

# Student Services



At English in Chester we provide an excellent accommodation/welfare service and look after you from the time of arrival in this country. We also provide many opportunities for an exciting, interesting and active social life.

## HOMESTAY ACCOMMODATION



Over 85% of our students have homestay accommodation, which we recommend. It is the best way to meet people, practise your English and discover more about our culture. There are some very special points about living in our region:

- The people are famous for their hospitality and have time to talk to you
- The standard of our homestay accommodation is excellent. We are the only year-round British Council accredited school in Chester and set high standards for our hosts
- The cost of living is a little lower than in the south of England

*"We have been hosting students for 20 years and the experience has been invaluable for our family. We hope they arrive as guests and leave as friends."*

*Ian & Jane, one of our homestays*



We offer homestays with shared or private bathrooms. The majority of our homestays provide shared bathrooms, but a few have private bathrooms. We are very proud of our successful record in accommodating students and of the very positive feedback we get from our students.

Our homestays provide half board with breakfast and dinner. Some will also provide accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis. We really recommend half board for more interaction with the family and more opportunity to practise your English and learn about British culture and customs. It is also a cost-effective option.

*"We (my hosts and I) consider each other family. They helped me to improve my English skills as well as introduced me to British culture. If you want to experience real British life I recommend living in a homestay!"*

*Mingi, South Korea*

Please note:

- Our adult students normally request single rooms. Shared rooms are only available for students at the school who request to stay together. Students on the Summer Course for Teenagers will be allocated either a shared or a single room.
- Students arrive at their homestay on the Sunday before their course commences and leave on the Saturday at the end of their course.



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### SELF-CATERING ACCOMMODATION: WATERSIDE COURT

**Waterside Court** is a modern student residence, located just a short walk (6 minutes) from English in Chester and the city centre. Accommodation comprises individual en-suite bedrooms with shared living, kitchen and laundry areas. There is high speed broadband WiFi throughout the building. There is a sophisticated access control system ensuring security at all times.

Waterside Court is a University of Chester residence and is available year-round for students aged 18 and over staying for a minimum of 2 weeks. Students arrive on a Sunday and depart on a Saturday. A refundable deposit is payable per room.

If Waterside Court is full, other residential self-catering options may be available in central Chester. Please contact the school for more details.



### HOTEL / GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATION

We recommend several hotels, guest houses and aparthotels in Chester. Our partner hotels are:

- **Express by Holiday Inn (Chester Racecourse)** - a modern hotel very conveniently located near the school
- **Macdonald New Blossoms Hotel** - a comfortable, traditional 4-star hotel in the city centre

### STUDENT PASTORAL SUPPORT AND SAFEGUARDING FOR UNDER 18s

Student welfare is really important for us and the school offers support to all our students. We accept students under the age of 18 on some courses and are responsible for their safety during their stay with us. For detailed information please see our website.

### AIRPORT TRANSFERS

English in Chester arranges transfers from our local airports (Manchester or Liverpool). The journey time is approximately 40 minutes.

### Meet & Greet Service for under 16s

There is a compulsory Meet & Greet Service for all unaccompanied individual students under 16 who are not being met by family or friends. Students are met and transferred from Manchester or Liverpool Airport to the homestay and back to the airport at the end of the course. A named driver will escort the student at all times to the departure gate or until the airline takes over the responsibility.

Please note the regulations of some low-cost airlines may prevent certain age groups from travelling on their own. It is the responsibility of parents to check this when booking flights.

Students under 18 should also carry with them a parental letter of consent (proforma available from the school) and a copy of their offer letter for the course, as they may be required to show these on entry to the UK.

*"I learned a lot about British culture and lifestyle during my stay in a homestay. It is the best and cheapest way to learn English!"*

*Eren, Turkey*

