UK High School PROGRAMMES 2021
ICES aim to provide great value programmes for a global community to help learners succeed in achieving their life goals. Using modern methods and showing commitment to each individual ICES promotes a positive, inclusive learner-centred environment where providing a quality education experience leads to individual achievement. We are committed to providing a full range of student support services that help and inspire our students to develop and learn in a safe, enjoyable and positive environment.

Our High School programme offers international students the life changing opportunity to experience studying in a British school and are built upon our values and ethos. International students participate in the same classes as British students and stay with a host family close to their school, following the same classes and living a truly British student life.

ICES only work with highly rated schools and colleges in UK. We provide support and care for each student throughout their stay ensuring that their high school experience is safe and richly rewarding.

We believe that studying in a British high school can be a truly life changing experience that can help international students develop skills that will enhance their future work and life opportunities, and we will do everything we can to unlock every student’s true academic potential.

“Bringing the world together through language education.”
- Callum Palmer
Welfare & HOST FAMILIES

Welfare

The well-being, safety and welfare of young people who study with us is our first priority and it is vital to ensure that they have a great experience. We adopt clear policies for the welfare of all students and these standards apply to all staff and Host Families that we employ. Child safeguarding forms an integral part of staff training. All of our staff, including our Head Office senior management team, local staff, and host families undertake DBS criminal background checks before working for us. In addition to this, everybody is thoroughly interviewed, and Host Families have their accommodation carefully checked before hosting students. Our highly motivated senior management team has experience in the delivery of high school programmes for young people from across the world, and our dedicated Safeguarding team makes sure all welfare policies are followed through.

Host Families

Each host family will do everything they can to make students feel at home and will always be there for them. Many of our exchange students come to see their host family as their second home and go back to visit many times after their exchange is over. Feeling at home in their host family is an essential part of the exchange experience and is very important for us. Since the host family is such a big part of a student’s time abroad, we always do our utmost to find the right family for each student.

ICES host families are all unique. They may live in the city or in the country, have teenage children or toddlers, be single parents or part of large families. The one thing they always have in common is a great commitment to young people and an interest in different cultures.

Education OVERVIEW

Children in the UK start school in Primary School which generally lasts for seven years until the age of 11, followed by Secondary School until the age of 16 which culminates with GCSE examinations. If students wish to continue their studies, they can then move on to Further Education for two years, typically taken between the ages of 16 to 18. Students have a number of options when it comes to the qualifications they can study through Further Education years. The most common is the A-Level programme which is a linear, two-year qualification where students typically study 3 to 5 subjects. Other qualifications include the BTEC, which can be vocational in nature and offers hundreds of options for students wishing to focus on one subject. Students can study these qualifications on a single year basis. In the UK, compulsory education ends at age 16 and students wishing to move on to University or Higher Education use these qualifications to prepare. A Level exams (usually) are both an exit exam from school and an entrance exam for university.
The UK is one of the world’s most popular destinations to visit for study, with more than 500,000 international students coming each year. UK schools, colleges and universities are among the very best in the world and our qualifications are recognised by employers and academics worldwide. The UK is an amazingly exciting place to come to. With a rich, multicultural society, a great historic mix of cultures, food, strong transport links, famous festivals and sporting events, there really is something for everyone.

Undertaking a British learning experience means that students get the opportunity to develop the skills, knowledge and critical thinking to build a successful future career whilst having a life experience that they will never forget. Many of our centres are based in the most historic and beautiful parts of the UK. Visiting the UK means becoming a part of a rich history, culture and traditions that have defined the world for the last couple of centuries.

The UK is a staggering mix of the old and the new; historic castles, Roman ruins, mysterious Celtic and Nordic and prehistoric sites can all be seen alongside dramatic modern buildings and architecture. Its landscapes feature stunning, windswept beaches, scenic lakes and mountains and charming villages. The beautiful towns of Oxford, Weymouth and Hastings will transport you to the British past with their historical buildings. Then there are modern cities like London, Brighton, and Portsmouth with their cool street art, buzzing nightlife, unlimited choices of entertainment, dining, and happening cultural scene. England is also blessed with typical English traditions, a rich treasure trove of museums, art and a delicious culinary scene - British food used to have a bad reputation but that has all changed.

“When educating the minds of the youth, we must not forget to educate their hearts.”
- Dalai Lama
THE AREA

Hastings is a beautiful seaside town that holds huge historic importance to the UK as the site of a famous battle in 1066, the last time Britain was successfully invaded! Nowadays it is a well-known town popular for its stunning architecture, lovely seaside and huge collection of local shops and restaurants. The ‘old town’, with its many cottages and winding roads is enormously popular with visitors and it has several museums and an aquarium to keep people entertained. With great transport links to London and other areas it is a perfect location for international high school students wanting to have the very best experience in the UK.

THE COLLEGE

The largest college in Sussex, East Sussex College offers a diverse range of exceptional courses for young adults alongside exceptional teaching aimed to help students take the first steps towards where they want to be. They consistently produce outstanding academic results; in 2019, in A Levels they achieved a 97.3% pass rate. Many of their students have progressed to Oxford, Cambridge, LSE, Durham and to many other top universities and conservatories, including those outside the UK such as Harvard University and the University of Hong Kong. A superb choice for international high school students who want to achieve their full potential.

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Bexhill College
BEXHILL, EAST SUSSEX

THE AREA

Bexhill is a lovely seaside town situated on the south coast of England with easy access to Heathrow airport (2 hours away) and Gatwick airport (1.5 hours). Bexhill has a stunning coastline with a beautiful, award winning beach and is famous for its long promenade, perfect for long walks enjoying the picturesque seaside. Bexhill’s famous 1930’s designed De La Warr Pavilion is ideal for enjoying coastal views over Eastbourne and Hastings, live music and cultural events. Bexhill is an extremely safe area with a friendly local community.

THE COLLEGE

Bexhill 6th Form College campus is located within walking distance of the town centre. Bexhill has excellent transport links within the town itself and the surrounding areas which makes getting to and from the College safe and easy. The College has a proud history of high exam results, excellent student satisfaction levels and many students progressing onto prestigious universities. The College offers a huge range of A Level and BTEC courses with one of the most flexible selection of academic and vocational pathways available in the UK.

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Greater Brighton Metropolitan College (MET) has over 150 years of heritage, history and experience at developing students to reach their full potential. The MET helps to build the self-belief, confidence and bravery that students need to meet and exceed their ambitions. They offer superb, modern facilities and outstanding student services. More than 1,000 expert staff work with students to equip them with the knowledge and skills they need to prepare them for the world of work. A great choice for international high school students who want to live and learn in the UK.
Varndean College

BRIGHTON, EAST SUSSEX

With its stunning seaside location, unique shopping, famous nightlife and close proximity to London, Brighton has long been one of Britain’s most popular places to live and study. Brighton is exciting, multicultural and vibrant. A city that is both large enough to contain everything that you could want; shopping, restaurants, and an entertainment scene that attracts tourists from across the UK, but still small enough to feel like a real, friendly community. Alongside popular tourist attractions like the Royal Pavilion, Brighton Pier and the Lanes shopping area, culture is a big part of Brighton.

THE AREA

Varndean College is a wonderful place to study and to work in, it is a college with a difference. Situated on a lovely spacious green campus with stunning views of Brighton and the sea, offering over 30 traditional A Levels, a wide range of vocational BTECs and a number of GCSEs, as well as the increasingly popular International Baccalaureate Diploma. Varndean is truly exceptional; they have an outstanding academic track record, as well as a real community atmosphere and set of values which helps students to reach their full potential. With outstanding facilities, Varndean is a superb choice for international high school students.

THE COLLEGE

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Worthing College
WORTHING, EAST SUSSEX

THE AREA
Worthing is a beautiful, large traditional seaside town in West Sussex. It’s perfectly placed between the South Downs National Park and the English Channel, so based in amazing surroundings. It’s easy to live a healthy and laid-back lifestyle in Worthing, with our large open promenade often enjoyed by runners and cyclists, award winning restaurants and countryside walks across the South Downs. With excellent transport links providing easy access to much of Sussex, Brighton and London. It’s the perfect base for exploring. A great choice for international high school students who want to see some of the best of the UK.

THE COLLEGE
Worthing College is a first-class further education college, where teaching, learning and student success are second to none. They have a strong history of excellent examination results. The college prides itself on its friendly atmosphere, encouraging students to embrace everything they have to offer, meeting new friends, developing life skills and gaining experiences they will never forget. This helps to provide students with the opportunity to stand out from the crowd when they are looking to progress on to university or employment.

COLLEGE TYPE
Institution Type
• Independent
• State (Public)
• Private Day
• Private Boarding

COURSE TYPE
• A Level (1 term, semester, 1 year)
• A Level (2 year)
• GCSE
• T Levels
• BTEC
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• Foundation Programme
• IB (non-Eu students)
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Chichester is one of the loveliest places in the UK. Full of history and natural beauty. Amazing architecture, Roman baths, one of the most beautiful beaches in England and surrounding countryside that shows off the very best of England. The city is surrounded by historic walls and yet contains excellent modern shops and entertainment. A great place to explore by day or night and the Cathedral is one of the best in the country. A popular destination for visitors from around the UK and the world it has a number of festivals annually and there's always something to see or do making it ideal for international high students wanting to experience the UK.

With a campus set in the heart of the city, featuring stunning views of the cathedral, Chichester College is an outstanding place to study. One of the largest colleges in England with an exceptional record for getting the very best out of students. They are well known for their dedication to improving the learning opportunities, experience and environment for students across the region. There are specialised teaching facilities, lots of places to eat and quiet spots for independent study. Chichester College has a very active Student Union providing exciting extra-curricular activities.

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Havant & SD College
WATERLOOVILLE, WEST SUSSEX

THE AREA
Waterlooville is a beautiful town in the south east of Hampshire with excellent transport links to London and Portsmouth. An extremely safe and friendly area that has grown in popularity recently meaning there are many good shopping areas and things to do. Excellent local parks and local places to eat mean there is plenty of places to go and see. It is an ideal location for international high school students who want to experience British life in the countryside but have the ability to quickly get to London for weekend visits.

THE COLLEGE
HSDC is a leading Further and Higher Education College providing learning across three campuses in Hampshire. The college features an extremely strong network of support for students and is well known for the care it provides while encouraging every student to make the most out of their potential. They have invested a lot into their facilities and resources for students and are one of the most outstanding college choices available for international high school students.

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PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE

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Brockenhurst College
BROCKENHURST, HAMPSHIRE

THE AREA

Brockenhurst is the biggest village in the stunning New Forest area of England and has regularly been described as ‘Britain’s most beautiful place to live’. Surrounded by some of the prettiest countryside anywhere in the world, the town and local area is the English countryside at its very best. An extremely popular tourist destination there is plenty to see and do with the New Forest on its doorstep and several live events throughout the year. Due to its popularity, there are excellent transport links to London and the rest of the UK. Which makes it a great choice for international high school students wanting to live in the UK.

THE COLLEGE

One of the most successful sixth form colleges in the UK, set in a friendly 35-acre campus within the beautiful New Forest National Park on the south coast of England. Brockenhurst College attracts around 1500 new students each year, including over 100 international students from across the globe who want to experience an authentic English education. The college offers a wide range of courses, superb facilities and has an exceptional track record for results. An excellent choice for international high school students looking for an exceptional place to study.

THE COLLEGE

Independent
State (Public)
Private day
Private boarding

COURSE TYPE

A Level (1 year intensive)
A Level (2 year)
GCSE
T Levels
BTEC
Extended Project Qualification
University Foundation
IB (non-Eu students)
Other

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English Literature
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Travel & Tourism
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THE COLLEGE

The largest provider of Further Education (FE) and Apprenticeships in the area. Well known for their strong focus on developing the work skills of their students, so that when they complete their studies, they are ready to start or to progress within their chosen career. Home to around 11,000+ students from across the region, the UK and the world, the college’s academic results are high and continue to improve. A great place for international high school students to study. 9/10 students say they would recommend The Bournemouth & Poole College to a friend.

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Weymouth College
WEYMOUTH, DORSET

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THE AREA

Weymouth is a stunning seaside town in Dorset on the south coast of England. One of the most naturally beautiful areas of the UK, it is very popular with visitors from around the world as there is so much to see and do there. The beach is regularly listed among the top 10 in Europe, you are surrounded by golden sands and natural beauty. Weymouth is an extremely safe area to stay and is the perfect location for international high school students who enjoy walking and exploring the seaside. There are many events annually and the community is friendly and welcoming making it an ideal base for study.

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Active Learning College
OXFORD, OXFORDSHIRE

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Oxford is an international centre of learning, and as such it draws people from all over the world to study and live in the city. One of the most famous university cities in the whole world, Oxford is a beautiful and historic city, international in its influence and in its people. Situated in the south of England, only an hour’s train ride from London, it is surrounded by lush, picturesque British countryside. Oxford is safe and well-developed city filled with ancient streets and modern services, offering students a chance to explore and interact with British culture at its finest.

THE COLLEGE

Activate Learning is a forward-thinking college that aims for far-reaching, progressive change and impact through learning. They work with students as individuals, helping them make the choice of study pathways and courses to make sure it is that’s right for them and their ambitions. The Oxford city centre campus benefits from a central Oxford location, close to transport links, amenities and the historic city centre. The unique riverside location allows for a wonderful and safe environment to study in, with a variety of excellent facilities available for every learner. A great choice for international high school students who want to live and learn in Oxford.

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Application Process

IN 4 EASY STEPS

We want to make the application process for our programmes as quick and simple as possible. The process may differ ever so slightly depending on which school a student is applying for, but the key elements will remain the same, as you can see below:

1. Select a Programme
   With so many schools and courses to choose from, this will be the hardest part! Please contact our sales team for assistance.

2. Complete a pre-application form
   This application form details information about the student, their parents and the school(s) they would like to choose. At this point we will also ask students to take the ICES English test to access their language level. A ICES placement manager will then inform you where your student is suitable for the programme in the UK and send the application deposit invoice for £500.

3. Main Application
   Once the students pre-application form has been accepted we will give you access to our online application management system, called Zapp. Once you have access to Zapp we will ask you to compile a selection of forms to support the students application. These forms will include: Terms and conditions, medical report, parental consent, school principal report, language teachers report, self written statement, school report, copy of birth certificate & passport, together with the last 2 years academic transcripts. Once all parts of the application have been completed the application deposit is payable.

4. ICES applies the chosen school/college
   ICES will apply to the school/college on the students behalf and provide them with all the necessary information. As part of this process the school/college will conduct an interview with the student via Zoom. Once the school has accepted the student we will forward you confirmation details together with homestay placement information. At this point the 1st deposit is payable. Please see below for further details on terms and conditions.

Terms & Conditions

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Deposit payments
- £500 deposit once main application has been accepted by ICES (Non-refundable).
- 50% of all programme fees minus £500 deposit payment due by 15th June for September enrolments and 15th October for January starts.
- All remaining fees due by 31st July for September enrolments and 30th November for January starts.

NB: Schools can decide to change school/colleges fees at short notice. Any additional fees or price changes will be passed on to the students.

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- Once ICES have received the application and the placement process has started, a minimum cancellation fee of £500 will be charged.
- Once ICES has offered a placement (school and/or homestay) a minimum cancellation fee of £750 will be charged.
- Once the client has accepted the placement (school and/or homestay), or 14 days after the placement was offered by ICES, the minimum cancellation fee will be £1500.
- Once the programme has started, whether or not the student has arrived in the UK, there is no refund of fees paid.

For further information on the terms and conditions please speak to one of our sales team or refer to our agency agreement.