



Experiment in
International
Living UK

EIL UK High School Programme

“the most memorable and exciting year of my life.”



“It’s an amazing moment when you just think and dream in English subconsciously.”

Student from Germany

For many young people a High School exchange programme is their first real opportunity to live abroad independently. EIL runs a personalised programme for a small number of well-motivated students, where each student is known to us personally and their experience can be individually tailored.

This includes:

- Ensuring the participant’s subject choices are available in their allocated school
- Matching the right host family to a participant’s personality and interests
- Selecting the location to meet the participant’s aspirations for living in the UK.

EIL has a wide-ranging network of high schools which enables participants requiring traditional academic study such as Chemistry, Maths, History, to be placed in the best performing schools appropriate to the chosen subjects.

EIL’s network also enables participants to try out vocational subjects such as Photography, Drama, Film and Fashion which may not be available in the participant’s own country.

Participants report that their High School experience with EIL UK has enabled them to:

- Become independent
- Gain confidence
- Learn about themselves
- Make lasting friendships with both British teenagers and international students



In their end of year feedback all participants report that their English improved dramatically, that they matured personally and 100% recommend the programme.

From August 2015 EIL will offer a **3-day orientation in London** at the beginning of the programme and a range of cultural experiences throughout the stay. This has been developed as a result of participants’ evaluations.

The important stuff

More choices

Participants can now choose the location of their placement across three regional hubs (subject to availability):

South East Tonbridge community, one hour by train from the bright lights of London

Central placements across the beautiful Midlands region, home to Shakespeare, Birmingham and well placed for trips to Bath, Bristol and Wales

North EIL offers placements in Chester, Formby and Southport, a dynamic seaside town with easy transport links to the bright lights of Liverpool and Manchester.

On arrival, the **new London orientation** includes:

- All participants are met at the airport by an EIL UK staff member or representative and escorted to central London
- Workshops on what to expect and managing culture shock
- Discussion of programme rules - do's & don'ts
- Individual support and what to do if there are any problems or concerns
- Meet the EIL staff team

In London a range of activities will be available for participants to select, such as:

- Guided bus tour of major sites including the Houses of Parliament and Buckingham Palace
- A visit to Tate Modern, British Museum or Natural History Museum
- Eating out as a group
- Shopping!

Participants will depart from central London coach and train stations to join their host families to commence their placement.

Throughout the placement

During school holidays, group activities will be available to participants at additional cost. These include:

- Homestay on a farm in the Lake District, with a tour of the region and experiencing farm life
- Experiencing outdoor activities such as climbing, high ropes course or hiking
- Group celebration meal in the winter (no cost)
- Visit to an EIL host family in another area
- Chance to join another EIL programme such as the sport-based FAIR Play when available during school holidays.

Keeping students safe

EIL has an excellent safeguarding record, and all participants are encouraged to talk to their local representative about anything troubling them. All participants also receive contact details for an independent and confidential listening service with a qualified counsellor.

Our Fees

Our fee structure is simple and includes:

- Homestay with own bedroom
- School placement to match individual aspirations
- Choice of locations
- Local support through a network of local representatives
- Regular contact visits with participants
- Emergency phone service
- Services of an independent listener
- 3 day London orientation
- Winter celebration with local EIL students

Contact

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