

FOOTBALLERS

YOUTH 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.

ENGLAND




Home to some of the world's greatest football clubs including Manchester United, Chelsea FC, and Arsenal, England is the country most desired to play in worldwide.

With a diverse landscape from large, bustling cities, to quaint towns and shires, England has something for everyone. With an excellent reputation for fashion, film, music, and football, England is the number one destination in the world for students.

Many ancient standing stone monuments were erected during the prehistoric period, amongst the best-known are Stonehenge, Devil's Arrows, Rudston Monolith and Castlerigg. With the introduction of Ancient Roman architecture there was a development of basilicas, baths, amphitheaters, triumphal arches, villas, Roman temples, Roman roads, Roman forts, stockades and aqueducts. It was the Romans who founded the first cities and towns such as London, Bath, York, Chester and St Albans. Perhaps the best-known example is Hadrian's Wall stretching right across northern England. Another well-preserved example is the Roman Baths at Bath, Somerset.

In the field of popular music, many English bands and solo artists have been cited as the most influential and best-selling musicians of all time. Acts such as The Beatles, Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd, Elton John, Queen, Rod Stewart and The Rolling Stones are among the highest selling recording artists in the world.

Large outdoor music festivals in the summer and autumn are popular, such as Glastonbury, V Festival, and the Reading and Leeds Festivals. The most prominent opera house in England is the Royal Opera House at Covent Garden. The Proms – a season of orchestral classical concerts held at the Royal Albert Hall in London – is a major cultural event in the English calendar, and takes place yearly. The Royal Ballet is one of the world's foremost classical ballet companies, its reputation built on two prominent figures of 20th-century dance, prima ballerina Margot Fonteyn and choreographer Frederick Ashton.



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.





> RYDE SCHOOL

Students may choose to enroll into Ryde School, a prestigious post secondary (high school) private school, where they can choose from a broad offering of educational courses. Ryde School is a private secondary school located in the seaside town of Ryde, on the Isle of Wight.

The school is recognized as a prestigious institution serving pupils both from throughout England as well as internationally. The school aims to provide carefully structured and thorough education enabling pupils to achieve their academic and personal potential and to develop skills appropriate to the world of work and life in the twenty-first century.

At Ryde School, students can select from an extensive range of courses and may also opt to enroll in their prestigious International Baccalaureate program. For further course information, please contact us.



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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.



HOST FAMILIES



The students are placed with volunteer Italian families in the region of Northern Italy: Modena, Reggio Emilia, Verona, Bologna, Parma, Carpi and Mantua, as well as in small communities near these cities. Students are not allowed to choose the community nor the school but rather are placed within a community and family according to their interests, skills, and characteristics.

Many host families are the families of former participants of study abroad programs to the USA, Australia and Canada. The typical Italian family consists of a father, mother and one, two or three children. They live in the mentioned cities or outskirts of the cities. Students must follow the host family rules as the rest of the children in the family do.

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.



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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