

UK CLASSIC



COUNTRY INFORMATION

Great Britain reflects the influence of many countries, arising from its history as a world power and colonial empire. The British are very proud of their traditions, and are at the same time open to all that is new. The country is known for its prominence in music, fashion and media. Britain's special sense of humour is well-known, but the country is most known for its royal family, whose members' lives are enthusiastically followed by people all around the world.

Area: 244,820 square kilometres

Population: Approximately 66 million

Capital: London

Language: English

English National holiday: The UK do not celebrate one particular national holiday but have 8 Bank Holidays/ public vacations days usually on a Monday.

COUNTRY MAP



Age criteria:
16-18 years old

Starting months: September/
January

Language requirements: Good
English Skills

Visa: Mandatory - Extra fees
apply

Area choice: Extra fees apply

Preparation course: STS
Welcome Camp in London,
extra fee apply

School year: August-June

School day: 9:00 - 16:00

Subjects: Mandatory and
optional subjects

Optional trips: Weekends in
Dublin and Edinburgh

THE SCHOOL

There are three terms in the school year: Autumn, Spring and Summer. The school year starts at the beginning of September (mid-August in Scotland). There is a two-week holiday at Christmas, and usually two weeks at Easter along with a one week holiday halfway through each term. The school year ends between the end of June and the middle of July. Students who do not take end of year exams will go home when the exams start as normal lessons cease for this period. This can mean returning home in May rather than June.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Full Zapp application
- Good health
- Good grades (minimum C average)
- Good knowledge of English
- Skype interview before acceptance

THE CULTURE

Britain has some excellent traditional food: lamb from Wales, shellfish and fresh salmon from Northern Ireland, fresh or smoked salmon from Scotland, and cheeses from England and Wales. Most restaurants serve good value hot and cold meals and are the place to find good quality traditional British food.

HOST FAMILY

Our area representatives carefully select the host families. Host families are accepted on the basis of a careful procedure which, among other things, includes an interview and a home visit. The student will be a new member of the host family and is therefore required to participate fully in family life. The student may have to share a room with a host sibling or another high school student. Our host families receive payment for board and lodgings.

SPORTS

Many sports can trace their histories back to Britain. Golf was first played in Scotland in the fifteenth century, the most famous golf club, Saint Andrews in Scotland is still the most respected authority on golf in the world. Cricket was first played in England in the sixteenth century, and its rules were written in the eighteenth century.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students will have the chance to spend an exciting weekend with other high school students in Dublin and Edinburgh. The weekends include three nights' accommodation in central locations with breakfast included, dinner in central restaurants and plenty of attractions and activities.