

London (Lee Green/Blackheath)

Homestay (Full-Board) » Elementary to Advanced » Ages 12 - 19



THE TOWN

The leafy, residential suburb of Lee Green is the perfect location for those who wish to visit the Capital. There are two stations with regular trains to Central London, and nearby Bexley has a lively shopping centre and a cinema. Greenwich, with its Royal Park and maritime heritage, is within easy reach.

THE COURSE CENTRE

Our London homestay course is based at Colfe's School, Lee Green, in the London Borough of Greenwich; fifteen minutes away from the centre of Greenwich Village and the famous Millennium Dome. Although the school is now in modern buildings, it is one of the oldest in London. Originally established in 1574, the school was re-founded in 1652 by Abraham Colfe, Vicar of Lewisham. Colfe's is an independent, co-educational school which draws its pupils mainly from the neighbouring areas of South East London.

TUITION

In small, manageable classes of up to sixteen, the course aims to make the most of the students' stay in England by focussing on spoken English and giving maximum opportunity for practice both inside and outside the classroom. We include more formal lessons on grammar and vocabulary, informal Active English Practice sessions and excursion preparation lessons before the full-day excursions. The common language is of course English, so students are further motivated to learn in order to communicate with their new friends.

ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

Indoor and outdoor sports are available Colfe's School Leisure Centre and our programme includes a variety of sporting and other leisure activities. There are also staff accompanied visits to central London and full-day excursions to such places as Cambridge, Brighton and Canterbury

ACCOMMODATION

We carefully choose hosts for their ability to provide a friendly and supportive stay for their students. Wherever possible, their homes are located so that students have an easy journey by public transport to and from the tuition premises. Local transport to and from the course is at extra cost.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE PRICE?

- ✓ Full-board homestay accommodation
 - ✓ 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), with entrances to a major attraction
 - ✓ Activities per week: 2 + 1 evening, including one afternoon visit to London
- At extra cost: Airport transfers/Local transport



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USEFUL INFORMATION

HOW TO GET TO LEE GREEN/BLACKHEATH: **From Heathrow:** By underground to Charing Cross. By train from Charing Cross to Lewisham or Lee, trains run twice an hour (15 - 20 mins). **From Gatwick:** By train from Gatwick to London Bridge (every half hour), from London Bridge to Lewisham or Lee. Trains run twice an hour, total journey time 1 hour. **From London Victoria/St Pancras (Eurostar):** By taxi or underground to Victoria Coach/Train station. The coach service runs frequently direct to Lewisham (30 mins). By taxi or underground to Charing Cross, then by train to Lewisham or Lee; trains run twice an hour (15 - 20 mins).

Visit: www.nationalrail.co.uk, www.nationalexpress.com.

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

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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