

Student Handbook

London 2026-27

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Welcome to English Path.

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

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5 Reasons to choose this city

1
The most multicultural city in Europe

2
Countless cuisines are available across the city

3
Home to the oldest and amongst the most efficient transport system in the world

4
Rich with historical landmarks and attractions

5
Vibrant nightlife (Bars, Pubs, Music venues)



About London

London is one of the world's most exciting cities, offering international students an unforgettable study experience. From iconic landmarks and world-class museums to diverse food markets and beautiful parks, there is always something new to explore. Our modern English Path campus in Stratford provides a safe and welcoming base, with excellent local facilities and a bright, contemporary learning environment. With London's fantastic transport links on our doorstep, Central London is just 15 minutes away by train. Experience the best of London while you study with us.

One of the world's greatest cities

- The capital of the United Kingdom and a leading global city.
- A major center for business, education, culture, and fashion.
- One of the world's most multicultural cities.
- A top destination for international students.
- A great mix of historic landmarks and contemporary must go-to places

Top reasons to choose London

- Global hub – career and networking opportunities.
- Cultural capital – museums, theaters, and events.
- Rich history – iconic heritage and landmarks.
- World cuisine – food from around the globe.
- Great transport – easy to get around.
- Green spaces – parks across the city.
- Shopping – from high-end to local markets.

Famous landmarks in London

Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Tower of London, London Eye, Tower Bridge, St Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, The Shard.

Transport in London

Transport (within a 10-minute walk) includes Stratford Station, Stratford High Street DLR, Stratford International DLR, and several bus routes.

About Stratford – your local area

- Located in East London, within the borough of Newham.
- A fast-growing, modern district transformed after the 2012 Olympics.
- Home to Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and London Stadium.
- One of London's best-connected areas with access to Underground, DLR, Overground, and National Railway.
- Popular for shopping, given its proximity to Westfield, accessible from Stratford station.
- A vibrant student-friendly area with restaurants, cafes, and entertainment options.

What makes London unique?

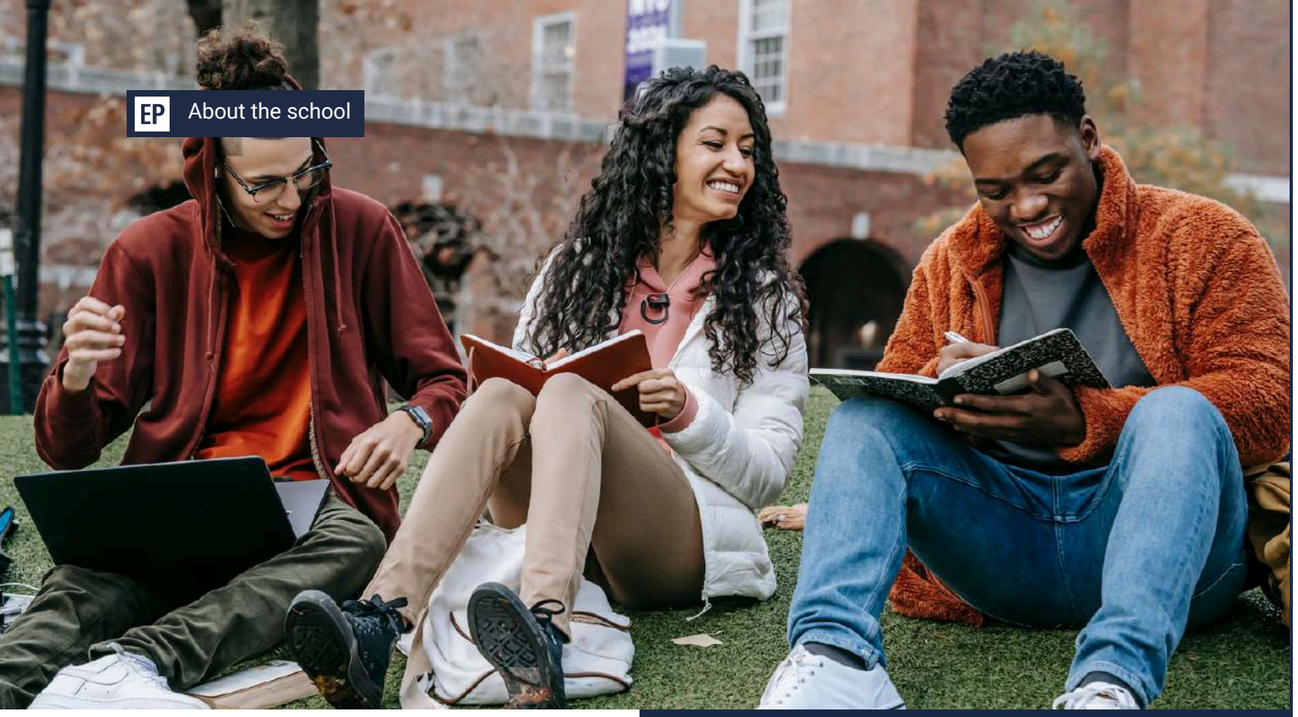
- London is a city of endless possibility and endless charm, where history meets innovation.
- One of the most multicultural cities in the world.
- A city that has always offered endless opportunities for education, career growth and cultural enrichment.

Things to do nearby

Shoreditch and Camden Market, Sky Garden (free with booking), Museum of London, The Barbican Estate, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and V&A East Storehouse.

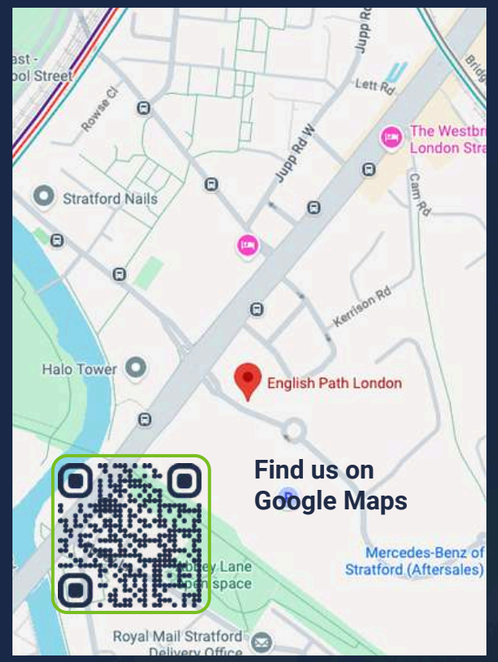
Restaurants in London

Restaurants within 20 minutes offer a wide range of international cuisine, mostly at Westfield Stratford City.



Why choose to study in our London school?

- Located in a beautiful, former yoga centre in East London
- Interesting & varied course offering
- Minutes from East London's major transport point (Startford underground, overground, DLR and bus stations)
- Social programme with weekend trips to Brighton, Oxford, Cambridge and more (peak summer season)
- Experienced Customer Experience & Academic Team.
- Close to the centre of London.
- A range of nearby eateries and supermarkets.



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Services & Facilities

Buildings: 1
Floors: 2
Total number of classrooms: 5
Student capacity: 150

School facilities:
Student lounge finished with sofas and television, student kitchenette (free coffee & tea, kettles, microwaves, sink, self-study area, Wi-Fi (Free), accessibility platforms, street parking, modern & spacious classrooms with smart TVs, AC/Heating, student wellbeing room, Multi-faith room (6 minutes walking, GBS Cam Road & Gedu House).

Other services provided:
Social activity programme, student welfare, accommodation, travel advice, London transport and city information, airport transfers, alumni and higher education referral schemes.

Levels of English offered: All levels

Reception: The friendly student services staff can direct you to the EP offices and classrooms. A Student Services Officer and a Director of Studies will always be present to answer any questions you may have.

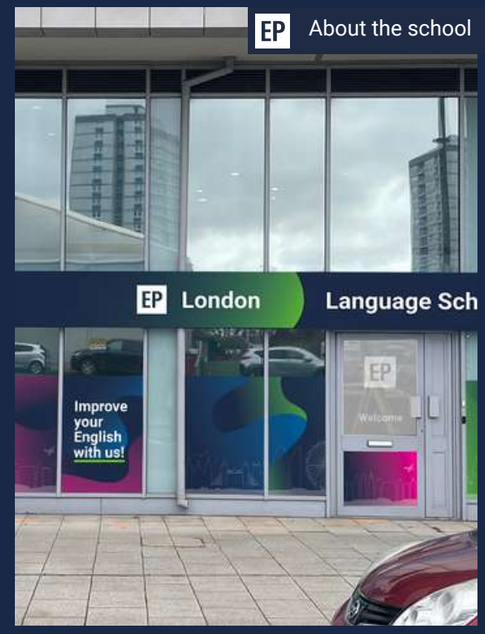
Meet the team →

School holidays & London public holidays

The school will be closed on Christmas week (unless Christmas Day & Boxing Day take place on the weekend). New Year's Day is also a public holiday; schools will also be closed on this day. Please make sure to book your course/ accommodation accordingly. Course days that fall on a public holiday are not reimbursed.

Public holidays will be:	2026: 25 - 31 Dec. 2027: 01 Jan, 26 Mar, 29 Mar, 03 May, 31 May, 30 Aug, 27 - 31 Dec.

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



Close to your school

Our centrally located school is walking distance to:

Cafés and restaurants	2-5 minutes
Stratford Royal Theatre	9 minutes
Supermarket	3-5 minutes
Bank	3-5 minutes
Post office	5-8 minutes
ATM	3-5 minutes
Gym	3-5 minutes
Bus stop	2-3 minutes
Olympic Park	11 minutes
Aquatics Centre	17 minutes
London stadium	13 minutes
Train station	5-8 minutes

Need help? Not satisfied? Have a problem?

At EPwe believethat 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

- Arrive at 8:45. Induction starts at 09:00 for classic morning, semi-intensive morning & super-intensive students and 11:30 for classic afternoon & semi-intensive afternoon students.
- This includes a placement test, induction presentations about the school and academic programmes and the distribution of class timetables.
- A tour of the local area and school.
- Welcome coffee after induction and placement tests.
- Classes begin at: 09:00 (classic morning, semi-intensive morning & super-intensive), 12:30 (semi-intensive afternoon) and 13:45 (classic afternoon).
- On their first day, students are expected to bring their passport + visa documentation.
- Induction includes a writing test, an induction presentation about school and London, a speaking test, passport scans, picture for student ID cards.
- Must complete the emergency contact details & publicity consent form during induction.

Your weekly class timetable

	Hours pw	What	Lesson Times
Classic Morning	15	**General English**	09:00 - 12:15
Semi-intensive Morning	22	**Classic Morning + Skill + speaking skills Tue and Wed**	09:00 - 13:30
Classic Afternoon	15	**General English**	13:45 - 17:00
Semi-intensive Afternoon	20	**Classic Afternoon + Skill**	12:30 - 17:00
Super-intensive	20	**Classic Morning + Classic Afternoon**	09:00 - 17:00
Digital Marketing	15	**Professional Certificates**	09:00 - 12:15
English for Academic Purposes	15	**EAP + IELTS 6.0 & 6.5**	09:00 - 13:30
One-to-one	**Custom topic & lesson times, based on student interest. Subject to availability**		



Extracurricular activities

- Daily activities (afternoons and/or evenings)
- Monthly course tutorials
- Monthly skills test
- Weekly unit test
- Masterclass Programme (seasonal 12-week programme)
- Conversation clubs (weekly)

Important Information

Beginner classes operate on a rolling-enrolment basis, so you may join a class that has already started. It's normal to need 1–2 weeks to settle in and become familiar with the class and previously covered language.
Our courses also follow a book cycle, with new coursebooks introduced at set points throughout the year. During the transition period between books, students may use photocopied materials until the new coursebook begins.

Skills classes

English Path offers three skills courses that let you develop your language for social, academic, and career contexts. They are an optional extra hour added to your General English lessons, included in Semi-Intensive, and are one of the best ways to get more from your time with EP.
At A1-B1, everyone taking the extra Skills hour joins Communication Workshop, practical speaking, everyday vocabulary, and the confidence to manage daily life.
At B1+ to C1, you choose your direction: Academic Skills covers English for Academic Purposes, critical thinking and exam preparation, including IELTS, for students heading to university. Career Skills covers business English, professional communication and employability, for students building their career.
Both paths run at every EP campus, year-round.

Your skill options are based on your language level:

A1 - B1	B1+ – C1	
Communication Workshop Practical speaking, vocabulary and confidence for daily life.	**Academic Skills** Everything you need to prepare for university or academic English tests.	**Career Skills** Boost your employability and business English skills.

Teaching methodology

At English Path we build every course around five things:

- Real-world outcomes and future-ready skills: English for real life, not just the textbook.
- Adaptive teaching: teachers respond to what you and your class need.
- Iterative learning: you produce, get feedback, and refine, every week.
- Purposeful use of technology: digital coursebooks and presentation materials support your learning.
- Study clinics: free one-to-one support, help booking Cambridge and IELTS exams, and regular masterclasses.

All EP teachers are trained in this approach from day one, for a consistent experience across every EP location.

Take a look at our graduation ceremony

School material

Books: Empower (Cambridge) Language Hub (Macmilan), Speakout (Pearson)

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

Students

Maximum number of students per class:	15
Average number of students per class:	11
Minimum age of students:	16
Average age of students:	25

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

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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 try to meet the highest standards.

Please make sure you check with your representative, as all accommodation options are based on availability and processed once the invoice has been fully paid.

Which 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
👍	Full immersion into British culture & customs. Host on the spot assistance for queries. Towels, kitchen facilities, family environment and more provided. Budget-friendly.	Easy access to good facilities and nearby amenities. 24h assistance.
👎	Host family rules apply. It can be up to 60mins travelling time.	Noise levels might be high. Facilities may be shared with other students. More expensive than other solutions.

Booking student accommodation in 3 simple steps

Step 1

You can indicate your preferred type of accommodation (homestay 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.

Please note: if you arrive at a residence or homestay between 22.00–08.00 you may be asked to book alternative accommodation in a hotel on the first night due to late/early arrival at the accommodation.
We work with both directly recruited homestay hosts and carefully selected, accredited third-party accommodation providers.

- Direct agreements: Many of our homestay hosts work directly with us under our supervision. We visit, approve, and monitor them regularly to ensure they meet accreditation standards. We also work directly with some residence providers.
- Accommodation agency partnerships: We also use trusted third-party agencies to arrange accommodation. These agencies are required to meet the same quality and safeguarding standards.
- Whether your accommodation is organised directly by us or through an agency, you will benefit from the same high standards of care, support, and monitoring.



Homestay

Half board homestay	2 meals per day (breakfast and dinner). 14 meals per week (Monday through Sunday).
Bed and breakfast*	1 meal per day (breakfast) from Monday to Sunday. 7 meals per week. Students have restricted use of the kitchen, microwaves and kettles to prepare their evening meals.

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

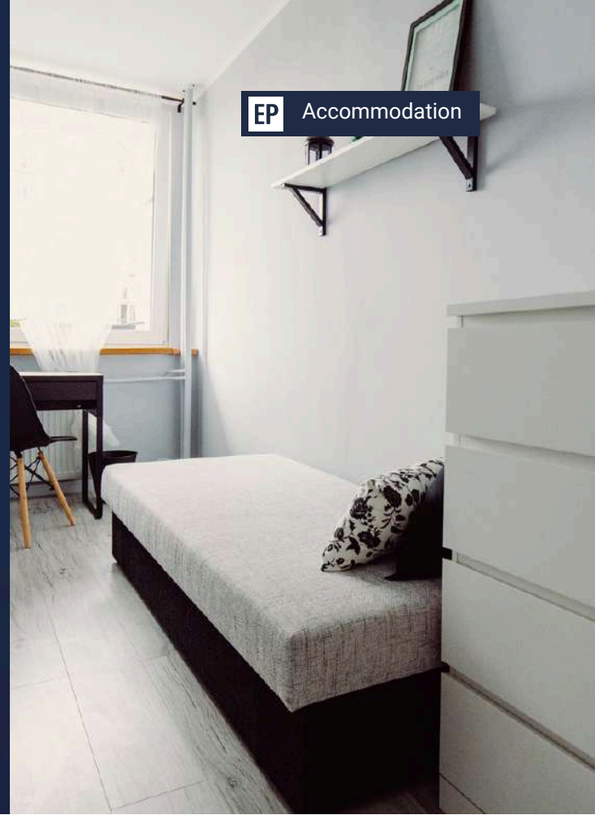
Studio Residence

Set within a vibrant and welcoming community, this residence offers a blend of comfort, convenience, and modern living. Designed with students and young professionals in mind, it features contemporary interiors and thoughtfully crafted spaces, with amenities that cater to both study and relaxation.

Features and Facilities:

- Private studios
- Private bathroom in every room
- Furnished apartments
- Laundry facility on site (services not included in price)
- Shared kitchen facilities
- Wi-Fi included
- Utilities included

Travel time to EP London: between 20 and 55 minutes



Things students need to bring

Toiletries, small personal items to make the room feel like home, prescription medications (if any) and a small gift for the host family (not required but appreciated)

Meals provided

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

Breakfast: Breakfast is usually a light meal consisting of cereal, fruit, toast, juice, or coffee. Hosts might prepare it for you or let you to prepare your own.

Dinner: You will usually eat dinner with your host, but it could occasionally be that you are asked to prepare your own meal with food supplied by your host.

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.

Services included

Bed linen, towels, use of the telephone for emergencies.
Laundry to be discussed with their host family after arrival, as laundry facilities will depend on your individual homestay.

Transport to school

Your host and we 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 35 - 75 minutes of the city centre in different areas of the city, prefferebly in the East or North-East sides of London.

About the residence

Accommodation types: Studio

Bedrooms: The bedroom contains the following: bed, pillow, bedding, chair, desk, window, and wardrobe.

Bed size: Small double bed with under- bed storage. Single beds also available.

Bathroom: Private (en-suite in all rooms).

Kitchen: Studios include a small kitchenette area. The in-unit kitchen contains the following: fridge, freezer, stove, oven, cutlery, plates, pans, and microwave. Kitchen packs can be provided subject to availability (cutlery, plates, and cooking equipment).

Facilities: On-site gym, cinema room, games room, social spaces, lounge areas, study rooms, and laundry facilities.

Minimum weeks requests: 2 weeks minimum stay.

Reception/security desk: 24/7 on-site team, including reception and security staff.

Extra cost facilities: Laundry room on site: washing machine and drying (extra charge £5– £10 depending on usage). Prices might vary

Beddings/towels: Towels are not provided by the residence.

Check-in/check-out: Saturday check-in from 3 pm / check-out 10 am.

Neighbourhood: Located in a vibrant, student-friendly area of Southeast London. Within walking distance of local shops, supermarkets, cafés, and restaurants, with parks, markets, and riverside areas nearby. Public transport links are easily accessible.

Visitors/guests: Yes, students are allowed visitors. All overnight guests should only stay in the rooms of their host and for no more than 3 nights within a 7-day period. Guests should sign in at reception and respect the rules of the residence.

Noise: Residents are required to respect other residents and maintain noise levels that do not disturb others. Quiet hours are from 11 pm to 7 am.

Smoking: No smoking allowed anywhere in the residence.

Cleaning service: Light cleaning service once a week in the common areas only. Students are responsible for keeping their rooms clean. Change of bedding is not included. Students must also maintain cleanliness in the kitchen by washing dishes, pans, and cutlery after use. Additional cleaning services can be booked at an extra cost.

Accommodation location: Good transport connections to central London via nearby train and DLR stations.

PLEASE NOTE

- There is no air conditioning in the rooms.
- As this is a city-centre location, the residence may be noisy at times.
- Self-catering accommodation includes access to fully equipped kitchen facilities. Food, cleaning products, laundry detergent and hair driers and other household consumables are not included and must be purchased by students.



EP Accommodation

En-suite Residence

Set in an iconic location close to the centre of London, this residence sits beside a major shopping and dining destination with everything a student could need close by. Excellent transport links provide quick access to central London.

Features and Facilities

- Single en-suite rooms
- All rooms include a bed, a desk, and a wardrobe

Travel time to EP London: between 20 and 55 minutes

About the residence

Accommodation types: Single en-suite rooms.

Bedrooms: The bedrooms contain the following: en-suite with shower, free Wi-Fi, desk, and chair.

Bathroom: Private.

Kitchen: The kitchen is shared with the other students and is equipped with: an oven, fridges, hobs, toasters, kettles, a microwave, and relevant kitchen packs with glassware and silverware.

Facilities: Bike storage, laundry, vending machine, recycling, gym, social and study rooms, and outdoor social space.

Reception/security desk: 24/7 on-site team, both reception and security staff.

Extra costs: Laundry (extra charge £5– £10 depending on usage). Prices might vary

Neighbourhood: Located beside a major retail and dining district with a wide range of shops and restaurants, plus easy access to a large park.

Visitors/guests: Visitors are allowed until 10 pm.

Noise: Residents are required to respect all other residents and maintain a level of noise that does not disturb others. Quiet hours are 11 pm – 7 am.

Smoking: No smoking inside except on the common terrace or outside.

Towels: Towles are not provided.

Minimum stay: 2 week minimum stay. No deposit required.

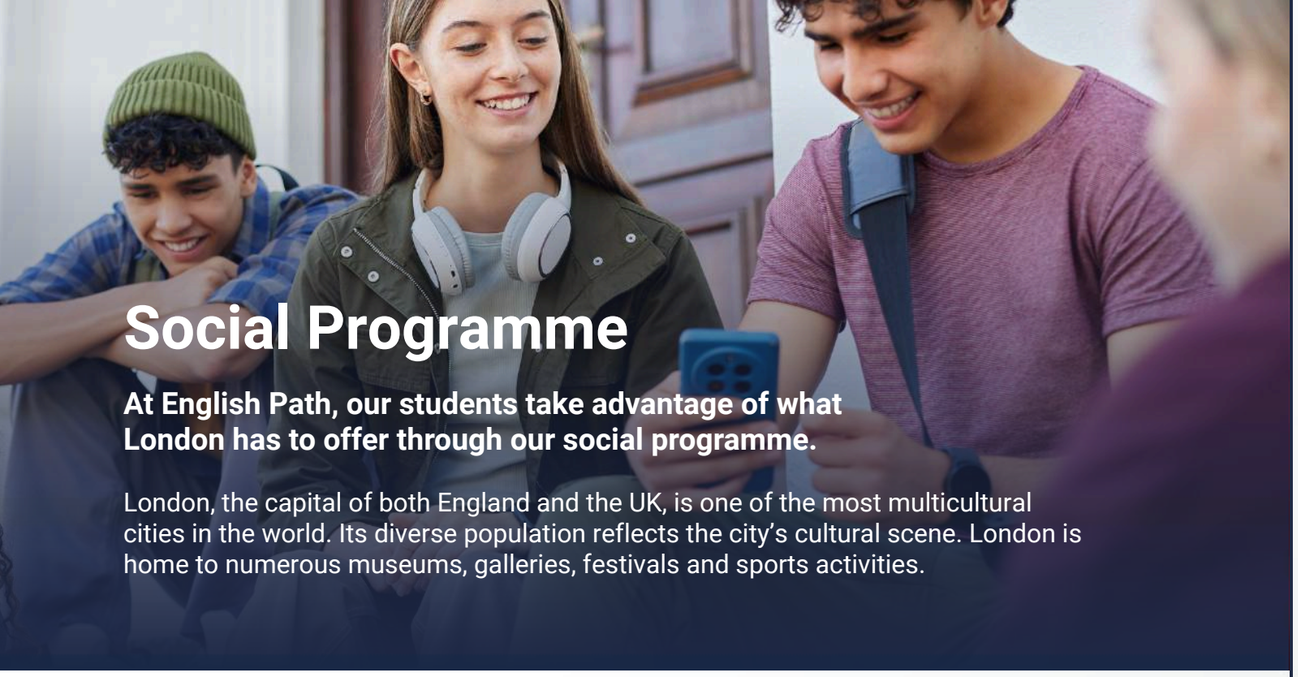
Check-in/check-out: Check-in from 4 pm / check-out 9 am.

Accommodation location: A mainline and underground station is within walking distance, giving quick access to central. London in around 10–15 minutes.

PLEASE NOTE

- There is no air conditioning in the rooms.
- As this is a city-centre location, the residence may be noisy at times.
- Self-catering accommodation includes access to fully equipped kitchen facilities. Food, cleaning products, laundry detergent and hair driers and other household consumables are not included and must be purchased by students.





Social Programme

At English Path, our students take advantage of what London has to offer through our social programme.

London, the capital of both England and the UK, 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.

Example timetable

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Conversation Club	Spitalfields Market & Brick Lane visit	London Language Exchange event, Holborn	London Docklands Museum	Dinners and/ or pub night	Daytrip to nearby city: Oxford, Cambridge, Bath, Canterbury, Brighton

Check our live social programmes here

Example of social activities

- weekday dinner: £20-30 per person
- Borough Market: free entry, £7-13 for food
- Greenwich Peninsula golf: £15 per person
- Canary Wharf outdoor Cinema (summer): free
- O2 Arena bowling: £8-12 per person
- London walking tour (one of the following Westminster, London Bridge, Camden Town): free (not including food)
- River Thames boat tour: £14 Per person
- (On-campus) conversation club, painting or creating writing workshops: free

Example of nearby cities to visit

- **Oxford**

Travel time: 1 hour
Price of return ticket: £14.50



- **Brighton**

Travel time: 1.5 hour
Price of return ticket: £17



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 (depending on the season you come to London)
- Adaptor for electrical appliances
- Prescription medication and medical records Emergency information
- Toiletries
- Notebook and pen
- Backpack for classes, social programmes,
- Reusable water bottle

Before you leave your country

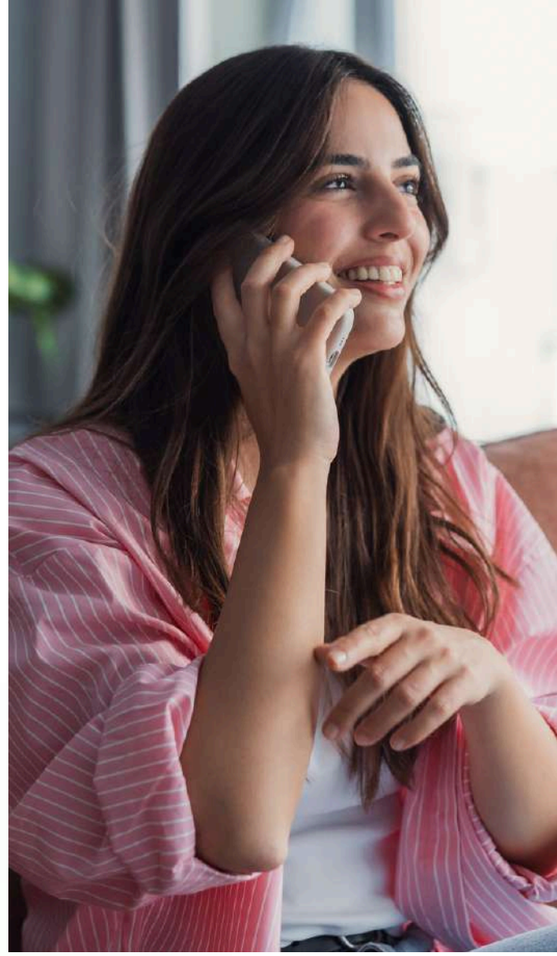
Here are some important things you need to know to make your arrival as smooth as possible. Use our checklist to ensure you don't forget anything and are prepared for the exciting times ahead.

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 dresscasually 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 the WhatsApp school chat 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).

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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

Students can fly into any London airports. We request that you book your flights according to the start date.
You should 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 the emergency number+44 7494 002815 . Please be prepared to tell them your name, school name (English Path) and location. Students should only accept a transfer from an official greeter with the official English Path signage or confirmation number.

Transfer service emergency number:

+ 44 749 400 2815

Independent transfers

Students should arrive at Heathrow, Stanstead, Gatwick or Luton Airport. We request that you book your flights according to the start date. 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.

Living costs

(Sample prices for items in this city)

Bottle of water:	£1.50
Coffee:	£3- 5.99
Can of coke:	£1- 2
Meal out for two:	£50.99
Takeaway pizza:	£10-17
Sandwich:	£6
Local bus ticket:	£1.75
London underground ticket: (single journey)	£2-5
Bike rental: Santander	£2 for 30 mins
Cinema ticket:	£16- 20

Local Customs

The core British values are democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, tolerance of different faiths and beliefs, and participation in community life.

Everyone holds the same rights, therefore people treat one another with dignity and respect. British people are very empathetic, often considering the feelings of others.

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 are not likely to leave a tip for good service in restaurants, hair salons and other places.
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).

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.

EP offers free student insurance but it covers the basic medical treatment only. For more information visit www. englishpath.com studentinsurance 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

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.

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.

Emergency services

Call999in case offire, amedicalemergency or if you need the police.

Medical costs

Please note thateveryone 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.
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 are expected to attend all classes. If you do not, your representative will be informed. An attendance of 85% is needed to be able to receive a certificate of completion. If you struggle with attendance, we will reach out to help, but continued absences may affect your enrollment and visa status.

Be on time for all your lessons and please let us know if you are running late.

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.

Serious misconduct or illegal behavior will not be tolerated and will result in expulsion from the school and reporting to immigration authorities.

Be respectful, polite and open to different cultures.

Open bank account

Main banks in the UKare 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 school letter from us.

Places of worship

Baptist
Poplar Baptist Church
2 Zetland St, London E14 6RB

Buddhist
Kagyu Samye Dzong London Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Centre 15 Spa Rd, London SE16 3SA

Church of England
All Saints Church
Newby Pl, London E14 0EY

Hindu
Hindu Pragati Sangha
33 Rhondda Grove, London E3 5AP

Jewish
East London Central Synagogue 44 Nelson St, London E1 2DE

Methodist
Keir Hardie Methodist Church
14 Plymouth Rd, London E16 1PA

Muslim
Poplar Mosque & Community Centre 6 Webber Path, London E14 0FZ

Roman Catholic
St Mary's & St Joseph's Catholic Church 9 Pekin St, London E14 6EZ

Study tips

Study skills

Study skills are an example of how we can organise and improve learning. Think about the following: 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 skills, it might help you to continue your journey into the English language learning process wherever you are.

Using a dictionary
Dictionaries are a useful resource for researching different meanings, collocations, examples of use and standard pronounciation. 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, 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
- englishclub.com
- lyricstraining.com
- ted.com
- 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

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 areasfor focused self-study. 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

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.

Heathrow Airport

Mode	Line or Number	Cost	Duration
Underground	ToronEtlioz aPbeeatrhs olinne	£12 - £15	45-50 minutes (to Stratford station)
Underground	Piccadilly line	£5.60 - £6.70	70-90 minutes (to Stratford station)

Gatwick Airport

Mode	Line or Number	Cost	Duration
National Rail	Thameslink	£10 - £18	45-50 minutes (to Stratford station)
Airport train line	Gatwick Express	£15 - £25	75-90 minutes (to Stratford station)

London City Airport

Mode	Line or Number	Cost	Duration
Airport train	Docklands Light Railway	£3 - £4	15-20 minutes

Stansted Airport

Mode	Line or Number	Cost	Duration
Coach	National Express	£10 - £15	60-90 minutes (to Stratford coach station)
Airport train	Stansted Express	£22	45-60 minutes (to Stratford station)

If you choose to book an airport transfer, please, your flight details should be sent to us 4 weeks in advance to reassure 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 lunch & return airport transfers.



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