

Travel between airports and schools

School staff will normally arrange transfers between the airport and the school by mini-bus or taxi but there is typically a charge for this service. Once familiar with the rail network or express coach services, students can find these to be cost effective particularly if they buy a student travel card.

Guardianship:

If a school is unable to provide continuing accommodation during half-term holidays (and weekend exeat, if scheduled) and it may be impractical for an international student to fly home, schools often insist on knowing where they will be safely accommodated in Britain until the school reopens. A guardian is an approved UK adult resident (or family) that undertakes to accommodate and look after a student during any of these periods.

With the agreement of the school, a known relative or close family friend, resident in Britain, can be designated as guardian, in which case you will not incur the extra expense of engaging a professional guardianship service, which can otherwise cost around £800 per term. AEGIS (<https://aegisuk.net/>) is the organisation which lists safety vetted and approved guardianship providers. If you require an AEGIS approved guardian then please contact our student coordinator (studentcoordinator@hmcprojects.org.uk) who may be able to help. One or two schools are now insisting that even if you can get a relative or family friend to act as guardian you will also need an AEGIS approved guardian as well.

If you need to stay with a commercial guardian there will be an additional cost for accommodation and food which can be around £60 per day.

TB tests:

A TB test certificate is required for students from **Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine**. Please note that there will be a single designated TB testing centre in each of these countries which you must attend to obtain the correct certificate. This is submitted with the visa application.

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