

# Amesbury School

Haslemere, Surrey

Homestay (Full-Board)

Elementary to Intermediate » Ages 8 - 14



## THE TOWN

Haslemere is a charming small town set in the beautiful Surrey countryside, 45 minutes from London. A popular commuter town, Haslemere is well served by trains to London and the south coast. Heathrow and Gatwick airports are only an hour away by car.

## THE COURSE CENTRE

Founded in 1870, Amesbury is the oldest preparatory school in the Haslemere Hindhead area. The main building was designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens as a school (and as such is unique) and stands in a 34 acres estate in the heart of the Surrey countryside. The school provides a safe environment for our youngest students and also has ample sports facilities. There are computers with high speed internet access available for students to use in supervised sessions.

## TUITION

The course is carefully designed to introduce our youngest students to the English language and to develop their skills through our approach that "learning is fun!" The students are engaged in a range of varied and interesting learning activities, which focus on communication and give plenty of opportunity for practice. The common language is of course English, so students are further motivated to learn in order to converse with their new friends.

## ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

Among the many activities specially selected for this young age group are circus skills, t-shirt painting and a variety of sports organised and supervised by our staff. All students will have the chance to visit London and other trips typically include a visit to the zoo, Legoland or the south coast.

## ACCOMMODATION

Students stay with one of our carefully selected local hosts. For the children's safety, a private bus service at extra cost is arranged to take them to the tuition centre and back again at the end of each day's activities.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE PRICE?

- ✓ Full-board homestay accommodation. Students have a packed lunch on programme days
- ✓ 20 lessons of 45 minutes (15 hours) on 4 mornings and 2 afternoons per week. Maximum 16 students per class
- ✓ Full-day staff-accompanied excursions: 1 mid-week + 1 on Saturday (except departure Saturday). Full-day London excursion always included, with attractions such as London Eye, London Boat Cruise or Blue Badge guided tour
- ✓ Activities per week:  
- 2 afternoons of sports and cultural activities
- ✓ At extra cost: Airport transfers and private bus service.



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## USEFUL INFORMATION

### How To Get To Haslemere:

FROM HEATHROW: Take the Railair Link Coach to Woking Station. From Woking there are trains to Haslemere every half hour. (Approx. 30 mins)

FROM GATWICK: By train hourly service direct to Guildford (40 mins). Then change at Guildford to get to Haslemere. Frequent service to Haslemere (20 mins)

FROM LONDON VICTORIA / ST PANCRAS (EUROSTAR): (By taxi or Underground to London Waterloo) From Waterloo there are trains to Haslemere every half an hour (55 mins)

Visit: [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) or [www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com)

### Course Office Address:

EJO Course Office, Amesbury School, Hazel Grove, Hindhead, Surrey GU26 6BL. [www.amesburyschool.co.uk](http://www.amesburyschool.co.uk).

**THE HOMESTAY:** Living in an English home provides an ideal opportunity to practise the language. It may take a day or two to settle down, but with a little effort it can be a rewarding experience for everyone concerned. Since most English people live in small houses with gardens, and not flats, towns are larger in area and distances may be greater than students are used to. Most students will therefore travel by public transport between their accommodation and teaching centre.

**LAUNDRY:** Hostesses will be happy to do small amounts of washing for their students, together with their own wash. Clothes should be clearly marked with the student's name.

**TELEPHONES:** Students should always ask for permission before making telephone calls and remember to pay for any calls made. Ideally students should give their mobile phone numbers to their hostesses for emergency purposes.

**BATHROOMS:** In most cases students will have to share the bathroom/toilet with other members of the household. They, too, have to get to work and school on time, so students should try to fit in with them and leave the bathroom as they would wish to find it.

**MEAL TIMES:** Students should be at home and on time for meals but let their hostess know if they are going to be late or if they will not require a meal that they would normally have. Students must let their hostess know where they are going and at what time they expect to be back.

**GOING OUT:** English law protects young people under the age of 18 very carefully. EJO therefore has strict rules regarding going out unaccompanied and the times by which students should be home at night. For full details please refer to our General Information for Students. Student cards must be carried at all times. No students under the age of 18 years may spend a night away from home without prior WRITTEN permission from their parents or guardian.

### MEDICAL CARE:

If students become ill while in England and need medical treatment their hostess will ensure that they see a doctor. For full details of students' rights under the NHS please refer to our General Information for Students. **All students must bring a signed Medical Consent Form with them to the centre** – see enclosed or download from our website [https://www.ejo.co.uk/forms/pdfs/Medical\\_Information.pdf](https://www.ejo.co.uk/forms/pdfs/Medical_Information.pdf)

### CLOTHING:

English summers can be unpredictable, and a few items of warm clothing and rainwear are essential. The following may also be useful: swimsuit, towels and sports shoes for the sports centre. **The student's name should be clearly marked on all clothes and other belongings.**

**POCKET MONEY:** Students should allow £15 - £20 per week for bus tickets to and from the teaching centre. Our Local Organisers in each centre will assist with the purchase of passes or season tickets. Everything on our programme is included in the course price. However students will also want some extra money for shopping. The amount will vary from student to student but we advise students to keep their money locked in their suitcases and only take with them what they will require for the day.

**DAMAGE:** Students must pay for any damage caused to their hostess's property, even if it is accidental. We therefore strongly advise that students take out adequate insurance before coming to England.

**SMOKING:** In England, young people of 16 years of age and under are not allowed to buy cigarettes, nor smoke in public places. Smoking is now illegal inside all public buildings - cinemas, food shops, clubs, pubs, restaurants, etc. Students staying in a non-smoking household, who wish to smoke, are requested to do so only in the garden, unless their hostess gives them permission otherwise.

**SECURITY:** Sadly, theft is on the increase everywhere. Valuable items such as mobile phones, cameras, I-Pods, computer games, jewellery, money and keys should be kept locked away when not in use.

**ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES:** Electrical sockets in England may be different from those abroad and a special international adaptor may be required for mobile phone chargers, hairdryers, electric shavers, etc. These are inexpensive and readily available in most airport shops.

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