

FOOTBALLERS

PRO YEAR ENGLAND ISLE OF WIGHT




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➤ IFX welcomes you to our organization and we are looking forward to working with you during IFX experience. Your journey abroad will be challenging, yet rewarding in many ways. In order to prepare you for your program, please read through the IFX Program guide to learn about our different processes and for tips on different things while living abroad.

This guide discusses all aspects of your upcoming program including important information about the program region, the school, club placement process, and more. Please read thoroughly through this program guide and should any further questions arise, please let us know.



ISLE OF WIGHT

The Isle of Wight is a county and the largest and second-most populous island in England. It is in the English Channel, about 2 miles (3.2 km) off the coast of Hampshire, separated by the Solent. The island has resorts that have been holiday destinations since Victorian times, and is known for its mild climate, coastal scenery, and verdant landscape of fields, downland and chines.

The island has been home to the poets Swinburne and Tennyson and to Queen Victoria, who built her much-loved summer residence and final home Osborne House at East Cowes. It has a maritime and industrial tradition including boat-building, sail-making, the manufacture of flying boats, the hovercraft, and Britain's space rockets. The island hosts annual music festivals including the Isle of Wight Festival, which in 1970 was the largest rock music event ever held. It has well-conserved wildlife and some of the richest cliffs and quarries for dinosaur fossils in Europe.

The Isle of Wight Festival, best known as "Bestival", was relocated to Lulworth Estate, Dorset in 2016. In 1970, the festival was headlined by Jimi Hendrix attracting an audience of 600,000, some six times the local population at the time. It is the home of the bands The Bees, Trixie's Big Red Motorbike, as well as three of the founding members of Level 42 (Mark King, Boon Gould and Phil Gould). It has also hosted a one-day festival called "Summer Madness", which started in 2009, headlined by Madness.

There are several non-league clubs such as Newport (IW) F.C. There is an Isle of Wight Saturday Football League with two divisions and two reserve team leagues also.



> ISLE OF WIGHT COLLEGE



The Isle of Wight College has been awarded an 'Outstanding' grade by the official governing body 'Ofsted – The Office for Standards and Education, Children's Services and Skills' and is constant in the provision of 'Putting Students First'. The college continues to strive in all aspects of meeting Isle of Wight College fotostudents' needs, from using the most up-to-date and exemplary teaching methods to providing more IT equipment for students to use.

The International Department has welcomed students from around the world since 1991 and providing excellent welfare and support to all international students, recognizing that for some students it may be their first time away from home and parents.



PORTSMOUTH FC ISLE OF WIGHT



Portsmouth FC is a professional football club from Portsmouth, England, currently competing in England's League 1. In partnership with the Portsmouth FC Foundation and the Isle of Wight College, Portsmouth FC has established an affiliated youth football academy to develop youth footballers from the region under their own club philosophy and management. IFX is an official partner of both the Portsmouth FC Foundation Academy and the Isle of Wight College, providing opportunities for international players from outside England to train within the Portsmouth FC development model and continue their education at a highly regarded College on the Isle of Wight. This elite soccer academy in England welcomes players from all over the world to apply.

Participants of IFX England – Portsmouth FC program will compete on one of the Portsmouth FC Foundation youth football academy teams, live with a carefully selected host family on the Isle of Wight, and study at the Isle of Wight College. Eligible students include both those in upper secondary (11th and 12th grade) as well as those who have already graduated from high school.

Players between 16 and 19 years old form the Portsmouth FC IOW Foundation Academy team. Coached by highly qualified and FA licensed trainers from the Foundation of the professional club Portsmouth FC, the Academy competes in a southern division of the National Football Youth League, a federated U19 league comprised mostly of professional English football clubs Foundation Academy teams. Clubs like Chelsea, West Ham, Queens Park Rangers, Swindon Town, Fulham, Watford, Wycombe Wanderers, AFC Bournemouth are a few of the many professional clubs who also field Foundation Academy teams in this highly competitive National Football Youth League.



> BTEC FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



Players study in the **BTEC** Sports Diploma as their educational track.

The **BTEC** Sports Diploma is a comprehensive program covering a vast variety of sport and football related subjects. It is normally a 2 year program and graduates of the program earn a Level 3 Diploma.

Samples of Subjects:

- Principles of anatomy/ physiology in sport
- Physiology in fitness
- Assessing risk in sport
- Fitness testing for sport and exercise
- Fitness training and programming
- Instructing Physical activity and exercise
- Organizing sporting events
- Practical team sports
- Physiology for sports performance
- Sports coaching
- FA award in coaching
- FA award in safeguarding in football
- FA award in emergency first aid
- Award in sports leadership
- Award in coaching sports volunteers



HOST FAMILIES



IFX players can choose to live with a carefully selected host family for the duration of their program. All host families are handpicked and many have hosted international students before. Our program partners carry out a strict host family screening process, to assure the suitability of the families and the welfare of the students, and provides 24 hour emergency service. Both families and students receive a profile on each other, as well as personal information to ensure a comfortable and well matched visit.

Host families often have the responsibility of providing the participant with the experience of being "of" the host country. That can mean exploring attributes of the local culture, such as holidays, traditions, and religious celebrations. That can also mean showing typical day-to-day routines.

European families can be distinguished by their love for outdoor activities. Swimming, bicycling, fishing or trekking throughout beautiful landscapes surely will be activities you could enjoy with your new host family.



TRANSPORTATION



During the IFX participant's evaluation and trial period, IFX will assist participants with logistics of getting to/from training. Once a participant is placed with a club, they will be responsible to get to and from training with public transportation. IFX will provide guidance to each participant on how to go about obtaining a monthly transportation train/bus pass that enables the participants to travel unlimited on public transportation throughout the region. The cost ranges generally from 50 – 75 Euros per month depending upon the region and country.

Participants are not permitted to drive vehicles while in the IFX program and will be subject to program dismissal should they be found driving a vehicle.



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