

Homestay Accommodation

Homestay accommodation offers you a comfortable entry into life in Britain. Staying in a British home is a great way to get to know the people, language and culture. Homestay is most people's choice for their accommodation. It combines quality, friendliness and value for money. Homestay is suitable for people who want a lot of contact with their host family.

Accommodation & Welfare Officer

Our Accommodation & Welfare Officer carefully selects families to fit in with your personal needs. We aim never to put more than one student of one nationality in the same family. Homestay accommodation is located within easy travelling distance to the College.

Please note we do not offer self-catering Homestay facilities.

Facilities

You can expect:

- a comfortable single bedroom;
- a table or desk for studying;
- adequate hanging & drawer space;
- breakfast and evening meals during the week;
- additional lunches on Saturday and Sunday;
- change of bed linen & towels each week;
- light laundry or clearly explained laundry facilities;
- lunch is available during the week at extra cost.

Homestay conditions

If you would like to stay in Homestay accommodation, please note the following information:

- Not all our private home accommodation is with a traditional family of a couple with children living at home. If you have a particular preference for a family environment, please tell us;
- It is extremely difficult to find homes that accept smokers. If you are willing not to smoke in the house, this widens the choice available;
- We book Homestay accommodation from the day before your course starts to the day after it ends;
- The charge of £100 for arranging Homestay accommodation is non-refundable once we have arranged the accommodation; and should be paid when submitting the online Homestay Application Form.
- In the first week of your arrival you will be required to pay the College one term's rent and payments will be paid by the College to your Homestay provider weekly. You will be invoiced at the start of each subsequent term for that term's rent.
- If you cancel your Homestay accommodation with less than 1 week's notice you will have to pay a cancellation charge of 1 week's rent.

If you have an urgent need to change your accommodation we will do everything we can to move you without delay and without any charge.

Agency

In booking accommodation for students and making payments on their behalf; the College is providing a service for the convenience of its students and is not acting as their agent. The College cannot accept responsibility for any damage caused by students in the home, nor will it pay compensation for any such damage.

Accommodation fees

From 1 September 2011 it is £110 - £120.

Quality Standards

The College is accredited by various UK accrediting bodies. It has recently become affiliated to UKCISA, The Council for International Student Affairs.

Special care

Special care for younger students is available at an extra cost. This covers close attention by the hosts to the student's whereabouts and collection from organised evening activities.

Homestay: Things to remember

Families agree to take students on the basis of a contract.

- a UK home does not necessarily mean a family home;
- be polite and helpful;
- practise your English;
- remember the house is not a hotel;
- remember your keys;
- remember meal times;
- remember to ask before using the telephone or internet;
- remember to ask before inviting your friends home;
- remember to tell the College of any changes in dates well in advance.

Further information

For more information on Homestay accommodation or on offering Homestay accommodation to students please contact the Accommodation & Welfare Officer:

Telephone: **+44 (0)1458 844477**

Or Email:

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Information in this leaflet is correct as at February 2011 but may be subject to change.