

Pre-Arrival to First Day



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MyEC

What is MyEC?

MyEC is a personalised study tool and powerful learning companion throughout your EC journey. It also offers information about your EC centre, accommodation and about living in your chosen destination.

Your Online Placement Test

- To help us place you in the right level when you start studying with us, you must complete your Online Placement test before you arrive at school.
- If you do not complete this test before your first day, you may miss some of the
 first day activities and/or class time as this test must be completed before you
 start class.
- The Online Placement Test focuses on Reading, Writing and Use of English (Grammar and Vocabulary) and consists of 66 questions.
- Your speaking level will be assessed on your first day in school
- For the instructions on how to complete your Online Placement Test, please go to Preparing for your Arrival

When can I access MyEC?

You will have access to MyEC as soon as you receive your booking confirmation. Start by logging in here: https://signin.ecenglish.com/student

What else must I do on MyEC before my arrival?

- 1. Access a bank of study materials to start learning before you even leave home
- 2. Complete your Important Personal Details Form
- 3. Complete yout Needs Analysis Form
- 4. Complete your placement test
- 5. Fill in the pre-arrival survey

Centre Information

EC Brighton

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Phone number: +44 (0) 12 7369

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Emergency number:

(For use outside of office hours

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For airport transfers only: +44 (0)

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Opening Hours

Monday	08:15 – 18:30		
Tuesday	08:15 – 18:30		
Wednesday	08:15 – 18:30		
Thursday	08:15 – 18:30		
Friday	08:15 – 18:30		
Saturday	Closed		
Sunday	Closed		
Office hours	08:15 - 18:30		





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Arrival at Airport

I want an EC airport transfer, can I arrive at any time?

If you have booked accommodation with EC you must arrive at the airport between 08:00 and 20:00. Late/early arrivals may be asked to book alternative accommodation.

What information do I need to give to book an airport transfer?

Please provide your flight number, arrival time, terminal and airport of origin – minimum 2 week in advance.

Who will I meet at the airport?

You will meet an EC transportation representative holding an EC Brighton sign in the arrivals hall

What should I do if I cannot find the EC representative?

If after 10 minutes you cannot see the EC representative, just call +44 (0) 7517420331 (from the information desk or a mobile phone). (Useful phrase to use: Hi, My name is (Maria Angeli). I am from (Italy). My student number is (123456). I cannot find my EC representative. I am at the information desk.)

What should I do if I have missed my flight or my flight is delayed?

You should notify EC by calling +44 (0) 7517420331 (from the information desk or a mobile phone) to rearrange your transfer time and avoid additional cost. (Useful phrase to use: My name is (Maria Angeli). I am from (Italy). My student number is (123456) and my flight has been changed. My new flight number is (1234) arriving at (time)..

What should I do if I haven't booked an EC transfer?

You can either take a train from London Gatwick to Brighton from 5.00am until 1.00am, or the National Express Coach. From London Heathrow you can take a tube from 6.00am until 11.30pm to Green Park and then change to the Victoria Line and take a tube to Victoria where you can catch a Train (https://www.thetrainline.com/) to Brighton (last train at 1.00am), or take National Express https://www.nationalexpress.com/en Coach from London Heathrow to Brighton. Please click on the links for information on prices

Your First Day at School

How can I find my way to school?

You can find this information on your EC Accommodation Profile, or feel free to ask your homestay host or residence.

What if I haven't booked EC accommodation?

You can take a Brighton & Hove bus to the Old Steine – most buses stop here. Please click the link for information on prices.

What time should I arrive?

8:15am to 8:30.

Arrival at EC Accommodation

What should I expect at my EC accommodation?

Your homestay will give you a warm and personal welcome. All our hosts are fully briefed on how to make you feel comfortable and prepared for your first day of lessons.

First Sunday Activities

What should I do on the Sunday before school starts?

You will have the option of participating in activities arranged by EC. This is an opportunity to meet other new EC students, relax and be introduced to your new city together. With an EC staff member on hand, you can also ask any questions you may have. We will notify you of the Sunday activity schedule around 2 weeks before you start school.

Public holidays

What happens on public holidays? Schools do not open on public holidays, so if Monday is a public holiday, your first day at the school will be on Tuesday.

2025 Public holidays on a weekday: 01 Jan, 10 Feb, 19 Mar, 31 Mar, 18 Apr, 01 May, 15 Aug, 08 Sep, 08 Dec, 25 Dec and 26 Dec01 Jan, 18 Apr, 21 Apr, 05 May, 26 May, 25 Aug, 25 Dec, 26 Dec.

What should I bring with me?

It's important to bring these documents with you on your first day:

- Visa, passport and flight details
- Your credit card to pay for any outstanding fees

What do I do if public transportation is temporarily unavailable?

In case of bad weather, public transport strikes etc, please check the <u>EC Brighton</u> Facebook page for any important updates or call the emergency number.

What can I expect on my first day?

You'll experience the best possible welcome into the EC family on your first day. Enjoy undivided staff attention in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. Here's what your first day will include:

- Detailed schedule of the day
- A Welcome talk outlining who is who in the school and how everything works
- The remainder of your placement test (speaking)

What will my timetable be?

You will receive your timetable at school at 10:30am

Timetable

What will my timetable be?

This is a sample timetable, times may change and are not guaranteed.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
9:00 - 10:30	Core Class A	Core Class B	Core Class A	Core Class B	Core Class A		
10:30 - 10:45	Break						
10:45 - 12:15	Core Class A	Core Class B	Core Class A	Core Class B	Core Class A		
12:15 - 13:00	Lunch Break						
13:00 - 14:30	Special Focus Classes						
14:30 - 14:45	Break						
14:45 - 16:15	Core Class B	Core Class A	Core Class B	Core Class A	Core Class B		
16:15 - 16:30	Break						
16:30 - 18:00	Core Class B	Core Class A	Core Class B	Core Class A	Core Class B		
After school	Language activities & social events/ free time/ study time						

