

### **Information for parents and guardians of under 18 students on adult courses at IH London**

At International House London, the welfare of all students is important. In UK students aged 16 or 17 are legally classed as children. The majority of our students are adults over 18 but we welcome many under 18's on our adult courses every year.

- Your child will be studying with older adults and there will be less supervision than on a teenager programme.
- Your child will travel between accommodation and the school unsupervised.
- We will not supervise your child in their free time – e.g. during breaks or after their classes.
- We strongly recommend that your child stays in a homestay accommodation provided by IH London.
- If you wish to book another accommodation for your child, please be aware that:
  - You will have to provide full details of the accommodation, including details of the person responsible for your child during their stay in London
  - IH reserves a right to inspect the independently booked accommodation in order to determine if the arrangement is suitable for under 18 students
  - If your child stays in London with their relative, we will also need their full details and we would like to meet them on your child's first day of the course
- We do not arrange accommodation in Student Residences for students who are under 18 as they are not suitable. Residents need to buy and prepare all their meals and do their own laundry. The other students in the residence will be adults, there is no supervision or monitoring of behaviour.
- Your child will have to follow curfew times – this is the time they have to return to their homestay in the evening – 11pm. If they do not do this, an emergency call will be made to the school by the host and we may need to contact you.
- Social programme at IH London is not specifically designed for under 18 students; however, there are certain activities which can be joined by the 16 and 17 years old. Please note they will be joining groups consisting of older students and they will not be supervised at all times.
- They could also join day trips outside London during weekends. These trips may be booked through external operators, may join groups unconnected to IH London, and they will include both supervised and unsupervised periods of time

- IHL strongly recommends that you book arrival and departure transfers for your child with IH. In this way we will be able to ensure their safety from the moment they enter the country. In case you wish to book an independent transfer, you must inform us pre-arrival who will accompany your child to their accommodation.
- Please make sure your child has sufficient money to pay for their lunches and for their transportation in London.
- If your child wants to travel overnight, they will have to contact us first and we will then get in touch with you to obtain a written permission to travel. Your child is not allowed to travel overnight independently. They must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times and we need to obtain all their details.

**For more information, please contact [welfare.officer@ihlondon.com](mailto:welfare.officer@ihlondon.com)**