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INTRODUCING LONDON

London is one of the world’s greatest and most historical cities and is a world-famous centre of culture, education and commerce. The multi-cultural capital is located in the heart of Europe, easily accessible from all four corners of the globe. It is home to over 7 million people, 30% of whom were born outside of the UK.

London is a charming city full of history, sport, music, theatre, iconic buildings and dozens of parks. London has so many spectacular sights and attractions that it has something to appeal to everyone!

WHEN TO COME

Despite its reputation for bad weather, London actually has a mild climate and is one of the driest parts of the UK with an annual rainfall of only 586mm. London has an average July temperature of 20°C, an average January temperature of +4°C, and any summer heat waves are mercifully brief.

There is something happening in London every month of the year and we celebrate many of the annual festivities here at LSI London Hampstead, such as Valentine’s Day Events, Halloween Parties and Christmas Parties!

CELEBRATING LONDON

Londoners love to celebrate! Whether you come in summer, autumn, winter or spring, we have festivals, parades, open-air concerts and top sporting events.

London is on every top entertainer’s tour schedule and every night includes concerts from leading and emerging talent. London hosts some of the biggest Chinese New Year and St Patrick’s Day festivals in the world outside of China and Ireland. The London Marathon attracts everyone from the most famous athletes to ordinary people raising money for their favourite charities.

From July to September, the BBC Proms at the Royal Albert Hall offer the opportunity to hear the world’s greatest musicians for only £15!

In August, the world-famous Notting Hill Carnival takes over the streets of west London.

October and November bring fireworks and festivities all across London marking Halloween and the Hindu festival of Diwali.

From November, the Christmas Lights go on in Oxford St. and Regent St. and famous shops such as Selfridges and Hamleys decorate their windows in new and imaginative ways.

On New Year’s Eve there are fireworks and non-stop parties followed by the world-famous New Year’s Day Parade.

And then … shopping heaven in the fantastic January sales!

AN INTERNATIONAL CITY

London has attracted people from all over the world at different points in its history and virtually every single global community is represented here. Where else could you have breakfast in a French café, lunch in an Italian delicatessen, afternoon tea in a Chinese tea house, dinner at a Sudanese restaurant and then party in a Brazilian nightclub? You can ask any of our staff for recommendations on where to eat, or you can join us on an International Food Night to try a new cuisine!
A CTIVITIES IN AND AROUND LONDON

Whether you are interested in architecture or art, music or skate boarding, London has something for every taste and every budget! With five symphony orchestras, two opera companies, hundreds of theatres, world famous football stadiums and movie premieries with top stars, you will definitely not be bored.

London has one of the greatest collections of museums in the world and all publicly-owned museums and galleries are free of charge to visitors.

Our school is very close to main London attractions such as The Sherlock Holmes Museum and Madame Tussauds Wax Museum in Baker Street, and Camden Market, one of London’s most popular, fashionable and alternative markets. From Camden, you can take a boat along the canal through the centre of London to Regent’s Park Zoo!

If you prefer to keep to the main tourist track, then the shops of Oxford Street and Regent Street are just 15 minutes away.

London is at the heart of the UK and Europe’s transport infrastructure, so access to other places of interest is easy. The historic university cities of Oxford and Cambridge are only about an hour away.

Some other options with approximate travelling time from London by train:
- The seaside town of Brighton (1 hr)
- The Roman city of Bath (under 2 hrs)
- The French capital, Paris (2 hrs)
- The Belgian capital, Brussels (2 hrs)
- Windsor and Leeds Castles are spectacular and also within easy reach.

We can organize weekend excursions and day trips to many destinations in the UK and Europe through our regular coach company.

LSI SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Our social programme includes a busy calendar of social activities for students to enjoy in their spare time and to provide more opportunities for students to interact with each other and make friendships.

As well as karaoke and pub nights, we usually include one visit a week to one of London’s famous museums or galleries as part of our social programme. We also go to West End Musicals such as Phantom of the Opera, Lion King and We Will Rock You, at discounted rates every two weeks.

Some of the tourist sites within 20 minutes of LSI London Hampstead include Chinatown, Oxford Street, Piccadilly Circus and Trafalgar Square.

We also organise lots of events at the school itself from salsa classes and table tennis tournaments to barbecues in the garden.

Summer barbecue! (We have two grills to accommodate vegetarians or those who cannot eat pork.)

Students helping us decorate the school for Halloween!
HAMPSTEAD
– A TASTE OF THE “REAL ENGLAND” IN THE HEART OF THE CAPITAL –

Residents are proud of Hampstead’s history, which goes back to the 17th Century, and visitors can still feel its charm and atmosphere today. It has long been a highly desirable place to live for the rich and famous due to its prime London location and its history of literary, artistic, musical and intellectual residents. As such, housing in Hampstead is some of the most expensive in the world, and with millionaires as our neighbours, students can see some of the most beautiful cars on the market on their way to school!

Views of London skyline from Hampstead Heath

The long list of famous past Hampstead residents include Charles Dickens (author), Dame Agatha Christie (author), Lord Byron (poet), Charles de Gaulle, Ian Fleming, (author & creator of James Bond), Audrey Hepburn (actress), Lord Yehudi Menuhin, A.A. Milne (author of Winnie the Pooh), Henry Moore (sculptor), John Keats (poet), Charles Saatchi and George Orwell.

More recent and/or present residents include; Bjork, Gwyneth Paltrow, Russell Crowe, Hugh Grant, Jude Law, Brad Pitt, Sting and Liam Gallagher (Oasis). So keep your eyes open, as, with Hampstead High Street at the end of the road, you may just walk past a celebrity!

The immediate neighbourhood around our school is full of lovely restaurants offering cuisines from all over the world, traditional English pubs, some dating back to the 16th Century, as well as cinemas and supermarkets, and a variety of retail outlets to suit all budgets.

HAMPSTEAD CHECKLIST
Apart from the must-see famous London museums and monuments, there are a number of intriguing places to visit within walking distance of LSI London Hampstead including:

Keats House: Where John Keats wrote some of his most famous works.
Freud Museum: Family home to the psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud.
Highgate Cemetery: Home to Karl Marx’s tomb as well as some remarkable and extremely important architectural features.
2 Willow Road: One of Britain’s most important examples of Modernist architecture designed and built by Ernö Goldfinger in 1939.

HAMPSTEAD HEATH

London is a city full of parks and green spaces, but one of the largest city parks in the world, Hampstead Heath, is just a 10 minute walk from our school! The Heath covers 320 hectares which include grassland, woodland, lakes, a stately home with a beautiful art collection and even a zoo! It also offers some of the most spectacular views over the city of London.

Our students often visit the Heath to enjoy a walk or jog in the quiet, fresh unpolluted air, to play football, have a picnic or take advantage of the numerous sports facilities available such as running tracks, tennis courts, open air swimming pools, cricket pitches, a croquet lawn, an athletics track and fishing.

Admire masterpieces by Rembrandt, Turner, Reynolds, Gainsborough and Vermeer at this 18th Century Stately Home, ‘Kenwood House’, just a short distance from the school, or attend one of the summer picnic concerts in the beautiful grounds!
WHAT MAKES LSI LONDON HAMPSTEAD SUCCESSFUL?

Between the range of programmes we offer, the flexible schedule we provide and the personal care we give, LSI can meet the needs of any student or business executive. All our 4 UK schools follow the same programme options, making it easy to split your course between 2 or more centres if you wish.

CAREFUL MONITORING OF STUDENTS’ PROGRESS

LSI tests for both fluency and accuracy to ensure that students start at the right level for their needs and move up at the right time.

The testing is done as follows:

- First Morning at LSI: We test the student’s grammar, reading, listening and speaking skills. After this, the student will be placed into the level which offers them the most benefit.
- Weekly Tests: Every Monday morning, students are tested on the language covered the previous week. Teachers also closely monitor their progress through discussions and assignments, and discuss individual students with the Academic Director on a weekly basis.

INTERNATIONAL ATMOSPHERE

In 2012, LSI London Hampstead welcomed students from over 36 countries worldwide. We believe this gives our students a wonderful opportunity to interact not only with native speakers, but also with students from a very wide variety of cultures. Within this mix, students develop an understanding of other cultures and they often learn new things about themselves as well.

STAFF AND TEACHERS

Students have described our staff with comments such as ‘the best teachers I’ve ever had’, ‘very friendly – they really care about the students’ and ‘they make the lessons fun and enjoyable’. All our teachers are fully qualified and highly enthusiastic. Teacher training sessions are held every three weeks, and frequent observations ensure that our teachers discuss their work and are up to date with the most recent pedagogical trends.

CERTIFICATE

Upon the successful completion of their course, students receive our “Certificate of Completion”. Signed by the School Director, it indicates the students’ English level as well as the duration of their programme.

WHY DO STUDENTS CHOOSE LSI LONDON HAMPSTEAD?

Close Monitoring of Student Progress: The goal of LSI is to provide each student with a quality education. We do this by tailoring our programmes to their needs. Our progress tests and tutorials allow us to establish student needs on a regular basis, helping to make the lessons as useful as possible.

*Like a family*: Students feel at home in LSI. It is easy to study hard and make friends with other students and staff. This may be one of the reasons why many of our students come back to study with us again.

Location: LSI London Hampstead offers the best of both worlds. It is located in one of the best neighbourhoods in London in an unpolluted, tranquil setting that is relaxing and conducive to study, but only 15 minutes away from the bustling centre of London!

Multi-cultural: In 2012, we welcomed students from over 36 different countries across Europe, Americas, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. Our office staff speak 4 different languages.

Word of Mouth: In 2012, 20% of our students were referred by past students of LSI and over 99% of students said they would recommend us.

Well-Established: LSI was founded here in London in the 1960s and our Hampstead school was the first school in the LSI chain. We have been British Council accredited for nearly 20 years.

Social Programme: We offer activities both in and out of school with our table tennis room and our large garden where students can have barbecue parties and play sports. We cater to those who want to experience the excitement of London’s nightlife, as well as those who prefer quieter more intimate activities.

Sometimes our table tennis tournaments can get quite emotional! Here, one of our teachers is beaten by one of our long-term ISY students!
WHAT FACILITIES DOES LSI LONDON HAMPSTEAD OFFER?

LSI London Hampstead is located in a 4-storey Victorian building in one of the most affluent and beautiful neighbourhoods in London.

Please note that smoking is not allowed in this building or any public building in England. Smokers may smoke outside.

Tuition fees include everything the student needs for their programme. Therefore, within this excellent, centralised location we provide free access to;

- Bright classrooms with clear access to natural light
- Textbooks are available on loan and any other teaching materials are free.
- Up-to-date audio/visual equipment and software
- A computer room with Internet connection and foreign languages enabled (our wireless network is available throughout the entire building and the garden)
- Student lounge (including microwave oven, hot and cold drinks machine, hot and cold filtered water machine, TV and DVD player).
- A learning centre with self-study material and access to online computer software to practise the different aspects of English.

- A carefully selected range of graded readers, audio books, CD-ROMs and a selection of popular novels are available on loan from the Office Library for students who wish to improve their reading, listening, vocabulary or pronunciation.
- An indoor table tennis room (outside the summer months)
- A large back garden with badminton, volleyball, croquet and barbecue facilities.

MEET OUR TEACHERS

Hi! My name is Sarah and I’m from Liverpool. I’ve been a teacher at LSI London Hampstead for two years. I love working here and helping students improve their English. I teach many of the exam preparation classes and always try my best to help with any problems students might have. The school has a really friendly atmosphere. That’s why I love it here. The classes are small, there’s a beautiful garden where we have barbecues in the summer and there’s a big park just around the corner. I look forward to meeting you at our school!

Hello! I’m Jerome from London. I’ve been at LSI Hampstead for just over two years now and have had lots of different experiences both teaching and taking part in the social program. There are always new faces among the students and I have found it a thrill and a challenge learning about and meeting new people. I’m sure we’ll bump into each other in the corridors or in the classroom.

Students at Karaoke Night and learning to dance Salsa!
LSI COURSES
INTERACTIVE CLASSROOM TECHNIQUES
The goal of our programmes is to help each student to build the confidence needed to work towards both fluent and accurate use of the English language. At LSI, we provide students with the chance to learn practical and productive skills, so that they can use them with confidence in the future.

To make the learning process enjoyable, we use a range of communicative teaching techniques together with a variety of different media.

In the classroom, teachers use a communicative approach to teach English. The students develop language skills which they can use in the situations they find themselves in while living in London.

The entire curriculum is structured to follow a progression from level to level. New skills are introduced, while existing skills are reinforced.

“FLEXIBLE AND TAILORED”
LSI offers a range of quality programmes for any need and any schedule.
For example:
We offer both part-time and full-time programmes.
We provide courses from 1 week to 48 weeks.
Whether students need General English, Business English or preparation programmes for Cambridge (FCE, CAE or CPE), IELTS, TOEFL or TOEIC exams, we offer it.

MULTI-CENTRE COURSE:
Students are welcome to transfer to our branches across the UK.

STANDARD 18 (2PM TO 5:45PM MON-THUR & 2PM TO 3:45PM ON FRI) (1-23 WEEKS)
This part-time course is made up of 18 lessons per week and is perfect for students wanting to study in the afternoon and keep their mornings free for study or work.

STANDARD 20 (9AM TO 1PM) (1-23 WEEKS)
As a part-time, 20-lesson-per-week-course, this is perfect for students who need integrated skills but prefer to leave some time free for sight-seeing.

INTENSIVE 30 (9AM TO 3.45PM) (1-23 WEEKS)
Students follow the same programme as S20 students from 9am to 1pm, but after lunch they will attend Fluency Classes (focusing on freer speaking, listening, pronunciation and vocabulary) or, higher level students can choose to join the Examination Skills Class or Business English.

ONE-TO-ONE / EXECUTIVE COURSES
This choice is ideal for students who have very specific needs that they would like LSI to concentrate on, such as working on specific pronunciation problems, intensive exam preparation or other specific purposes.

Students often add 1 or 2 lessons per day after their Standard 20 or Intensive 30 course in the form of our Plus 5 or Plus 10 courses. However, it is possible to select any number of individual lessons per week (from 1 up to 40) depending on the intensity of study they would like, and either in addition to group lessons or alone. Each lesson lasts 45 minutes.

We highly recommend a course of One-to-One lessons for Business Professionals and Executives who do not have the time to progress at the slower pace of a Group class and who have specific language requirements.

You can book a course of 1:2 or even 1:3 lessons with one or two friend of similar level and language needs. Contact the school for further details.

English for Business Group Lessons
10 lessons per week - Intermediate to Advanced Levels.
This afternoon elective course, taken as part of an Intensive 30 programme covers a range of business topics e.g. leadership, marketing, negotiating, team-building. It also provides students with practical language for use in meetings, telephone calls, interviews and emails.
MOST POPULAR PROGRAMMES AT LSI LONDON HAMPSTEAD

International School Year (ISY):
Available for Elementary - Advanced Levels

LSI understands that students need quality programmes which offer flexible course options and value for money and the fact that over 20% of our students return to LSI or refer their friends shows how good this programme is. The discounted ISY programme is ONLY available for 24, 30, 36 or 48 weeks as an 18, 20 or 30 lesson per week course.

In order to keep our long-term students focused on their individual needs and to help them stay motivated, our ISY students have the opportunity to meet with a member of Academic Management to discuss their progress and personal objectives at regular intervals throughout the course. In addition, all students have individual tutorials with their teacher every 2-4 weeks.

Afternoon options on ISY 30 Courses include:
- Fluency Classes (speaking, listening, vocabulary and pronunciation)
- Examination Skills (preparation for IELTS and TOEFL iBT exams)
- Business English (and TOEIC preparation)

Students can also add Executive “Plus courses” (5 or 10 individual lessons) or a series of One to One classes throughout their course to focus on specific areas of the language or to learn about a certain part of the British culture.

PERSONAL STUDY PLANS

A typical “Personal Study Plan” for an ISY student entering the school at pre-intermediate level might look like the one below.

The length of time needed to progress from one stage to the next can vary greatly from student to student, so we assess students individually on a weekly basis according to their motivation, learning style and overall progress.

Further study could lead to a Cambridge Advanced, or even Proficiency, Certificate!
EXAM PREPARATION PROGRAMMES

EXAMINATION SKILLS: IELTS AND TOEFL iBT PREPARATION COURSE

10 lessons per week (alone or afternoon portion of Intensive 30 course.)
Intermediate to Advanced

IELTS and TOEFL iBT are standard tests for entry to colleges and universities throughout the world, although IELTS is generally preferred by UK universities. Many employers and universities require non-native English speaking students and professionals to take one of these tests.

Students who take this course will join morning classes for their integrated skills, and then attend classes every afternoon to prepare specifically for the exams and practice past papers.

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CAMBRIDGE EXAM PREPARATION COURSES

20 lessons per week *
Upper-Intermediate to Post-Advanced Levels

- Cambridge First Certificate
- Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English
- Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English

The Cambridge programmes cover a wide range of academic and vocational topics and culminate in the opportunity to take an examination especially designed for the international market that is valid for life. LSI London Hampstead offers preparatory courses for the Cambridge exams, which are internationally recognized as a standard of competency in English. The programmes last up from 4 to 12 weeks and combine theory with practical skills.

We highly recommend these courses to any student who finds the pace of a General English class a little slow and wants to push themselves to study intensively and progress rapidly. The majority of our ISY students transfer onto a Cambridge preparation course during their time with us. The courses are of an extremely high quality in terms of tutoring and individual student monitoring.

*It is possible to combine this course with an afternoon option or plus course.

LSI UNIVERSITY PATHWAY PROGRAMME

The LSI University Pathway focuses on preparing you for university. It is available to students enrolled on an LSI Intensive 30 or ISY 30 course. The course length is based upon your individual aims and ability and you will receive any assistance you need in designing a study plan and the UK university application process.

To qualify for the University Pathway you must have successfully graduated from high school. We offer counselling to students which includes:
- Advice on suitable foundation, undergraduate and postgraduate courses
- Advice on IELTS score requirements
- Arranging visits to universities
- Assistance in completing applications and preparing for interviews

The University Pathway is free to students enrolled on LSI courses for a minimum of 12 weeks. However, individual university application fees may apply.
SPECIAL COURSES / PROGRAMMES

CLUB 50+

Cost: £365 per week (Tuition + Activities)
Course Duration: 1-4 weeks
Minimum age: 50 years old
Minimum number of students accepted on the course: 1
20 lessons (50 mins each) + 3 activities per week
Accepted Levels: Elementary to Advanced

Club 50+ participants take our regular Standard 20 group classes (mixed ages) from 9am to 1pm. After lunch, they have 3 private afternoon activities based on their individual interests and requests accompanied by an LSI teacher.

This is an ideal course for those who want to learn more about London and the English culture and, at the same time, have plenty of opportunities for one-on-one speaking and listening practice with as much or as little error correction as they require.

Activities from 2012 included:

- Beer and Ale sampling at a traditional English pub
- Visit to the Tower of London
- Visit to Royal Air Force Museum
- Tour of Westminster
- Exhibition at the Tate Gallery
- West End Musical
- Visit to British Museum
- Visit to Harrods & Knightsbridge
- Traditional Afternoon Tea at Burgh House

The afternoon activity schedule will be designed specifically with the student’s interests in mind based on discussions between our Social Programme Co-ordinator and the student when they arrive at the school.

We can arrange a variety of accommodation options. Please contact the school for full details.

YOUNG LEARNERS’ PROGRAMME (13-17 YEARS OLD*)

Cost: £370 per week (Tuition + Activities)

Starting Dates: In Winter, every Monday from Jan 7 to Feb 18 (course ends Feb 22) and, in Summer, every Monday from Jun 17 to Aug 12 (course ends Aug 16)

Students have the chance to practise their English with other young people from around the globe and to explore this vibrant, capital city. The programme includes 20 lessons per week (8:30am to 12:15pm), weekday afternoon activities, Saturday excursions and full board accommodation.

As this programme takes place alongside our adult programme, it is possible for parents and their children or siblings of different ages to study together.

*16 & 17 year olds: These students have the choice of joining our Young Learners’ Programme or one of our Adult Programmes. The Young Learners’ Programme is a more structured programme and we require full participation unless parental consent is given to miss any activity. We understand that some 16-17 year olds prefer a little more independence, so we suggest that the student and parent discuss which option would be the most suitable. Please ask for our Young Learner Showbook for more details.

“It was a very pleasant experience having English classes with young people of different countries and the activities the school organised were excellent. The teachers and the course staff were very friendly indeed.”
– Leonardo F. from Brazil
GROUP PROGRAMMES
We also welcome bookings from organised groups with special interests. Groups can be taught in separate classes with a specially designed social programme. Please contact us for a quote.

A group from Latvia

A typical programme for a group would include:

- Standard 20 Tuition
- Host Family or Residential* Accommodation, Half Board
- Return Airport Transfer
- Afternoon activities (1-5 based on the requirements, budget and age range of the group)
- Saturday full day excursions
- Free accommodation, transfer and social programme for 1 Group Leader for every 15 students

Optional extras can include, for example:

A 3-day trip to Paris by Eurostar
Sunday full day excursions
Lunches

Example activities on a full 5 day afternoon activity programme:

West End Musical
British Museum
National Gallery
Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre
Ice Skating
Bowling
Tour of Westminster
London Eye
Westminster Abbey
Camden Market Shopping Trip
Portobello Market Shopping Trip
Covent Garden, Trafalgar Square, Oxford & Regent Street Tour

* Residential Accommodation is subject to availability and is only available to groups over the age of 18.

READ THESE TESTIMONIALS FROM SOME OF OUR STUDENTS:

“I stayed at LSI Hampstead for 3 months as an office assistant in order to get some work experience, as I am studying English at a university in Germany. It was such a great experience meeting many new people from different countries (Spain, Sweden, Switzerland...). As I want to become a teacher of English in the future, staying at LSI is an excellent way to learn more about the English culture! I made so many new friends here and I will miss all of them when I have to go home to Germany again!”
– Nina M., Germany

“Thanks to LSI I have improved my English a lot. It’s a wonderful experience to be here, LSI is an excellent environment to learn English, not only have I met kind and friendly people from worldwide, but also very good and creative teachers. All the staff and teachers are highly qualified and professional. I have enjoyed all my time in London and I’m sure I will come back to LSI because it has made me more self-confident and motivated to learn English.”
– Jesus O., Spain

“As you can see in the picture, I really enjoyed my stay in London. It was a very great pleasure to join the lessons at LSI and I’m sorry to leave after only one week.”
– Barbara K. from Germany
STUDENTS' ARRIVAL

ORIENTATION DAY
Welcome!
On the first day of school, new students will be evaluated for level placement and given an overview of our programmes. From the results of the placement test and oral evaluation given before the orientation, students are placed into the appropriate level for them. All students are subsequently evaluated on the basis of progress and level test results and their teachers’ comments every Thursday during our staff meetings. Any necessary moves between classes are discussed at this time.

SCHEDULE FOR THE FIRST DAY

9:00 – 10:00  Placement Test / Level Evaluation
10:00 – 10:45  Welcome Talk
10:45 – 11:15  Coffee break
11:15 – 13:00  First Lesson*
13:00 – 14:00  Lunch

Standard 20 students will then be free to explore the city and peruse any of their own interests.
14:00– 15:45  Afternoon Course (Intensive 30 students only)

*Please note that during peak season (July & August), Standard 20 students will generally start their classes at 9am on the day after their orientation day. Intensive 30 students will start their classes at 2pm on their orientation day.

ARRIVAL AND AIRPORT TRANSFER
London’s Airports: Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Luton and City
Most flights into London land at Heathrow Airport, the world’s busiest international airport. Many European flights land at Stansted and Gatwick airports. All five of London’s airports are easily accessible from the city, although Heathrow is the closest to us.

After exiting the plane, simply follow the signs to ‘Arrivals’, where students must first present their passport and, if from outside the European Economic Area, a declaration card to an immigration officer. Next, students should proceed to the Baggage Claim Area to pick up their bags from the baggage carousel corresponding to their flight number.

From the airport there are four ways for students to reach their accommodation:

BOOKED AIRPORT TRANSFER: If the student has booked an LSI airport transfer, and we have received accurate flight arrival information including the airline, flight number and arrival time (at least one week prior to arrival), LSI will arrange for students to be met by an LSI taxi driver. Students should look carefully for a sign with their name on it. If they cannot see our representative, they should wait next to the information desk until they are located.

In an emergency, please call 07716010670.

LONDON UNDERGROUND: Heathrow and City Airport are also located on the underground network and are the most economical ways of reaching the city. However, these can be less convenient if you are carrying a large amount of luggage or you want to travel quickly.

AIRPORT BUS: National Express and Green Line offer a coach service from Heathrow, Stansted and Luton airports into London. This is the cheapest way to get to the centre of London. The coaches run through the night, but the journey is likely to take about 2 hours.

EXPRESS TRAIN SERVICE: Heathrow and Gatwick offer express trains that offer quick connections at a high cost. There are cheaper, stopping services available to these airports. Stansted has a single train service, the Stansted Express, while Luton has First Capital Connect stopping services.
PUBLIC TRANSPORT

London’s transport system mainly consists of buses and the underground. However, there are more options – taxis and bike rentals are present throughout the city.

BUSES AND THE UNDERGROUND

London Underground covers much of Greater London and some neighbouring areas.

It is the world’s oldest underground system, and is one of the largest in terms of route length. A user friendly ticketing system has been employed to help passengers with their journey, including the Oyster card - a smartcard that customers can obtain, charge with credit, and use to pay for travel. It is a joint system for the underground and buses. The bus routes cover the entire Greater London Area, making it easy to reach major attractions and destinations.

Insider’s tip: Any travelcard you buy will give you free transport on buses all over London!

Detailed, up-to-date information on tickets and pricing is available from the Transport for London website - http://www.tfl.gov.uk/. Follow the links to Weekly/Monthly Oyster Cards.

TAXIS

Taking a taxi in London is a safe, simple and convenient way of travelling, especially for a group rather than individuals (the cabs can accommodate 4-6 people), since the fare price is the same regardless of the amount of passengers – usually £2-2.50 per mile.

Outside the Airport Terminal there will be taxis waiting to transport passengers to their destinations. However, please note that airport taxis are extremely expensive compared to the regular fare.

BICYCLE

Many people, including some of our teachers and students, commute to school by bike. It is economical and sometimes faster than any other means of transportation. Bicycles can be purchased, either new or second hand throughout the city.

Students whose course is 14 weeks or more can apply through LSI for a Student Oyster Card which gives them 30% off the regular price!
ACCOMMODATION

All of LSI’s accommodation options are carefully selected to ensure that they meet our quality standards.

HOST FAMILIES

Most students who attend classes at LSI London Hampstead choose to live with host families during their stay. The greatest advantage of a Homestay experience is the opportunity to communicate and interact with people outside the classroom as well as to experience another culture first hand.

Christmas with a Host Family

We have personally recruited our families and have worked closely with many of them for over 15 years. Our accommodation officer carefully selects every host family to ensure that each student’s stay is comfortable, enjoyable and safe. The families are closely monitored to keep our information up-to-date through visits and continuous student feedback. The majority of our host families live within approximately 30-45 minutes of the school and are located in North West London along the Northern or Jubilee Lines to make the daily commute to the school (also located in NW London) as quick and easy as possible for our students.

Our families’ homes range in size from apartments to larger homes. Londoners are fairly casual and will treat a newcomer almost like a family member, so students should not be surprised if their host encourages them to join them in the kitchen to prepare a typical dish from their country, or to “help yourself” to breakfast, rather than being served. Most hosts will involve students in menu selection and some hosts are able to accommodate special dietary requirements. Students have a choice of B&B (bed and breakfast) or Half Board (breakfast and dinner).

FLATSHARE AND RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION

We offer a wide range of flat-share, house share and residential accommodation suitable for all budgets. This kind of accommodation is particularly suited to those who are seeking more independence and prefer self-catering options. All our flatshare and residences are located within easy reach of underground stations in zones 1 / 2.
MEET OUR OFFICE STAFF

THE REGISTRAR, ACCOMMODATION AND WELFARE OFFICER

My name is Andras. I am here to help you if you need general information on our courses or some advice on accommodation issues whilst you are staying with us. If you need to discuss a private matter confidentially, I am here to listen without judging and give you any information or advice you might need.

I enjoy working for LSI as it has given me plenty of opportunities to socialize with people from all over the world. A nice chat with our students on a Friday outing to the pub can be very educational! I also accompany students to see West-End Musicals, as I am a big fan. Although I have lots of responsibility in my job, I enjoy it tremendously!

THE SCHOOL DIRECTOR

My name is Greg and I have been at LSI since 2003 working as a teacher and Assistant Director before assuming my current position last year. Having been involved in all facets of the school I understand the needs of students and enjoy helping them achieve their language goals. I have also lived in many different places around the world, including Berlin and New York, so I know how it feels to be in a city far from home and the challenges students face in a foreign environment.

I feel honoured to have met so many great students over the years and have the opportunity to help them improve their English. As part of the Academic Team, I help monitor student progress and plan the academic programme so that students can fulfil their language potential.

It is a privilege to work in such a wonderful atmosphere with Andras and Sally and our fantastic teaching team. All the members of staff are very friendly and entertaining, while remaining extremely dedicated to the quality of their work. Perhaps this is what gives our school a real family atmosphere.

If you have any questions about the school or need some academic advice, please feel free to email me at gw@lsi.edu. I look forward to meeting you.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Hi. My name is Sally Muse. I’ve been working at LSI for 5 years now, and I love every minute of it because of the diversity of my job. One of my jobs is to welcome new students on Mondays. I introduce them to the school and place them in a class suitable for their level. During your course, I’ll be following your progress by talking to your teachers and to you as well, to check if the class is still right for you. Your progress, as well as your happiness, is really important to us, so whenever you have doubts or concerns, I am here to help! I also observe our teachers regularly and organise teacher training sessions to ensure our students receive the best possible tuition with a variety of modern teaching techniques. Another aspect of my job is to give advice and assistance to students on a diversity of topics: some students come and talk to me about their classes and academic goals, or their immediate language needs; others need guidance with application forms for university, or exams. I’m glad to be able to help you while you are at our school!

As the Social Programme Coordinator, I organise a variety of cultural and social activities to help you become immersed in London life. From museums visits to musicals, from sightseeing and shopping to football matches, we aim at making your visit an unforgettable experience.

I look forward to welcoming you at LSI London Hampstead!
Booking Procedure

- Fax, email or post it to us. (Email is best!)
- We will send you an invoice and acknowledge your starting date. You will need to pay for your school fees in full at least three weeks before commencement of the course (unless you have a prior arrangement with LSI).
- Please refer to our Terms and Conditions on the 2nd page of the Enrolment Form for our cancellation policy.
- If you need a student visa you must pay your fees before we can accept your enrolment. If your visa application is rejected for any reason, we will refund all your fees subject to our cancellation policy and minus £70 administration fee. In some countries, you need to apply for pre-approval of a visa, so we will send you the appropriate letter. Once you have had pre-approval of your visa, you then need to pay the fees, and we will process your application / send you an Acceptance Letter as appropriate.
- Our bank account information:
  - National Westminster Bank
  - 208 Piccadilly
  - London W1A 2DG
  - Account Name: Language Studies International
  - Account Number: 1700 5353
  - Sort Code: 56-00-03
  - IBAN Number: GB 40 NWBK 56000317005353
  - BIC/Swift Code: NWBK GB 2L
  - If paying in € or US$ please let us know when you book and we will provide you with the proper bank information.
  - We will send you homestay details of the family, if you have booked Homestay Accommodation.
  - Please contact the British Embassy in your country for visa application information and procedures: [http://www.ukvisas.gov.uk](http://www.ukvisas.gov.uk)
  - Please make sure we have your arrival details so we can arrange your Airport Transfer (if you have booked one) and inform your accommodation of your arrival time.

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OUR LOCATION

LSI London Hampstead is 5 minutes’ walk from Hampstead Station or 10 minutes’ walk from Finchley Road Station.

From either of these stations, students can easily reach famous London locations, such as Baker Street and Oxford Street.