

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.

	11–12-year-olds	13–15-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.
Travel to and from school for classes, and at weekends for school excursions outside Bristol	11-year-olds must be accompanied by an adult or older sibling/student in their group. 12-year-olds will travel with an agreed older person, or be risk assessed for travelling alone	Students go to and from school unaccompanied	Students 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 should finish by 8.45pm)	11-year-olds must be accompanied by an adult or older sibling/student in their group. 12-year-olds will travel with an agreed older person, or be risk assessed for travelling alone. Students must return straight home after event, and by curfew time of 9.30pm	Students go to and from school unaccompanied Students must return straight home after event, and by curfew time of 9.30pm	Students go to and from school unaccompanied Students must return home by curfew time of 10.30pm
Free time on weekend excursions	Students must be supervised by an adult during free time. This could be a parent,	If appropriate, students can be unsupervised if they stay in a pair or group	Students can be unsupervised if they stay in a pair or group

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	group leader or member of school staff	which has a working mobile phone.	which has a working mobile phone.
In the home of the host family	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 at all times.	If the host family 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.	If the host family 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.
Travelling independently of the school and/or staying out of host family home overnight (Parents should contact the school for details of the planning procedure.)	Students can only travel or stay out overnight with supervision of responsible adult, following written plan agreed with parents and the school.	Students can only travel or stay out overnight with supervision of 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.
2. Students travel between their host 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 family 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), they must get written permission from their parents and the agreement of the School. Please ask the School for details of the procedure.