

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. Students are treated as though they are a member of the household and are expected to adapt to the home stay life and routine. They generally eat their meals with their hosts and spend varying amounts of free time with them. No more than three adult students are accommodated at any one time. 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. It is possible for two friends to book a shared room in a home stay; however we do not select shared accommodation for students travelling alone.

Most home stays offer breakfast and an evening meal (half board) available as a full week or midweek (Monday-Thursday) option, but it is also possible to book on a bed & breakfast basis. In general, students arrive at the home stay on Sunday and leave on Saturday (one accommodation week).

Home stay suits students who want to experience living in a typical London home. Students should be willing to fit in with the home stay's daily routine and share and experience cultural differences.

Premium Home stay

This type of home stay is within walking distance or a short bus ride from school. The home stay will either be within 25 minutes commute to the school or slightly further but offering what we consider to be a premium service – comfortable sized room, excellent cooking etc.

Standard 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.

Budget Home stay

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

Home stay accommodation can be booked with a private bathroom for a supplement per week (see course and fee list for fees).

MULTI-STAY/RENTED ROOMS

We offer students the option of renting a room in a private home. These are similar to home stays in that the owner is resident 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. There is a set mealtime for dinner and the bathroom is shared with other students and often the owner/manager of the accommodation. Some private homes which have rooms to rent have a communal space where students can relax and watch TV. Others offer room only. This accommodation can be booked as bed and breakfast (breakfast only), mid week dinners (breakfast every morning but dinner from Monday to Thursday only), half board (breakfast and dinner 7 days per week) or self catering.

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.

STUDIO (self-catering)

A studio apartment consists of one room used for both living and sleeping. The School owns several houses containing studios between 15 and 20 minutes walking distance from the School. All studios have modern furnishing, televisions, modem outlets with ISDN broadband access (data only - no voice), study space and good storage space. All our studios are newly refurbished to a high standard and all have their own private shower room and toilet. Some studios contain small kitchenettes, some share a communal kitchen (3 to 4 studios per kitchen) and others have their own en-suite kitchen. All are supplied with bed linen and towels and kitchens are all fully equipped.

A deposit of £200 is payable. This is refunded less a £35 cleaning charge per person on departure, provided no damage has been caused. These studios represent good value compared with the high cost of similar accommodation in London.

Our studios are ideal for students aged 25+ who want to be completely independent. They are also conveniently close to the school.

RESIDENCES

BELSIZE HOSTEL

Belsize Hostel is about 30 minutes walk 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. We ask students requesting a single room to give a second choice. The hostel has a large restaurant area, some communal rooms and a garden. The toilets and showers are shared and are cleaned once a day. Meals are at set times. The facilities are generally clean but basic as you would expect in a youth hostel.

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. Bartrams residence always closes for the summer and will not be available this year from 18/07/08 – 15/09/08.

KINGS RESIDENCE (summer only)

Kings, a College of the University of London, has a large student residence opposite the Hampstead School of English. During the academic year, London University students occupy the rooms. In the summer, they are 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. Accommodation can be booked as B&B or half board. Kings suits students coming to Hampstead in summer who want to be very close to the school.

HYELM HOSTEL (summer only)

Hyelm Hostel is a large hostel located in the heart of Hampstead, 20 minutes walk from the School. All rooms are twin rooms on a half board basis, with bathroom facilities shared between 3-5 rooms. The hostel does not allow males and females to share the same room. The hostel has excellent, modern facilities and is extremely popular.

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

GUESTHOUSE & HOTELS

There are several guesthouses and hotels near the School, which provide bed and breakfast or half board accommodation.

These are the most expensive option and offer private facilities and a daily chambermaid service.

The guest houses which are most popular with our students are as follows:

LONDON LODGE

35 Cricklewood Broadway
London
NW2 3JX

Single Standard room with en suite bathroom from £294 per week

London Lodge offers en suite and shared bathroom single and twin rooms on a half board basis only. All rooms have wireless internet access, tea and coffee facilities and a TV/DVD player. London Lodge is approximately a 25 minute walk from the school.

CHARLOTTE GUEST HOUSE

195-197 Sumatra Road
London
NW6 1PF

Single Room from £40 per room per night BB
Double Room from £50.00 per room per night BB
Triple Room from £80 per room per night BB

Charlotte Guest house provides BB accommodation only and has rooms with en suite bathroom and shared bathroom. It is approximately a 15 minute walk from the school.

THE GOLDERS GREEN HOTEL

147 Golders Green Road
London
NW11

Single Room from £50.00 per room per night BB
Twin Room from £55.00 BB
Triple Room from £ 55.00 BB