of Chester Sample Programme, 6 Night – English + General Activities

| DATE | ACTIVITY | | |
|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| | AM | PM | EVE |
| Sunday | Arrive and settle in | | Paparazzi |
| Monday | English Testing & Lessons | Chester Inc. Roman Walls Walking Tour | Campus Monopoly |
| Tuesday | English Lessons | Sports & Activities | Trashion Show |
| Wednesday | English Lessons | Liverpool Inc. The Beatles Museum | Mini Olympics |
| Thursday | English Lessons | Chester Photography Workshop | Karaoke |
| Friday | English Lessons | Chester Inc. Chester Cathedral | Talent Show |
| Saturday | Depart | | |

Programmes can be tailored to the needs of your group. Optional excursions available

Appendix 3

Chester Homestay Sample Programme, 6 Night - English + General Activities

| DATE | ACTIVITY | | |
|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | AM | PM | EVE |
| Sunday | Arrive and settle in | | Evening With Host Family |
| Monday | English Testing & Lessons | Chester Inc. Roman Walls Walking Tour | Evening With Host Family |
| Tuesday | English Lessons | Sports & Activities | Evening With Host Family |
| Wednesday | English Lessons | Liverpool Inc. The Beatles Museum | Evening With Host Family |
| Thursday | English Lessons | Chester Photography Workshop | Evening With Host Family |
| Friday | English Lessons | Chester Inc. Chester Cathedral | Evening With Host Family |
| Saturday | Depart | | |

Programmes can be tailored to the needs of your group. Optional excursions available

Appendix 4

Edinburgh, Newbattle Abbey College Sample Programme, 6 Night - English + General Activities

| DATE | ACTIVITY | | |
|------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| | AM | PM | EVE |
| Sunday | Arrive and settle in | | Paparazzi |
| Monday | English Testing & Lessons | The National Museum of Scotland | Campus Monopoly |
| Tuesday | English Lessons | Sports and Activities | Trashion Show |
| Wednesday | English Lessons | English Lessons | Games Night |
| Thursday | Full Day Excursion to Edinburgh with Scottish National Gallery & Portrait Gallery and The Royal Mile | | Karaoke |
| Friday | English Lessons | Sports and Activities | Talent Show |
| Saturday | Depart | | |

Programmes can be tailored to the needs of your group. Optional excursions available

Appendix 5

St Albans Sample Programme, 6 Night – English + General Activities

| DATE | ACTIVITY | | |
|------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| | AM | PM | EVE |
| Sunday | Arrive and settle in | | Paparazzi |
| Monday | English Testing & Lessons | Sports & Activities | Campus Monopoly |
| Tuesday | English Lessons | De Haviland Aircraft Museum | Trashion Show |
| Wednesday | English Lessons | English Lessons | Games Night |
| Thursday | London Walking Tour Inc. Buckingham Palace, Horse Guards Parade, Downing Street, Big Ben & Trafalgar Square | | Karaoke |
| Friday | English Lessons | Sports & Activities | Talent Show |
| Saturday | Depart | | |

Programmes can be tailored to the needs of your group. Optional excursions available

Appendix 6

International Day of Learning (IDOL)



What is it?

On our IDOL days, we invite British pupils of the same age as our international students to come and spend the day with us. UKLC have got very strong links with many British schools in the Chester area and they have agreed to release a certain number of students for a day at a time to come and work with your group.

Where does this happen?

Our IDOL days take place in Chester and the surrounding areas for both our homestay and residential mini stay programmes (based on travel dates).

What happens?

At 9am a group of British students arrive and meet our international students. UKLC staff will divide all the students into groups with a mixture of British and international students into groups. The morning is spent participating in a workshop where the students will complete a task in small mixed groups that will involve a

presentation. At the end of the morning, presentations are judged by teachers and group leaders. The students will then all have lunch together. The afternoon is spent enjoying sports and activities in small mixed groups until the end of the British school day.

How is it different to an integration programme?

In an integration programme, international students attend timetabled lessons in a British school. Whilst this introduces them to the environment of a school, there is little chance for the student to get any individual attention. Students with lower levels of English will not get the most out of the experience. Our teachers have specific qualifications in teaching second language learners. The smaller class sizes also help with individual attention. UKLC has learnt that by bringing British and international students together outside the normal class situation, the atmosphere is relaxed and the chance for the students to converse with their peers and practise their English is far better.

What does it involve and how do the students learn?

We have many different types of workshops depending on the age and interests of the students. Often the task may focus on the students swapping information about their lives and studies and comparing them. Older students can undertake more demanding workshops – for example where they must design and present a new product for young people and convince the teachers and leaders to invest in their idea.

The emphasis is on cross-cultural communication and actively producing previously learnt language. Tasks are guided by the teacher but our student-centred methodology encourages as much interaction between the British and foreign students as possible.

Why do British schools like IDOL?

As mother tongue English speakers, many believe that British students have a big advantage. In other countries, so much focus is placed on language learning and in order to be ahead, you must speak English. However, with there being far more non-native speakers of English than mother tongue speakers of English, young British pupils need to learn have the ability to communicate and converse with someone whose first language is not English. When we invite the British pupils to our IDOL days, they report that they learnt a lot about communication and also that they have the chance to mix with, and find out about, people their own age from a completely different culture.

How do I book IDOL for my group?

With these programmes, we can include a maximum of one IDOL day. If you have an enquiry then we would advise on the best time to travel in order not to conflict with exam times or holidays at British schools and we would endeavour to find groups of the same age as your students from our bank of partner schools.

For more information contact jamie@uklc.org