



English  
Path



# Student Handbook

2023

London Greenford



Welcome to  
English Path.

This guide will help  
you make the most  
of your experience  
at EP Greenford.

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# 5 Reasons to choose this city

## About London Greenford

London is the capital city of England and the UK, and some might say the world!

With its varied and multicultural population, great transport, rich history and culture you will have access to world food, fantastic museums, architectural landmarks and lots of green parks.

Fancy seeing a famous bridge? Head to Tower Bridge. Want to see the crown jewels and infamous old prison? Just visit the Tower of London. Take some time to visit some of London's multiple museums and the works of famous artists such as Dali, Picasso, da Vinci, just to name a few.

If you are curious about royalty, make sure to visit Buckingham Palace, the official residence of the recently crowned King Charles.

### ★ Famous landmarks

- Big Ben, Houses of Parliament, Tower Bridge, London Eye, Buckingham Palace, Tower of London, Saint Paul's Cathedral, British Museum, The Shard, Covent Garden, Camden Market.

### 🧠 City personality

- Academic, active, artistic, elegant, historic, diverse, dynamic, big city, bike-friendly, business capital, creative, cultural, foodie scene, friendly, green, iconic landmarks, modern, unique, vibrant, youthful.



### What makes this city unique?

- An extraordinary blend of history, culture, and diversity. Has a global metropolis, with a mix of iconic landmarks, world-class museums, theaters, and a bustling nightlife. London also has a rich history and royal heritage, a truly one-of-a-kind destination for visitors from all around the world.



### Transport within a 10-minute walk

- TFL underground (train), bus.



### Cuisines within a 20-minute walk

- Vegetarian, Pizza, Pakistani, Indian, Irish Pub, Chicken, Polish, Fish and Chips, Afghani, Restaurant, Persian, McDonald's, Subway, Middle Eastern, Nando's.



### Alternative things to do

- Street art tours, quirky museums, Borough Market, Alternative UK - theatres (Secret Cinema, the Globe).

- 1** One of the most diverse cities in the world
- 2** Rich with historical landmarks and attractions
- 3** Variety of cultural experiences (museums, art galleries, theaters, cuisines)
- 4** Green spaces and parks
- 5** Vibrant nightlife (Bars, Pubs, Music venues)



# Why Choose to Study in Our London School?

Our London Greenford campus is a stunning facility in West London, close to London's iconic Wembley Stadium.

Greenford has all the charm you'd expect from a small-town centre with a strong community ethos. There's plenty to do when students aren't studying with a choice of local parks, sport facilities and a good choice of bars and restaurants.

- **University style** campus
- **Great** transport links
- **Interesting & varied** course offering
- **On-site** library and café
- Great **social programme** with activities and excursions in and around London\*
- **Experienced** Customer Service & Academic Team

\*Additional weekend excursions are offered during the summer.



Find us on Google maps

**891 Greenford Road, Greenford, London, United Kingdom, UB6 0HE**  
At this address since: 2021

**Phone: +44 20 4551 3676**  
**Emergency Phone: +44 74 9400 2815**

Meet the team



## Staff

- **Staff on-site:** Olha Shalamai (Student Services Officer), Chloe Lee (Student Services), Holly Morgan (Academic Manager), Daniel Doidge (Senior Teacher).
- **Languages spoken by staff:** English, Spanish, Portuguese, Ukrainian, Russian, Japanese, Cantonese, Mandarin, Greek, Albanian, Italian, Urdu, Polish, Hindi, Punjabi.

## Services & facilities

- **Buildings:** 1
- **Floors:** 4
- **Capacity:** 500 students
- **School facilities:** Reception, courtyard, café, library, prayer room, break room, street parking, modern & spacious classrooms with smart TVs, student services for enquiries.
- **Other services provided:** Social activity programme, airport transfers, accommodation support, visa documentation.
- **Levels of english offered:** A1 to C1, Elementary to Advanced.
- **Reception:** The friendly student services staff can direct you to the EP front desk and classrooms. If you or another student has an accident or needs urgent medical attention, please come to the Student Services desk where the First Aider is located.

## School holidays & London public holidays

The school will be closed from December 25th 2023 to January 1st 2024. It will also be closed from 23th to 27th December 2024. Please make sure to book your course/accommodation accordingly. Course days that fall on a public holiday are not reimbursed.

### Public holidays will be:

- **2023:** January 2nd, April 7th, April 10th, May 1st, May 8th, May 29th, August 28th, December 25th, December 26th.
- **2024:** January 1st, March 29th, April 1st, May 6th, May 27th, 26th August, December 25th, December 26th.

The above dates are observed as holidays in the year. If you arrive in a week where the Monday is a holiday, your first day of school will be a Tuesday.



## Close to your EP school

Our centrally located school is walking distance to:

- Cafes** Located within the Building
- Restaurants** 3 minutes
- Supermarket** 2 minutes
- Bank/ ATM** 10 minutes
- Gym** 12 minutes
- Underground Station** 12 minutes
- Post Office** 12 minutes
- Park (Horsenden Hill)** 13 minutes
- Central London** 35 minutes

## Need help? Not satisfied? Have a problem?

At EP we believe that communication and an open-door policy is key to efficiently resolving any issue you might have. If you need help, are not satisfied with one of our services or you need advice, please talk to our staff at school. They will be able to help and assist quickly with any concerns you might have.

# First Day at School

- Induction starts at 08:45am.
- This includes a placement test, speaking test, induction presentations about the school and academic programmes and the distribution of class timetables.
- A tour of the school.
- Classes begin at: 11am.
- On your first day, you are expected to bring your passport and visas.

## Your weekly class timetable

	Hours pw	What	Lesson
<b>Classic Morning</b>	15	General English	09:15 - 12:30
<b>Semi-Intensive Morning</b>	18.75	Classic + 1 Elective	09:15 - 13:30
<b>Classic Afternoon</b>	15	General English	13:45 - 17:00
<b>Semi-Intensive Afternoon</b>	18.75	Classic + 1 Elective	12:45 - 17:00
<b>Intensive</b>	22.5	Classic + 2 Electives	09:15 - 14:45
<b>Super Intensive</b>	30	Classic Morning + Classic Afternoon	09:15 - 17:00

## Courses

- **Classic**  
15 hours per week
- **Semi-Intensive**  
18.75 hours per week
- **Intensive**  
22.5 hours per week
- **Super Intensive**  
30 hours per week
- **Business English**  
15 hours per week
- **IELTS**  
15 hours per week
- **Professional certificates: Business Management, Sustainability, Leadership & Digital Marketing Essentials**  
15 hours per week
- **One-To-One**

## Extracurricular activities

- Masterclass Programme
- Weekend trips during the summer months
- Conversation clubs
- Outdoor activities
- Pub socials
- Visit museums and monuments
- 4 weekly course tutorials
- 4 weekly skills test
- Weekly unit test
- Study Clinics

## Electives list

Mixed levels within classes. Each topic runs for 4 weeks. Employability runs in cycles 1-4.

		Elective Cycle 1		Elective Cycle 2		Elective Cycle 3		Elective Cycle 4	
		Jul, Nov, Mar		Aug, Dec, Apr		Sep, Jan, May		Oct, Feb, Jun	
		A1 - B1	B1+ - C1	A1 - B1	B1+ - C1	A1 - B1	B1+ - C1	A1 - B1	B1+ - C1
12.45 - 13.30	Speaking	█	█						
	Listening	█	█						
	Reading			█	█				
	Writing			█	█				
	Vocabulary					█	█		
	Grammar					█	█		
	Idioms & Phrasal verbs							█	█
	Pronunciation							█	█
13.45 - 14.30	Everyday English	█	█						
	Debate & Public Speaking	█	█						
	Business English			█	█				
	English for Hospitality			█	█				
	Digital Marketing					█	█		
	Personal Branding					█	█		
	IELTS Preparation							█	█
	Academic Skills							█	█
	Employability Skills	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█

 **Teaching methodology**

At English Path we use the communicative approach which means:

- A focus on speaking
- Interactive lessons
- Noticing students' gaps and reacting to them
- Going beyond the textbook
- English for real life outside the classroom
- Understanding each student's individual needs

All EP teachers are trained in this approach from their first day, so students have the same experience in all levels at all EP locations.

 **School material**

**Books:** Empower (Cambridge) Language Hub (Macmillan), Ready for IELTS (Macmillan), In Company 3.0 (Macmillan).

**Additional material used:** Audio, Digital Presentation Material, Authentic Materials.

 **Students**

**Average number of students per class:** 12

**Minimum age of students:** 16

**Average age of students\*:** 25

**Nationality mix\*:** Brazilian, French, Turkish, Colombian, Japanese, Saudi, Spanish, Ukrainian.

\*As per 2023 stats. Nationality mix and age varies. Dependent on the time of year.

**End of course certificate:** you will receive a course certificate at the end of your course.

Take a look at our graduation ceremony



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# Accommodation

Accommodation is a vital part of your experience in a new country. Your new home is an important part of your study experience. Each school has specially chosen options to help make the most out of your stay. Homestay and student residences offer different accommodation experiences, but always meet the highest standards.

Please make sure you check with your representative, as all accommodation options are based on availability.

## What accommodation option should I choose?

The choice of accommodation depends on your preferences, needs, and budget. Below are some important factors you need to consider.

	Homestay	Student Residence
	Immerse in local culture & customs. Host assistance for queries. Towels, kitchen utensils, and more provided. Budget-friendly.	Convenient location, typically close to campus. Easy access to good facilities and nearby amenities. 24h assistance.
	May not be as social. Host family rules may apply. It can be up to 75mins travel.	Noise levels might be high. Might be sharing facilities with other students. Might be expensive.

## Booking Student Accommodation in 3 simple steps

### Step 1

You can indicate your preferred type of accommodation (homestay, shared apartment or residence) on the application form during your application for a course. Our Student Services team will record the preferred choice of accommodation.

### Step 2

EP will be able to secure the accommodation option once the invoice has been paid. Our team will send you the accommodation confirmation with further details on the selected option.

### Step 3

You will need to confirm your arrival and send your flight details to our team, as soon as the flight is booked and no later than one week before the flight date. Our team will be able to book and confirm your accommodation and/ or transfers and provide more details within the confirmation document.



# Homestay

<b>Half board homestay*</b>	2 meals per day (breakfast, dinner). 14 meals per week. (Mon-Sun).
<b>Bed and breakfast*</b>	1 meal per day (breakfast). 7 meals per week. (Mon-Sun).
<b>Self catering - Adult homestay*</b>	No meals provided. Student will be able to cook in the kitchen.

\*Students that have chosen these options might not be allowed to cook in the kitchen. They will have to order meals from restaurants, etc.



## Things students need to bring

Toiletries, personal items to make student's room feel like home, prescription medication, a small gift for the host family (not required).

## Meals provided

Yes (depends on booking type, please refer to the table at the top of the page).

Meals are usually eaten with the family unless otherwise arranged and special diets such as vegetarian, halal and other requirements can be catered for an additional fee. Please tell us if you have a special requirement when you request your accommodation.

**Breakfast:** Breakfast is usually a light meal consisting of cereal, fruit, toast, juice, or coffee. Hosts will usually ask you to prepare your own breakfast.

**Lunch:** You will be responsible for buying your own lunch at school, from a local restaurant, or the local shops.

**Dinner:** If you book Half Board, you will usually eat dinner with your host, or occasionally you may prepare your own meal with food supplied by your host, please expect your host to set the dinner time and let them know if you are unable to arrive on time.

## Services included

Bed linen, towels, telephone use for emergencies. Students need to make sure to discuss laundry with their host family after you arrive as laundry facilities will depend on the individual homestay.

**Extra cost of services:** Some hosts might charge a fee for the use of kitchen if you want to prepare your own meals.

## Will the Homestay arrange to pick up the student from the airport?

No, however, you can book your airport transfer with your EP school. The transfer to the accommodation will then be organised accordingly.

## Transport to school

Your host will help you to find your way to and from school on your first day and will show you how to use public transport.

## Where are the host families located?

Homestays are situated within 30-55 minutes of the city centre in different areas of the city.

# Grand Felda

This modern residence is located in the popular area of Wembley. You will find many shops, restaurants and cafes nearby as well as the world-famous Wembley football stadium. From here, it is easy to travel to school and to Central London, with the nearest underground station a 4 minutes' walk and buses easily accessible.

- Single room with private bathroom
- Full equipped shared kitchen and living space
- On-site gym, swimming pool, sauna and steam room (payable & booked at reception)
- High-speed WiFi included

**Address:** Grand Felda House, Empire Way, Wembley, HA9 0EF

**Travel time to school:** 30 minutes

## About the residence

### Accommodation types:

Student residence, single rooms with private bathroom and shared kitchen. *Please consult us for up to date pricing.*

**Bedrooms:** The bedroom contains the following: ¾ size bed, pillow, bedding, chair, desk, window, closet. (Excluding towels).

**Things you need to bring:** This residence is offered on a self-catering basis. You will need to buy your own food, toiletries, and small household items, such as toilet paper and washing up liquid. You will also need to bring your own towels.

**Kitchen:** The in-unit kitchen contains the following: microwave, kettle, toaster, cutlery, cooking utensils, fridge, freezer, oven.

**Facilities:** On-site gym, swimming pool, sauna and steam room, outdoor courtyard, cinema room, laundry facilities, games and study areas, prayer and meditation room. Some of the communal spaces require booking with Reception.

**Extra cost facilities:** Laundry is managed through an App. Laundry: £3.7, Drier: £2.3. On-site gym, swimming pool, sauna and steam room – Payable at reception.

**Visitors/guests:** No overnight guests.

**Noise:** Residents are required to respect all other residents and maintain a level of noise that does not disturb others. Quiet hours are 10pm - 8am.

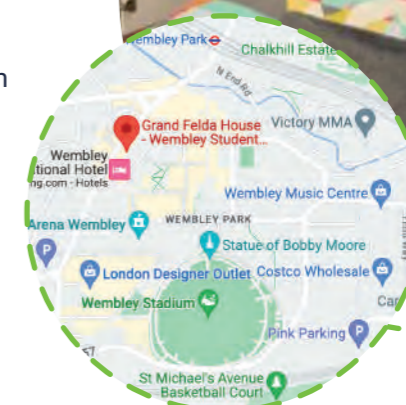
**Smoking:** No smoking allowed anywhere in the residence.

**Reception/security desk:** 24-hour service. Office hours are Monday to Friday 08:00-18:00 excluding bank holidays. Outside of these times the reception is manned by the security team.

**Cleaning service:** Light cleaning will be provided from 10am every Saturday. Prior to this we ask that students strip the linen of the beds and leave this in the room to be collected. (fresh linen will be left by the cleaners). Students are asked to leave their rooms tidy and free of obstruction and put away their personal effects. They do not need to remain present during cleaning.

It is also students' responsibility to maintain the lounge tidy, and the kitchen clean, by washing their dishes, pans and cutlery after cooking.

**Beddings/towels:** Fresh clean linens and bedding provided at check-in. 2 sheets, 4 pillowcases & duvet Towels not provided.



# Social Programme

London is one of the most multicultural cities in the world. Its diverse population reflects the city's cultural scene.

London is home to numerous museums, galleries, festivals and sports activities. At English Path, our students take advantage of what London has to offer with our social programme.

## Examples of social activities

- Conversation club £0
- Park picnic £0
- Basketball £0
- Board games evening £0
- Tate Britain £0
- Westminster walking tour £0
- Imperial war museum £0
- Camden Town Walking Tour £0
- Zizzi Westfields dinner - pay for your own food
- Burger and Beyond dinner Soho - pay for your own food
- Mini Golf £13

Check our live Social Programme here



## Example timetable

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat/Sun
Conversation Club	Tate Britain	Southbank walking tour	Mini Golf	Garden Party	Canterbury weekend trip
Arcade Food Hall	Westminster Walking Tour		Pub night		

**BOURNEMOUTH** Ticket: £15-60



Examples of nearby cities to visit

**CAMBRIDGE** Ticket: £15-60



# Recommendations

## Checklist & other useful information

Here are a few important items that you should bring with you:

- Passport
- Acceptance letter
- Accommodation letter
- Proof of health/medical insurance
- A bit of cash and credit/debit cards/ Apple or Google Pay
- Weather-appropriate clothing
- Adaptor for electrical appliances
- Prescription medication and medical records
- Emergency information

## Before you leave your country

Here are some important things you need to know to make your arrival as smooth as possible. Use our checklist to ensure you don't forget anything and are prepared for the exciting times ahead.

## Pocket money

Recommend weekly budget: £150. This should cover expenses, laundry, local travel and activities. You will need additional money if you want to take weekend trips. Bring £100 with you in cash and a debit or credit card. You will need to check with your financial institution to make sure you will be able to withdraw money from a UK ATM. Do not bring foreign currency. It is not wise to carry around large amounts of cash.

## Clothing

Most students dress casually for classes, but you should bring nice clothes for going out and sportswear for sports and outdoor activities. The climate is changeable and maybe different from your own. The typical temperature is 25-30°C in the summer and 2 to 6°C in the winter, although it can drop below freezing. Bring waterproof clothing if you're arriving in the autumn or winter.

## Electrical current

Standard voltage in the UK is 230 volts; remember to bring an adaptor with you or buy one when you arrive.

## School notifications

We encourage you to follow the school's Instagram account before you arrive and especially during your stay. This will give you an idea of what is happening at the school and help you connect with staff and students. This is also where we will post notification of any unexpected school closures: it is important you check our Instagram account for any messages while you are attending the school, especially if there is severe weather in the area (e.g. snowstorm, flood, etc.). If the school cannot open or school opening will be delayed, we will post a message as soon as possible (the night before or in the morning) to advise you of this, along with information on how to get further updates and any alternate scheduling, (if applicable). Follow EP! [@englishpathschools](#)



# When You Arrive in London



Arriving at the airport in a foreign country can be overwhelming. To better prepare yourself, make sure that you have read the information below about your arrival and how to get to your accommodation. If you get lost or confused upon arrival, don't be afraid to ask the airport staff for help as they will be happy to give assistance.

## EP transfers

You should arrive at Heathrow/Gatwick/Luton Airport. We request that you book your flights according to the starting date of your specific programme. You must arrive on the Saturday or Sunday prior to your course start date. If you have booked a transfer service, a driver will meet you outside the customs area and drive you to your homestay or residence. Please ensure you arrange and pay the transfer fee in advance.

## Transfer service emergency contact details

If you have any flight changes, miss a connecting flight or need help meeting the transfer service, you should call emergency number. Please be prepared to tell them your name, school name (English Path) and location. Students should only accept a transfer from a greeter with the official English Path signage.

## Transfer service emergency numbers:

**+44 (0) 7801482876/ +44 (0) 7834023963**

## Independent transfers

Heathrow Express, National Rail, Underground, Mini cab.

TAXI SERVICE cost one way:

- Heathrow £110
- Gatwick £130
- Stansted £150
- Luton £150
- City £110
- Station £100

## Living costs (sample prices for items in this city)

- Bottle of water: £0.75
- Coffee: £3.55
- Can of coke: £1.50-2
- Meal out for two: £50
- Takeaway pizza: £10-17
- Sandwich: £3
- Local bus ticket: £1.65
- London underground ticket: £2-4
- Bike rental: £2 for 30 mins Santander
- Cinema ticket: £16

## Local customs

- Women in the UK are equal to men and should always be treated fairly.
  - All people treat one another with dignity and respect. British people are very empathetic, often consider the feelings of others, and are willing to listen to those with different views and opinions.
  - British people sometimes talk to strangers in public areas. This is a great way to practice English, but caution should be taken. You should not give out your address and telephone number or accept inappropriate invitations.
  - "Please" and "thank you" are very important words! Always use them if you ask someone to do something for you, or if they help you or give you information.
  - The UK is a culturally diverse nation where people of all ethnic backgrounds are treated equally. All individuals should challenge any prejudice they witness (prejudice is the negative opinion or feelings towards something or someone without reason).
  - People in the UK leave a tip for good service in restaurants, hair salons and other places. The tip rate at most restaurants is about 10–15% of the bill and is sometimes included. Fast food is not tipped unless it is delivered. Porters in stations, airports and hotels should be tipped approximately £2 per bag. Taxi drivers are generally given a 15% tip.
  - No one is above the law, which is put in place to protect everyone. Students should be aware of their legal rights and responsibilities. All individuals hold freedom of choice (within the law).
- **Protecting your belongings:** We strongly recommend you take out insurance for your personal belongings, especially cameras, music players, mobile phones and laptops. Personal items cannot be covered by English Path homestay or residence insurance.
  - **Prescription medication:** Remember to bring enough of your prescribed medication with you as UK pharmacists will not dispense a foreign prescription. International customs agents may ask you questions about your medication upon your departure or arrival, so be sure to pack it carefully. Bring any important medical records (blood type, prescriptions, x-rays) that might be useful for medical care abroad as well as contact information for your health care providers at home.
  - **Staying safe at school:** If you or another student has an accident or needs urgent medical attention, please come to reception where the First Aider is located.
  - **Fire safety:** If you discover a fire, press the fire alarm button on the nearest alarm. Leave the building immediately via the fire exit. Make sure you tell a member of EP staff exactly what happened so they can call 999. If you hear the fire alarm, leave the building immediately. Do not run, use the lift or stop to collect your belongings. EP staff will guide you to the fire exit. Go to the assembly point. Follow any instructions given by a member of EP staff and do not go back into the building until you are told to do so by EP staff.
  - **Personal safety and looking after valuables:**

London is generally a safe place but as with a lot of big cities, you should always be alert. Some tips are: Be alert when you are walking alone at night. Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Do not leave your belongings unattended. In the UK, you do not need to always carry your identification card or passport with you, you can keep it at home and carry a picture of your ID on your phone or a photocopy in your bag.

## Health and safety

- **Medical insurance:** If you are studying in the UK for less than 6 months, you should take out private health insurance before coming to the UK.  
If you need to see a doctor, you may go to one of the walk-in centres. To find the walk-in centres nearby you visit: [clch.nhs.uk/services/walk-in-centres](http://clch.nhs.uk/services/walk-in-centres)
- **If you get sick:** If you get sick while in the UK you should visit a doctor. You can ask the Student Services team or your host family where the nearest doctor is. If you have a minor illness, you can ask staff at a local pharmacist for advice. Remember to bring any relevant insurance or medical documentation with you.

## Emergency services

- Call 999 in case of fire, a medical emergency or if you need the police.

## Medical costs

- Please note that everyone is entitled to free emergency medical treatment in the UK. However, if you are admitted to hospital, you may be charged if you are not entitled to free medical care (as described before).

## Laws

- Smoking is banned in all public buildings in Britain including bars, restaurants, shops, stations, cinemas, and all public transport. You can smoke on the street.
- No one under the age of 18 in the UK may buy or consume tobacco or alcohol, including beer and wine. If you are under 18, it's against the law for someone to sell you alcohol, to buy or try to buy alcohol, and for an adult to try to buy alcohol for you.
- For drivers, you must drive on the left hand side, observe all speed limits and signs, give way to emergency vehicles, obey all directions given by police, stop at red traffic lights, and must wear a seatbelt.
- Driving under the influence of alcohol is a very serious crime and police make regular random checks.
- You will need international ID to enter bars, clubs or pubs (e.g. Passport, ID card, driving license).
- Buying, selling and using drugs is illegal.

## Student code of conduct

- You must attend all classes. If you do not attend your classes your representative will be informed. If you do not then improve your attendance you may not be able to continue your course. 85% attendance is needed to be able to receive a certificate of completion.
- Be on time for all your lessons.
- Always tell English Path if you are going to be absent from school for any reason and tell your host family if you are going away overnight.
- If you commit a criminal offence or have to be severely disciplined you will be sent home. We will also inform the immigration authorities.
- Be respectful, polite and open to different cultures.

## Open bank account

- Main banks in the UK are HSBC, Barclays, Natwest, Nationwide and Santander. To open a bank account, the following documents may be needed:
  - Passport or EU ID
  - A valid visa
  - A school letter
- You can get the school letter from Student Services to take to the bank. For online banks, you may open your account online without the letter from us.

## Places of worship

### Baptist

Fast and Oldfield Free Church Baptist  
Malden Ave, Greenford  
UB6 0DJ Sudbury Hill

### Buddhist

West London Buddhist centre  
Royal Oak House, 45A Porchester Rd,  
London W2 5DP

### Church of England

Hallows Church  
72 Horsenden Ln N,  
Greenford UB6 0PD

### Hindu

Shri Vallabh Nidhi Mandir  
Ealing Rd, London,  
Wembley HA0 4TA

### Jewish

Wembley United Synagogue  
8-10 Forty Ave,  
Wembley HA9 8JW

### Methodist

Greenford Methodist Church  
Ruislip Rd, Greenford UB6 9QN

### Muslim

Bilal Masiid Mosque  
82 Horsenden Ln N,  
Greenford UB6 7QH

### Roman Catholic

Roman Catholic Church  
of Our Lady of the Visitation  
358 Greenford Rd, Greenford UB6 9AN

# Further Education Advice

## Exam courses

### • IELTS - English Path

The IELTS Preparation course is for students who want to take the IELTS Academic Exam. This course is designed to prepare students at Intermediate levels and above for the IELTS Exam. It aims to develop your English skills and improve your exam technique.

### • Cambridge Exam preparation

The Cambridge English exams are offered at the B2 First and C1 Advanced levels. They are internationally recognised qualifications which demonstrates your level of English to function at a high level in almost every English-speaking context, both professionally and academically.

### • Further study in the UK

If you are looking to attend university or study in the UK, you can ask the Student Services or Academic Team for advice. We are here to provide advice and options on further study or higher education. Our partner school GBS also offers a range of further and higher education courses.



# Study Tips

## Study skills

Study skills are how we can organise and improve our learning. For example, what do we do when we learn a new word? Do we make notes? How? It's very important that we are organised in the way we learn, so that we have much better chance of remembering the language and can use it correctly in the future. We would like to teach you some ways to keep learning and improving your English skills. If you practice these Study Skills, it will help you to continue your English language learning wherever you are.

### Using a dictionary

Dictionaries are a useful resource for researching different meanings, collocations, examples of use and standard pronunciation. Use a mono-lingual dictionary and focus on understanding the meaning rather than the translation of individual words. Translating individual words can often lead to misunderstandings. A great big paper mono-lingual dictionary is best but Cambridge, for example, has an advanced learners' dictionary at [www.dictionary.cambridge.org](http://www.dictionary.cambridge.org), which is easy to use and provides examples of word use.

### Learning vocabulary

When you record vocabulary, you should also include longer phrases like phrasal verbs (e.g. get away with), multi-word expressions (e.g. How's it going?), idioms (e.g. raining cats and dogs), and collocations (e.g. take a chance). Please see the language bank, irregular verbs and phonemic chart in appendix 1 and 2.

### Tracking your progress

As well as placement, weekly and monthly testing, there will be a group study skills session every four weeks where your teacher will give feedback to the class and tips about how to improve in the areas you need help with.

#### • Useful links:

[bbclearningenglish.com](http://bbclearningenglish.com)  
[englishclub.com](http://englishclub.com)  
[lyricstraining.com](http://lyricstraining.com)  
[ted.com](http://ted.com)  
[voscreen.com](http://voscreen.com)

## Learning resources

### Listening - What to listen to?

Try to listen to as many different types of spoken English as possible, to improve your listening. You can find lots on the internet:

- Music and songs
- TV shows, the news and films
- Speeches and interviews
- Audiobooks

### Writing - What to write?

Getting the new language you've learnt on paper can really help to consolidate your learning. Think about the language you've learnt that week and try the following:

- Write an email to a friend/teacher
- Write a diary/journal
- Write a shopping list

### Reading - What to read?

There's so much you can read to practice your skills; it doesn't have to be a book. You can read signs, newspapers, or even the back of food packets!

- Find an interesting article online?
- Choose a book you've read in your own language and get reading!

Find an e-book and read it on your daily commute. This site has lots of free ones: [gutenberg.org](http://gutenberg.org)

### Library and study area

We have a bright and welcoming Library and Study Centre available for students, which provides a fantastic opportunity to help you get more out of your studies.

There are open study areas for group work and quiet areas for focused self-study, as well as bookable study rooms. There are also a range of books and computers available for you to use and a Library Assistant will be available to help you find anything you need.





# London Airport Transport

## Heathrow Airport

Mode	Line or number	Cost	Duration (to the centre)
Coach	National Express – 025	£10-18	60 minutes (to Victoria coach station)
Airport train	Heathrow Express	£25	18-25 minutes (to Paddington station)
Underground	Elizabeth line	£14	30-40 minutes (to Paddington station)
Underground	Piccadilly line	£5.60	50-55 minutes (to Piccadilly Circus station)

## Gatwick Airport

Mode	Line or number	Cost	Duration (to city the centre)
Coach	National Express – 025	£10-14	120-145 minutes (to Victoria coach station)
National rail	Southern Rail	£9.50	30-40 minutes (to London Bridge station)
National rail	Thameslink	£9.50	45-50 minutes (to Farringdon station)
Airport train line	Gatwick Express	£22	45-50 minutes (to Victoria train station)

## Luton Airport

Mode	Line or number	Cost	Duration (to the city centre)
Coach	National Express – A31	£12-15	95-105 minutes
Airport train	Luton Express	£22	30-45 minutes

## Stansted Airport

Mode	Line or number	Cost	Duration (to the city centre)
Coach	National Express – A7	£15-19	105 minutes (to Victoria coach station)
Airport train	Stansted Express	£22	50 minutes (to Liverpool Street station)

- If you choose to book an airport transfer, your flight details should be sent to us 4 weeks in advance to ensure we will be able to provide you an airport transfer.
- A driver will meet you after you come through the customs area and drive you to your accommodation.

\*Students under 18 years old must book homestay breakfast and dinner & return airport transfers.



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