

## UKLC Integration Programme Information Leaflet

Thank you very much for your interest in our integration programme in Chester. We hope you will find everything you need for your students in the following pages.

### **INTEGRATION INTO A UK SCHOOL**

*Integration means bringing things together to create something new and unique.*

UKLC will bring together international students with a local British school to give both the possibility to live an empowering cultural experience. Students will live each day as and with British students enrolled in the British curriculum and will participate in all aspects of the school day during their visit.

UKLC has many strong links with local schools in the Chester area. However, our preferred partnership is with Chester International School (CIS). This school is based in the heart of the city, and it is easily accessible from our year-round residential and homestay accommodation. CIS is an innovative school for 14-to-17 years; therefore, it is only suitable for those age ranges.

### **THE LESSONS AND CURRICULUM**

All British schools are required to follow the statutory national curriculum which has been devised to cover all areas of learning and experiences. At our preferred partner school, they follow an International Baccalaureate programme, which strives to combine developing knowledge and build a better understanding through intercultural exchange and respect. This is delivered through the following modes:

- Timetabled Study – Lectures, seminars and teacher-led group sessions
- Enrichment Electives – Students can pursue personal interests by choosing additional subjects
- Self-Scheduled Sessions – Students can sign up on the day for a subject of their choice

## **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

You will receive a full programme prior to arrival, detailing the daily programme, including excursions and visits into town if applicable. The group will be provided with the 24/7 emergency contact number of the UKLC staff member coordinating the group.

UKLC will be responsible for making sure that students arrive and depart from school safely daily. This includes ensuring that all students understand how they will travel to and from school every day, that they are following the correct and the safest school route.

On arrival at the school on the first day, students will be greeted by the Principal of the school. Students are required to wear business or smart clothing daily, with strictly no jeans or trainers (other school's uniform policy may vary). They will arrive at the school at around 08:15 and together with their group leaders they will be welcomed into a classroom, ready to meet their British "buddy".

## **OUR BUDDY SYSTEM**

Each International student that attends this programme will be assigned a "buddy" on their first day of school. They will follow their buddy's timetable throughout their stay, participating in all aspects of the curriculum. The buddy will be their confidante, first point of contact and guide around the school, making their stay a comfortable and enjoyable experience.

During the school day students will be involved in conversation and activities in recreational areas. In those areas, students will be able to eat their packed lunches provided by UKLC every day, and all dietary requirements will be adhered to.

## **AFTERSCHOOL**

Once the school day ends, UKLC will meet the group at the school ready to deliver a fun and engaging activity or excursion within Chester. These activities can involve photography workshops, book clubs and visits to local landmarks such as the Chester Cathedral and the Roman walls.

At the end of the afterschool activity at around 17:30, the students that are staying with host families will be accompanied to the bus interchange or to their pickup location. Those students who are residential at the University will be accompanied back to the centre, ready to have their evening meal.

## **UKLC SUPPORT**

UKLC will be responsible for the wellbeing of the students by providing qualified safeguarding support from the Coordinator. UKLC will provide full board accommodation in Chester for the students and group leaders. UKLC will act as an intermediary between the students and their parents if any incidents or information needs to be reported.