

Information for Parents of Students Aged 16-17 on courses for adults

LSI Brighton welcomes students aged 16-17 onto its programmes at any time of year onto our general English, exam preparation and business English courses where there can be adults of any age.

If your son or daughter are not 18 years old they are considered a **child** under English law. We prefer to work with 16 and 17 year olds on our course as “young adults”.

Our aim and our duty is to make sure their stay with us is as safe and enjoyable as possible. This document explains our rules and expectations for them.

As parents you will have signed a “permissions” document which agrees to our rules for students.

All LSI students must also sign a learning agreement and follow our student code of conduct. The rules below are in addition to these.

Our rules for students aged 16 - 17 years of age:

1. Students must attend school every day and all of their classes. Students must be on time for every session.
2. If students are sick and cannot come to school, they must telephone the school or ask their host to telephone the school. They must do this before 09.00 every morning they are ill. Our numbers are +44 1273 722 060 or for an SMS use +44 7593 371 388
3. Students should be at home for dinner with their host most days unless they have permission from the school.
4. If they are going out, they should tell their host where they are going and what time they plan to return. They should **return home by 23.00 each night** (this is when the buses stop). This is called a **curfew**.
5. If they are leaving Brighton and Hove they should tell the school. LSI must give permission as well as you. We check if their plan is safe and realistic. We may ask you to email us your permission and details of your trip.
6. They should carry their LSI card at all times. This has our emergency number on it.
7. They should carry their mobile telephone and make sure it is switched on at all times, except when they are in class or sleeping. **If they do not answer a call from the LSI numbers we will discipline them.**
8. Show appropriate respect for all school staff and obey instructions. **If they do not do so, we will discipline them.**

Social and Cultural Activities

9. It's not possible for students to attend all of our social activities. Some are for students over 18. For example: pub nights. The information will show if they can go to the activity.

Our Staff – Who can they speak to?

If they have any problems or questions during their stay please see the school office, The office will make sure they talk to the correct person. We have a team of Activities Leaders who organise the social activities programme.

What else can we help with?

Valuables – we can keep passport/identity card, cash or any other valuables in the school safe.

Money – If your child runs out of money please speak to the school office.

Problems with host families – Please speak to Natasha Lamb, LSI's Accommodation Officers.

Illness – Please speak to the school office. We can arrange for them to see a doctor if needed or give you advice about what to do.

The law and under 18's in the UK:

Students are not permitted to purchase alcoholic drinks or cigarettes in the UK. It is also illegal for other people to purchase alcoholic drinks or cigarettes for them..

Most bars, pubs and nightclubs in Brighton and Hove have a strict 'no under 18's' rule.

General Health and Safety:

Brighton is a safe city and one of the top destinations for international students in the UK. Students do however need to be careful and use 'common sense'. Brighton is the same as any other city or urban area, so always be careful about their personal safety and possessions.

- It is not a good idea to walk around on their own at night. They should walk around in groups of 2 or 3 as much as possible. Uses the excellent bus service, taxis or Uber.
- Always be vigilant. Keep bags close and always do up the zip, especially in busy areas and on the beach.
- Do not walk along wearing expensive headphones or using an expensive mobile telephone.
- Personal security alarms can be purchased at Robert Dyas on George Street.
- If students get lost call us or call a taxi telling them the street name. The taxi numbers are +44 1273 202020 and +44 1273 204060.

Emergency services:

If they are involved in a serious accident you should telephone **999** or **112**. This number is free from any telephone (mobile, landline or public phone).

- They will need to tell the person whether they need the Police, Ambulance or Fire Rescue.
- Tell them the address where the incident has happened, what the incident is and who has been injured and what the injuries are.

Medical Help:

If students have a medical emergency, they, or you, must inform LSI. For serious emergencies students should go with their host or a member of LSI staff to the Accident and Emergency department at Brighton Hospital (Royal Sussex). A medical emergency is a broken bone, severe bleeding or any life threatening condition.

If students are just feeling unwell, a visit to the pharmacy or the local doctor may be required. If they are studying for more than 12 weeks, please speak to the school who can help them to register with a doctor. There is a Medical Drop-In Centre close to Brighton station, 84-87 Queens Road, which is open Monday to Sunday 08.00 – 20.00. The UK National Health Service (NHS) has a 24-hour telephone number: 111 There is also an local out of hours telephone service: 0845 456 5420. You must inform LSI if they go to the Doctor or Hospital.

The school has a 24 hour emergency telephone number +44 7593 371 388.

If you need help in the case of emergency please call this number.

LSI Policies for attendance, discipline and students contact can be found at

<https://www.lsi.edu/en/english/england/brighton/policies>

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