

Types of Accommodation

HOMESTAY

Students stay with a local host, which may be a typical 'family' of husband, wife and children, or a couple or a single (often retired) person. London is a cosmopolitan city with many different types of people from many different backgrounds and this is reflected in our home stays.



Every Hampstead School of English host enjoys welcoming foreign students to their home. They generally eat their meals with their hosts and often spend their free time with them. We ensure that there is only one student of each mother tongue in the house, unless there are exceptional circumstances, such as students are travelling together or by special request.



Homestay accommodation is ideal for students who want to experience living in a typical London home. Students are interested in the cultural differences and find the experience enriching and supportive for their language learning.

Category A Home stay

This type of home stay is within a 40 minute commute from school. Students have a room with a private bathroom for their sole use.

Category B Home stay

This type of home stay is within walking distance or a short bus ride from school. The home stay will be within 25 minutes commute to the school and most often just a short walk from the local Hampstead residential area.

Category C Home stay

This type of home stay is a bus ride or short tube ride away from school, and will be within 40 minutes commute to the school.

Category D Home stay

This type of home stay is in zones 4 or 5 and will be a tube ride away from school



RENTED ROOMS

Rented Rooms are similar to home stays in that the owner is a residence but students do not live in a family environment and therefore students will have more independence than they would have in home stay accommodation. Rooms are rented to students and the owner, or 'manager', is on hand to help with any problems with the accommodation that the students may have. Private homes may accommodate more than four adult students at the same time however some private homes may only accommodate one or two students.



Students may have little contact with the host therefore this accommodation is recommended to students wishing to be more independent. Apart from mealtimes, they are completely free to come and go as they please.



HAMPSTEAD STUDIOS

The studios are owned and managed by the school and represent a unique accommodation option for students wishing to live independently. The studios are a 15 minute journey from the school on foot or a 5 minute bus journey. All studios have a television, free wi-fi internet access, study space and good storage space in each room. All our studios are newly refurbished to a high standard and all have their own private bathroom. Some studios have a private kitchen and some share a communal kitchen (3 to 4 studios per kitchen). All are supplied with bed linen and towels and kitchens are all fully equipped.



RESIDENCES



BELSIZE HOSTEL

Belsize Hostel is about 30 minutes on foot or 20 minutes by bus from the school in an excellent residential area. The hostel has twin, triple and a few single rooms and is always booked with half board. The hostel has a large restaurant area, communal rooms and a garden.

Belsize Hostel is suitable for students who want to stay in a large international hostel and have the advantage of being with many other students.

BARTRAMS HOSTEL (females only)

Bartrams Hostel is managed by nuns but accepts females of any religion. It is located in a lovely part of Hampstead next to the Royal Free Hospital; about 30 minutes walk from the School. The facilities are excellent and the atmosphere relaxed and friendly. Students have their own key and there is no curfew. Accommodation is in single rooms with B&B and dinner Monday to Friday. There are also kitchen facilities which students may use to make snacks or meals at weekends. This suits female students who would like to live in a large, well-ordered hostel.



KINGS RESIDENCE (summer only)



Kings, a College of the University of London, has a large student residence opposite the Hampstead School of English. In the summer, the accommodation is available for Hampstead students. Most of the rooms are single. Bathrooms and toilets are shared and are cleaned once a day. There is a large restaurant, which serves buffet style breakfast and dinner. The journey to the school takes approximately two minutes. Kings residence suits students coming to Hampstead in summer who want to be very close to the school.