

Information for residential English Student Hosts, 2020

Discovery Summer is a leading provider of residential summer courses for international children and teenagers who come to the UK to learn new skills, try new activities and enjoy new experiences - in English. Each summer we welcome some 60 nationalities.

In our July 2018 British Council Inspection Report we are proud to have been awarded 14 strengths out 15.
This places Discovery Summer in the top tier of language schools in the UK.

We want the international students to enjoy getting to know our country and culture, to share their experience with new friends from around the world and to make British friends - our '**English Student Hosts**'.



Discovery Summer offers a limited number of all-inclusive scholarships to British children and teenagers. These English Student Host make up 10% of our total student population.

What is included in the residential scholarship offer?

- A two-week **100% scholarship** in a safe, fun and culturally enriching environment.
- Experience **life as a boarder** at a top independent school
- Free accommodation, meals, programme and excursions – follow a full programme seven days a week!
- **Develop new skills** as you support international students
- Daily guidance from your House Parents ensuring you understand your role
- Two excursions a week e.g. **Warner Bros studio, a West End Musical and Theme Parks** as well as many places of historical and cultural interest e.g. Bristol, Oxford and London.
- A huge variety of indoor and outdoor sports and activities, art & design, circus skills, ceilidhs, dance, discos, leadership challenges and more!

Applicants should be:

- British (and living or currently educated in the UK)
- Aged between 11 and 17 years
- Available for 2 consecutive weeks in the summer
- Independent - spend time away from family and friends as you experience life in a boarding school
- Confident - every day you will be meeting new people!
- Enthusiastic and inquisitive
- Responsible – you need to lead by example
- Mature – you may have to put the needs of the international students before your own
- Resilient – you may find some things hard at first e.g. spending time with children you do not know
- Friendly, kind and polite

English Student Host duties:

- Welcome new international students to the centre, show them around and help them meet other students and to settle in
- Help students in classes - these may be English or subject-based classes depending on the programme
- Help students practise for spoken English exams
- Participate in a wide range of sports, activities and evening entertainments
- Share a bedroom or sleep in a single room on the same corridor as other students
- Go on two excursions each week; sharing British culture and local know-how
- Set an excellent example by always following Discovery Summer rules and by helping whenever you can
- Mix with the international students at every possible opportunity
- Attend daily feedback meetings with your Houseparent
- Wear a Discovery Summer blue T-shirt to be easily recognised

What you will gain from being an English Student Host

You may have just started a new school, or you might be applying to university. Our scholarship programme gives you confidence in new situations while teaching you important life skills:

- Gain **interview** experience. The application process includes a brief telephone interview
- Build on your **leadership skills** as you guide and support international students
- Improve your **social skills and confidence** when meeting new people
- Boost **resilience** as you realise what you have achieved
- Gain **new skills** – perhaps in an unexpected area – in classes, activities, sports, or in ways of helping people
- Discuss your **future plans** with experienced staff
- Find out how well you are fulfilling your role. This daily feedback can be used as a **basis of a reference** for a **Duke of Edinburgh Award** or to support an application for a part time job/gap year project/University etc
- **Enhance your CV** with proven leadership experience
- Receive a DS English Student Host certificate as a **record of your achievement**

What are the next steps?

- Visit our website for full details of our summer schools www.discoverysummer.co.uk. You can follow us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to see some of the exciting things that happened in 2019!
- Complete the [online application form](#) or email flynn@discoverysummer.com for the link.
- On the application form you will be asked for the details of someone such as your form tutor at school so that we can find out more about you. Once the reference has been returned, we will arrange an after school/ weekend telephone interview with you.
- If your application is successful, you'll be contacted within 2-4 weeks with your scholarship offer.