

IH Bristol provision for under-18 students, including unsupervised time

Junior courses

- Students can join a junior course as an individual, while others will be coming in a group.
- Our main open Junior programmes are for ages 12-17 years (Winter, Spring, Summer). Students staying in IH Bristol homestay are 14-17 years; exceptions may be allowed for 12 and 13 year olds.
- 16 and 17-year-olds can choose to join the Junior programme, or Adult 16 years+ courses.

	12–13 -year-olds	14–15 -year-olds	16–17-year-olds
Arriving in the UK and travelling to Bristol and travelling from Bristol to UK departure point	Students must be accompanied by an adult (the School can arrange a taxi transfer from the airport) or older sibling.	Students must be accompanied by an adult (the School can arrange a taxi transfer from the airport) or older sibling.	Students can travel alone, but the School must be told travel plans and agree they are appropriate (for example, not travelling alone late).
Travel to and from school for classes, and at weekends for school excursions outside Bristol	Students must be accompanied by an adult or older sibling/student in their group.	Students can go to and from school unaccompanied	Students can go to and from school unaccompanied
Mid-morning break	Students are not allowed to leave the school site at break.	Students are not allowed to leave the school site at break.	Students are not allowed to leave the school site at break.
Lunchtime	Students can go out at lunchtime to local shops if accompanied by an adult or older sibling/student in their group.	Students can go out at lunchtime to local shops but must stay in pairs or groups.	Students can go out at lunchtime to local shops but must stay in pairs or groups.
Travel to and from school for social programme events (evening events usually finish by 6.30pm. London trips normally return at 8pm)	Students must be accompanied by an adult or older sibling/student in their group	Students can go to and from school unaccompanied	Students can go to and from school unaccompanied
Free time on weekend excursions	12 -year-olds must be supervised by an adult during free time. This could be a parent, group leader or member of school staff.	If appropriate, students can be unsupervised if they stay in a pair or group which has a working mobile phone.	Students can be unsupervised if they stay in a pair or group which has a working mobile phone.

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In the home of the host	A responsible adult must supervise at all times.	A responsible adult must supervise at all times.	Students can be in the home unsupervised, but not overnight.
Going out into Bristol on weekday evenings after school, or at weekends	A responsible adult must supervise 12 -year-olds at all times. For 13 -year-olds, if the host agrees to the students' plans for going out, the students can go out, but they must follow their plan, be with a group leader or older student/sibling, keep in touch with the host and be back by curfew time of 9.30pm.	If the host agrees to the students' plans for going out, the students can go out, but they must follow their plan, keep in touch with the host and be back by curfew time of 9.30pm.	If the host agrees to the students' plans for going out, the students can go out, but they must follow their plan, keep in touch with the host and be back by curfew time of 10.30pm.
Travelling independently of the school and/or staying out of host home overnight (Parents should contact the school for details of the planning procedure.)	Students can only travel or stay out overnight with supervision of a responsible adult, following written plan agreed with parents and the school.	Students can only travel or stay out overnight with supervision of a responsible adult, following written plan agreed with parents and the school.	Students can travel without adult supervision, or stay out overnight with adult supervision, but only if following written plan agreed with parents and the school.

Adult courses

Students aged 16 or 17 can choose to study on adult courses with students aged 18+. On these courses, 16- and 17-year-olds are given more freedom and are expected to behave in a mature way.

1. When students arrive in the UK, IH Bristol recommends a taxi transfer arranged by the school. Students can travel alone to Bristol, but the School must be told about the students' travel plans and must agree to these plans before students travel (For example not travelling to Bristol by themselves too late).
2. Students travel between their home and school unsupervised, including for Saturday trips.
3. Students are unsupervised outside classes including during breaks and at lunchtime.
4. On Saturday trips outside Bristol, students can have up to 3 hours of unsupervised time for eating, shopping and exploring.

5. Social programme events are optional. Instead of going to social programme events, students aged 16 or 17 can go out in the afternoons/evenings unsupervised if they check what they are doing with their host first and stay in contact with their hosts.
6. Students aged 16 or 17 must return home to their hosts by 10.30pm or the time their host goes to bed, whichever is earlier. This curfew time is not negotiable.
7. If students aged 16 or 17 want to travel independently (not under school supervision), or stay out of their host family's home overnight (with adult supervision), their parents/guardians must get written permission and agreement from the School first. Please ask the School for the [procedure & form](#).