



# Wimbledon School of English



## Welcome 2025

We aim to ensure that every student's stay is enjoyable and that all our students improve their English language skills, gain an insight into British life and culture and also enhance their knowledge and understanding of other cultures.

### Address

Wimbledon School of English  
39/41 Worple Road  
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### Contact details

+44 (0)20 8947 1921  
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### Emergency contact

+44 (0)7939 288723

### Opening hours

8:30 - 17:00 UK Time

### Centre details

- Established 1964
- London Wimbledon SW19

### Facilities

- 22 permanent classrooms in the main building (extra available off-site during busy periods)
- Smart technology in all classrooms in the main building
- Large, light, comfortable sitting room with widescreen TV
- Coffee shop
- Multimedia self-access study centre with computers for student use
- Book library with graded readers and novels to borrow
- Wi-Fi
- Table tennis table
- Table football
- Piano
- Large, beautiful garden

### Students 2024

- Under 18:  **31%**
- 18 - 30:  **48%**
- 30+:  **21%**

### Nationality Mix 2024

- South Korea  **17%**
- Switzerland  **16%**
- Saudi Arabia  **12%**
- Turkey  **10%**
- Japan  **7%**
- Argentina  **5%**
- Italy  **5%**
- Brazil  **3%**
- China  **3%**

(Based on full-time courses in main school)



## Pre-arrival information 2025

### Packing

We suggest you bring:

- A laptop/tablet/smartphone – the school has WiFi.
- An Insurance Card – if you have medical health travel insurance, bring proof.
- Warm clothes for all seasons (even if you are here in the summer!) – warm coat, waterproof shoes, a scarf, gloves, a hat and an umbrella as well as a few warm indoor clothes – you may find our houses here are not as warm as in your country.
- Sports gear – clean sports clothes & shoes. The school arranges different sports, there are many places in Wimbledon with a range of sports facilities.
- A rucksack or a bag – to carry your books to school.
- Adaptor – standard voltage in the UK is 240 volts with type G plugs in use.
- Medicine – if you need medication, bring it with you as it's not always easy to find the equivalent to your prescription.
- Passport – very IMPORTANT. You need to bring your passport to school on your first day.
- Please also scan or make a copy of these (and your visa if you have one), and any other important documents you need to bring with you (driving licence, etc.). Bring the photocopies with you and then leave them in a safe place at home in case you lose the originals.

Don't forget to upload a digital passport sized photo to our portal

### Flights

Flights We recommend using Skyscanner when searching for flights to London.

[Click here to search on SkyScanner](#)



### Insurance

- You are strongly advised to arrange insurance for yourself before you leave home. This should cover your personal property, money and medical expenses. We can arrange insurance for you, please visit [www.wimbledonschool.ac.uk/school/otherservices/insurance](http://www.wimbledonschool.ac.uk/school/otherservices/insurance) for more information. Please contact us before you arrive if you wish to take our insurance.

### Money

- Lunches and some social activities such as excursions and theatre trips are not included in the fees. The amount of money you will need depends on you. You will definitely need money for your Oyster (travel) card, snacks, lunches, refreshments and social activities.
- Some of the School activities are free e.g. selected sports, social evenings, dance and games nights etc. You will need money to pay for weekend excursions, trips to theatres, class excursions etc.



## £ London price examples 2024

### Price guide

<b>Oyster Card Fee (non-refundable)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For more information on the Oyster Cards and fares, please visit <a href="https://oyster.tfl.gov.uk/oyster/entry.do">https://oyster.tfl.gov.uk/oyster/entry.do</a></li> <li>You may be able to apply for a Student Oyster Card if you study for a minimum of 14 weeks.</li> <li>You can check all fares here: <a href="https://tfl.gov.uk/fares/find-fares">https://tfl.gov.uk/fares/find-fares</a></li> </ul>	£7.00
<b>Weekly adult bus pass - all zones</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(travel anywhere in London by bus zone 1-6)</li> </ul>	£24.70
<b>Oyster card daily maximum (adult) – zones 1-3</b>	£10
<b>Cinema ticket</b>	from £10.00
<b>Theatre</b>	from £40.00
<b>Musical</b>	from £35.00
<b>Opera &amp; ballet</b>	from £45.00
<b>Classical concert</b>	from £28.00

### Social Programme

<b>Full day WSE excursions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For example Oxford, Cambridge, Bath, Brighton, Stonehenge &amp; Salisbury, with WSE staff &amp; guided tour</li> </ul>	from £50.00
<b>Boat Trips to Greenwich</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With WSE staff &amp; guided tour</li> </ul>	from £25.00

### Sports and fitness facilities in Wimbledon

<b>FitnessCentre memberships</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monthly</li> </ul>	from £35.00
<b>Swimming at The Wimbledon Leisure Centre</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Daily</li> </ul>	from £4.70
<b>Golf at the Wimbledon Common Golf available on request</b>	

### Afternoon excursions with WSE staff

<b>All England LawnTennis Club &amp; Museum (home to the Wimbledon Championships)</b>	from £21.00
<b>Buckingham Palace</b>	from £25.00
<b>The London Eye</b>	from £30.00
<b>Tower of London</b>	from £30.00

### Other costs

#### • Class excursions:

From time to time your teacher will organise a day excursion for your whole class. To help you learn more about London and English culture. You will need about £10.00 – £30.00 to pay for a class excursion, including the travel costs.

#### • Course books

Your main textbook for the course is included in the materials fee for all full time courses.

#### • Exam practice books

They are included in the materials fee for all exam courses which are 9 or more weeks. If you are on an exam course for fewer than 8 weeks, you will need to buy the exam practice book. This will cost around £25



<b>Rock concert (live music)</b>	from £40.00
<b>Football tickets</b>	from £80.00
<b>Disco/club</b>	from £8.00
<b>Meal in a pub</b>	from £15.00
<b>Meal in a pizzeria</b>	from £10.00
<b>Meal in a restaurant</b>	from £15.00
<b>Lunch locally (sandwich, pot noodles, fruit &amp; drink etc)</b>	from £5.00
<b>Hot drink</b>	from £3.00
<b>Juice or fizzy drink in a pub / bar</b>	from £3.50
<b>Pint of beer</b>	from £6.00
<b>Glass of wine</b>	from £6.00
<b>Full day excursion with a private London tour company</b>	from £80.00

### Evening activities with WSE staff

<b>Theatre trip to a well-known London musical</b>	from £35.00
<b>Friday student night clubs such as Ministry of Sound, Piano Works, Zoo etc</b>	average £8.00
<b>Pub Nights</b>	Free

### Tickets to other London attractions Available in Reception

<b>The London Eye</b>	from £32.50
<b>Madame Tussauds</b>	from £33.50
<b>St Paul's Cathedral</b>	from £25.00
<b>Kew Gardens</b>	from £20.00
<b>The London Dungeon</b>	from £28.00
<b>Hampton Court</b>	from £26.00
<b>Boat Party</b>	from £15.00

For full details of WSE activities, check out our Social Programme calendar on our website: [www.wimbledon-school.ac.uk/school/social-programme](http://www.wimbledon-school.ac.uk/school/social-programme)

### Green / Recycling Recommendations



- Bring your own re-usable water bottle. We have a filtered water machine where you can refill your bottle.



- At the end of your course, please return your lanyard to reception.



- Learn more about what we do to manage our school in a sustainable manner:

[www.wimbledon-school.ac.uk/school/corporate-social-responsibility](http://www.wimbledon-school.ac.uk/school/corporate-social-responsibility)



## Arrival information - How to get to Wimbledon

### WSE Airport Transfer Service

Taxi: we can arrange this for you. Please email the following details to - elaine@wimbledon-school.ac.uk

- Your name
- Your contact telephone number including the international dialing code
- The airport you are arriving into
- Your date and time of arrival
- Your flight number and airline

The cost for one way is:

- Heathrow £180
- Gatwick £210
- Stanstead £300
- Luton £250
- London City £ 190
- St. Pancras £175
- £60 surcharge for arrivals or departures on public holidays.

You can see all dates here:

[www.gov.uk/bank-holidays](http://www.gov.uk/bank-holidays)

Further details will be emailed to you on request.

Do not take a black taxi from the airport unless you have no other choice. They are very expensive.

### Private hire airport transfer service

These are the contact details for local taxi companies. Please contact them directly to obtain a quote for your transfer.

- Elite Cars Service: 020 8944 7000  
bookings@elitecarservice.com

### Heathrow - Wimbledon

Public Transport:

From the Arrivals Hall, follow the UNDERGROUND sign. Take the Piccadilly Line (navy blue) to EARLS COURT. At Earls Court change to the District Line (green) for WIMBLEDON (usually platforms 3 or 4). NB. Not all District Line trains go to Wimbledon. Check the sign at the front of the train. From Wimbledon Station take a taxi to your host family.

You can find black taxis outside the station - please check how much your journey might be before getting inside. For more information on travelling to and from Heathrow airport, please visit:

[www.heathrow.com/transportand-directions](http://www.heathrow.com/transportand-directions)



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### Stansted - Wimbledon

Public Transport:

Take the Overground train to TOTTENHAM HALE. At Tottenham Hale take the Underground Victoria Line (light blue) to VAUXHALL. At Vauxhall take the Overground train (platform 8) to WIMBLEDON. You can buy a direct ticket from Stansted to Wimbledon. From Wimbledon station take a taxi to your host family, please check how much your journey might be before getting into the taxi. You can also take Stansted Coach service. For more information on travelling to and from Stansted airport, visit:

[www.stanstedairport.com/gettingto-and-from/](http://www.stanstedairport.com/gettingto-and-from/)

### Luton - Wimbledon

Public Transport:

Take the 'First Capital Connect' train from Luton Airport Parkway to Wimbledon. Check the trains - some trains are direct, for others you may need to change. The journey time is approx. 1.5 hours. Check [www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com) for ticket prices and train times. From Wimbledon station take a taxi to your host family. Please check how much your journey might be before getting in to the taxi. For more information on travelling to and from Luton airport, please visit:

[www.london-luton.co.uk/to-and-from-lla](http://www.london-luton.co.uk/to-and-from-lla)

### London City Airport - Wimbledon

Public Transport:

From the Arrivals Hall take the Docklands Light Railway / DLR (turquoise) to CANNING TOWN. Take the Jubilee Line (grey) to WATERLOO. At Waterloo take the Overground train to WIMBLEDON, normally from platforms 1 - 5. From Wimbledon station take a taxi to your host family. Please check how much your journey might be before getting into the taxi. For information on traveling to and from London airport, visit [www.londoncityairport.com/visitingtheairport/gettingtoley](http://www.londoncityairport.com/visitingtheairport/gettingtoley)

### St Pancras International - Wimbledon

Public Transport:

There are 2 options:

- Option 1: Take the Underground Victoria Line (light blue) to VAUXHALL. At Vauxhall take the Overground train (platform 8) to WIMBLEDON.
- Option 2: Take the 'First Capital Connect' direct train from St Pancras to WIMBLEDON. There is a direct train every 30 minutes. The journey time is approximately 40 minutes. From Wimbledon station take a taxi to your host family. Please check how much your journey might be before getting into the taxi.

For information on travelling to and from St Pancras International, visit:

[www.eurostar.com/uk-en/travelinfo/stations/london-st-pancrasinternational](http://www.eurostar.com/uk-en/travelinfo/stations/london-st-pancrasinternational)

### Gatwick - Wimbledon

Public Transport:

From the Arrivals Hall, follow the TRAIN sign. Take a train to CLAPHAM JUNCTION. Change at CLAPHAM JUNCTION for a train to WIMBLEDON (usually platform 11). All trains leaving platform 11 stop at Wimbledon. From Wimbledon Station take a taxi to your host family; we recommend confirming the price with the driver before you board, or take the train to East Croydon and change to tram.

Taxi: You can take a taxi from Gatwick direct to your host family. From the Arrivals Hall follow the GATWICKCARS sign. Please check how much your journey might be before getting in to the taxi. For more information on travelling to and from Gatwick airport, please visit:

[www.gatwickairport.com/to-and-from/](http://www.gatwickairport.com/to-and-from/)

**Important:**

**Do not take the Gatwick Express**

