



# Pre-Arrival to First Day



## Centre Information

### EC London

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**Emergency number:**

(For use outside of office hours)

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## Opening Hours

<b>Monday</b>	08:30 - 17:00
<b>Tuesday</b>	08:30 - 17:00
<b>Wednesday</b>	08:30 - 17:00
<b>Thursday</b>	08:30 - 17:00
<b>Friday</b>	08:30 - 17:00
<b>Saturday</b>	Closed
<b>Sunday</b>	Closed
<b>Office hours</b>	08:30 - 17:00



# Arrival

## 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 sign with the EC logo and your name. They will be waiting for you at Arrivals.

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

If after 10 minutes you cannot see your driver, please contact our emergency number +44 (0) 7983 773121 (Useful phrase to use: Hi, My name is (Maria Angeli). I am from (Italy). My student number is (123456). I am waiting (under the arrival sign).

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

You should notify EC by calling +44 (0) 7983 773121 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?

If you are travelling from Heathrow Airport to central London, The Heathrow Express <https://www.heathrowexpress.com> is the fastest way to travel. Trains from Heathrow leave every 15 minutes and the journey to London Paddington takes about 15-20 minutes. Trains to London leave Heathrow Airport from approximately 5am until 11.55pm.

The Piccadilly line connects Heathrow Airport to central London and the rest of the tube system. The Tube <https://tfl.gov.uk/plan-a-journey> is cheaper than the Heathrow Express or Heathrow Connect but it takes a lot longer. Tube services leave Heathrow every few minutes from approximately 5.10am (5.50am Sundays) to 11.45pm (11.30pm Sundays).

If you are travelling from Gatwick Airport, The Gatwick Express <https://www.gatwickexpress.com> is the fastest rail link between the airport and central London. Non-stop trains run to and from London Victoria every 15 minutes and take 30 minutes (35 minutes on Sundays). Please visit the websites for more 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 hosts or residence staff.

### What if I haven't booked EC accommodation?

# 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 welcome activity schedule the week before your arrival.

### 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.

**2026 Public holidays on a weekday:** 01 Jan, 03 Apr, 06 Apr, 04 May, 25 May, 31 Aug, 25 Dec, 28 Dec

You can check on the Transport for London website <https://tfl.gov.uk> and plan your journey from your accommodation. Please click on the link for information on prices.

### **What time should I arrive?**

8:30am.

### **What should I bring with me?**

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

- Passport and visa
- Your credit card to pay for any outstanding fees
- Your own notebook and pens

### **What do I do if public transportation is temporarily unavailable?**

In case of bad weather, public transport strikes etc, please check the [EC London 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:

- Orientation talk
- A speaking assessment
- 'How We Learn' – session on how you'll succeed with EC, including our teaching styles and methods

### **What will my timetable be?**

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

## **Timetable**

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

### **Sample Timetable**

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