

## **THE HOMESTAY PROGRAMME**

In this immersion programme visitors share the day-to-day activities of the host family. Pocket money is essential to cover entrance fees, for instance to disco's, cinemas and museums, for sports such as swimming, tennis or riding, to pay for long-distance telephone calls or to buy ice-creams, sweets or souvenirs. We recommend at least £60 per week. Host families are not obliged to cover the cost of incidentals such as these.

The English parents accept responsibility for welfare and Homestay South West is always available for advice and help if needed by either the host or guest, 24 hours a day.

Our families understand that the main reason for the visit is to improve knowledge and use of English, by being immersed in an English-speaking environment and not using the student's mother tongue.

This programme can be very intensive for a young student as we cannot always guarantee children in the host family. Many families like to entertain more than one visitor, and we often place a student from France or Germany, for example, with a Spanish or Italian student so encouraging students to feel at ease when using English to communicate. Most of our families live in the West Country, an area favoured by British holidaymakers because of the mild climate, the lovely beaches, and the National Parks. Many live on farms and can provide an insight into a very special way of life.

**The majority of host families live in rural locations and students must be fully made aware of this.**

Not all students are suitable for a Homestay visit as sometimes they expect a full timetable of activities and daytrips. If this is what the students are expecting, then we recommend a programme at Channel School or Barnstaple School of English.

Homestay families are not expected to provide a tailor-made programme of activities. Students will experience normal daily family activities from shopping trips, beach visits, barbecues with friends, to quiet family time relaxing in front of a film.

We would like to think that parents' expectations do not exceed reality when organising a trip to England for their children. Staying with an English family is both a personal and educational/developmental experience.

- 1) It is a personal experience because English houses and families are not the same as in other countries. This will teach the student to grow up or appreciate different things than they are used to.
- 2) It is an educational/developmental experience because it helps them to learn another language and understand another way of life, which is part of being in a different culture.

<b>GROSS PRICES</b> (including a deposit of £150)	1 week	2 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks
Homestay Programme	£446	£852	£1258	£1664

**DATES 2017: Subject to availability**



## **THE STAY WITH AN ENGLISH TEACHER PROGRAMME**

This programme extends the Homestay philosophy to include one-to-one tuition. Each host family is specialised in TEFL and therefore, students will improve dramatically during their stay. Students will not only receive 1to1 lessons individually designed for their needs, but they will benefit greatly from sharing their spare time and interacting on a social basis with their host family.

The teacher carries out a needs analysis at the start of the visit to ascertain the type of work required. The programme is ideal for adults requiring specific English combined with social English. Students who have missed school or fallen behind with coursework or students requiring very intensive courses will also find this course highly suitable.

Because students live as a family member, the host teacher is constantly aware of the areas of language that need attention and can build on these during scheduled lesson time. Study hours of 10, 15 or 20 per week are available but more intensive stays may also be possible on request. The obvious flexibility of this scheme gives students the opportunity to learn in a way that is most suited to them.

For students, lesson time is highly structured and a full report on progress and attitude is sent to parents after the visit.

This programme has been designed to provide interested students with the opportunity to make rapid progress in English. If time is limited or only periods outside our school courses are available for a visit to England, then this is the perfect programme.

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GROSS PRICES (including a deposit of £150)	Tuition hrs/wk	1 week	2 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks
Stay with an English Teacher	10	£743	£1446	£2149	£2852
Stay with an English Teacher	15	£875	£1711	£2546	£3381
Stay with an English Teacher	20	£1020	£1993	£2970	£3947

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## **MAINSTREAM ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES**

We utilise 2 secondary schools in our local area; Pilton Academy (Barnstaple) and Ilfracombe Academy (Ilfracombe). the programme is suitable for students aged 12 – 16 years of age. Students aged 16-18 will need to apply for the 6<sup>th</sup> form college @ Ilfracombe Academy or Petroc College in Barnstaple. We do not cater this programme for under 12's and the programme is strictly subject to availability of places at the schools.

There is no transport provided for any of the schools, if the students attend Pilton or Petroc there is a regular bus service that all students use and if they are in attendance at Ilfracombe, all areas are walk-able. Those students using the public bus service will need to purchase a bus pass. A weekly bus pass can be purchased for approximately 13 GBP, or per month for 44 GBP. We can also assist with this process.

Included in the prices:

- Full accommodation and meals with the family
- Canteen lunches @ Pilton
- Packed lunch @ Ilfracombe
- All tuition on site at the chosen school
- Full welfare support from English School staff 24 hours a day.

The prices do not include:

- Flights
- Airport transfers (I attach our price list with airport transfers, please note that the Heathrow only runs in the summer).
- School uniforms (we can assist with the arrangements)
- Public bus fair to and from school (if it is needed, monthly bus pass 44.00 GBP, weekly pass 13GBP)
- Extra curricular activities either provide by the school or as a personal choice out of school
- Spending money
- Pens & pencils etc / note book
- Sundry personal items
- Extra 1-1 tuition if needed

All students are required to wear the school uniform. A copy of the school uniform list and policies can be found on the school websites.

Students will require:

White school shirt, with buttoned collar suitable to wear with a school tie. No embellishments or patterns on the shirt.

Black or dark grey school skirt or trousers. Skirts must not be any shorter than 1 inch above the knee and black leggings or jeans are not permitted in place of trousers. Black tights can be worn with skirts.

Black, plain shoes suitable for school. Trainers with coloured logos and heeled shoes are not permitted. Suitable sports wear and trainers for P.E. All these items are to be purchased by student's parents.

We can assist with the loan of a school blazer and school tie, however, if you wish to purchase either a blazer or tie as a keepsake we can also arrange this prior to a student's arrival with your instruction. A member of our staff will be at the school reception to welcome on the first day.

This is a 'Complete Immersion' programme, and all students participating must be aware that they will be immersing themselves into an English family's life and lifestyle. When students are not at school attending lessons, they will be home or spending time with new found friends. Host families are not expected to create a full programme of activities or constantly entertain their students.

When we receive a student enrolment we try to place a 'good match' so all relevant information is required. We also try and place students in families with children attending the same schools and of similar ages, wherever possible but cannot guarantee this. Sometimes students are placed with families that have children in attendance at a different school. Some host families may have students of different nationality but we cannot guarantee this either.

Students can opt for a single room of their own wherever possible; if this is the case there would be a 'single room supplement' to be paid. There would also be a choice of sharing the bedroom with a child of similar age from the host family or if they wish to stay with a friend in the same host family, we can also provide the accommodation for this.

For students staying as a long term student, eg. full academic year, we would stipulate from the beginning that if either host family are not happy or there is a change in circumstances, or if the student is not happy that there would be a change of host family made. We cannot guarantee that a host family or student would always 'get on'.

Mainstream Academic Programme	Accommodation	Meals	Per week
Ifracombe Academy (minimum stay 3 weeks)	Homestay	Full board with packed lunches during weekdays  *optional canteen lunches *	£376
Pilton School in Barnstaple (minimum stay 3 weeks)	Homestay	Full board with packed lunches during weekdays  *optional canteen lunches *	£402

**\*Optional canteen Lunches\***

If you wish to buy a hot lunch at the school please allow an extra £4.00 per day (£20 per week). This is to be paid by the student directly to the Secondary School of choice on arrival of the first morning's registration. If you choose this option we will deduct the cost from the weekly programme price.

**Classes are normally from 8.50am to 3.35pm Monday to Friday. Prices do not include after school activities or clubs.**

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