

Introducing York!

Welcome 2021



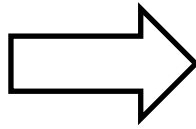
**We are delighted that you would like to study with us in York.
We are proud to call the city home and we are looking forward
to sharing it with you.**

**Here is some information about what we are planning for the
first few days of the programme. We will send you more details
near the time to confirm everything!**

Hobstone Education

February 2021

UK Arrival Day – 3 Sept 2021



Today your adventure begins. You should arrange to fly to Manchester Airport where we will Meet you. Full details of the meeting location and what to expect at the airport will be given to you well in advance.

From Manchester we will travel to York. Depending on the flight schedules, you may have a short wait at the airport, but we will be there to keep you company.

When you arrive in York, you will meet your homestay families for the first time. This is a really exciting moment and we will give you the rest of the day to get to know them.

Important Things About Today

- This is where your adventure begins. All of us feel a mixture of stress and excitement starting something new. We will be here for you and it is our job to make sure your time in the UK gets off to a fantastic start.
- Before you travel, we will give you information about how to find your way through the airport, what paperwork you will need and what to do in the unlikely event you have any difficulties.
- We will give you a travel hotline number before you leave home. This will be available from the day before you travel, right through to when you arrive in York! This is available at any time day or night when you are travelling. Any issues, call us, we will help.

Welcome to York – 4 Sept 2021



You will spend the first part of today at home, resting. As it is Saturday, most of your homestay families will not be at work, meaning things will be nice and relaxed.

12:00 – Lunchtime Welcome

We will meet in the centre of York for Lunch and to officially welcome you to the programme. This will include some games and important information about how to make the most of your year.

Afternoon – York Activity Game & Tour

The afternoon will be spent helping you get to know the city. You will have a chance to explore and complete some relaxed challenges. We will also show you the key sites, including the major public transport hubs.

Evening – Homestay Time

The evening will be spent with your homestay families. This is a really important part of your year, so we want to give you as much time as possible to get to know them.

Important Things About Today

- The programme includes a one week bus pass for the city. You can use this to travel on any bus. Your host families will give this to you and make sure you know how to get into the City for Lunch.
- Today is most about having fun and getting to know each other. It is also about learning how to get around!
- You will be doing some walking today, so wear suitable shoes and bring your coat (our weather is famously unpredictable)

Sunday Gathering – 5 Sept 2021



Morning

Sunday morning is not for rushing, you will spend it with your homestay families. However, we also recommend that you use the time to check out your route to York College, this will be your last opportunity to do this before you start on Tuesday

12:30 – Welcome Barbecue

We will be hosting a welcome event for you and your homestay family. This will include Lunch. It will also be a chance for you and your family to meet other hosts many of you will be living quite close to each other.

Big day out - 6 Sept 2021



Morning & Afternoon

York has some of the most beautiful countryside in the UK... perhaps even the world! We will kick off your first full week n style with a day trip to Whitby on the Yorkshire coast and to the North York Moors!

Evening

You will get back to York late in the afternoon in time for your evening meal with your host families. Tuesday will be your first day at College!

York College – 7-9 Sept 2021



7 September

This is your first day at York College. This will be all about getting to know the College, your tutors and any other international students. The College will give you lots of information about your course and complete any paperwork you need to enrol formally. We will be available throughout the day at College to answer any questions and make sure you are ready for action!!

8 September

This is the second day of the College's induction. We expect that this will include a visit to the city centre. It will also be a more relaxed chance to meet some other international students.

9 September

The 9th September is your first day of College classes. You will meet your subject teachers and begin your classroom learning experience. Again, we will be on hand to pick up any questions, check your timetables are correct and help you feel settled.

Important Things About Starting College

- Take advantage of your time on Saturday and Sunday to travel to the college so you know how long it takes and what busses you need to catch.
- You will probably feel like you have a lot of information to take in. This is normal and no-one expects you to remember all of it at once.
- Take the time to talk to other students as much as possible. Above all, don't worry if you feel nervous, everyone else does, even if they don't show it!

Beyond the Start – 2021/22



Remember, even though the formal induction programme ends on 9th September, that is only the beginning. We will run activities throughout the year and keep in regular contact with you. You will have the chance to tell us how you feel about life on a regular basis and we will be here for you if you need us! The same is true of the College team and of course your homestay families.

We know you will have a great year in York and can't wait to get started!

THE GOLDEN RULE

Most importantly, talk to us if you have a problem. We might not have all the answers all the time, but we will always work with you to find them out. If you have concerns, it is ok to ask, we want to know!

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