

Frequently Asked Questions

Edinburgh, City Centre School

Background of the school

› **When was the school / building established / built?**

The school was established in 1995.

› **Briefly describe the style of the building (modern, Victorian etc...)**

It is a Georgian building with a large private garden at the back of the building.

› **Where is it situated in the city?**

The school is 5 minutes walk from the city centre, situated in a street consisting of private residences and offices.

› **Bus links to town – what numbers?**

It is walking distance to the city centre.

› **How far (miles)?**

5 minutes walk.

› **Price of bus pass?**

	Month	Fortnight	Week
Adult	£33	£22	£11
Child	£21	£14	£7

› **How far from rail station?**

The station is about 20 minutes on foot or 5 minutes by bus / taxi from the school.

› **How far are the premises from a bank / money exchange bureau?**

5 minutes on foot

› **How far are the premises from the nearest post office?**

3 minutes on foot

› **What kinds of shops are situated near the school and how far away are they?**

Edinburgh's main shopping street, Princes Street, is a 5-minute walk away and includes all the main chains of shops as well as speciality shops with Scottish goods. Queensferry Street is a 2-minute walk from the school and has many sandwich shops, takeaways, cafes, pubs and restaurants.

› **Please confirm the postal address where students can receive their mail:**

Student name
C/O Aspect ILA
11 Great Stuart Street
Edinburgh EH3 7TP

Background to the city

› **What is the population of the city?**

440,000.

› **General / historic / touristic / seaside etc?**

A tourist destination for those interested in history, the arts and Scottish culture. Also popular with young adults interested in having a good time, enjoying the night life and eating in Edinburgh's many international restaurants.

School facilities

› **How many classrooms in total?**

12 classrooms.

› **Which other organisations will be there ?**

None.

› **Size of the classrooms? (Large, spacious, airy, light, compact...)**

Large classrooms with plenty of natural light. Some smaller classrooms for one-to-one lessons and small groups.

› **What are the facilities in classrooms?**

Whiteboard, cassette recorder, TV/ VCRs and OHP are available in some classrooms.

› **Computer room available?**

Yes, 10 computers with language learning programmes, email and Internet access.

› **Library available?**

Yes, for both books and videos.



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› **Is there a coffee shop?**

The student common room has been renovated to include vending machines, coffee/tea making facilities and a microwave.

› **Are there any vending machines?**

Yes, for cold drinks

› **Is there a smoking area?**

Yes, outside in the garden.

› **Is there a church / mosque nearby?**

There are churches within the city.

› **Are there any common rooms?**

Yes, we have a student common room with tables, chairs and sofas.

Sports facilities

› **What outdoor sports facilities are there?**

Public parks need to be used. The Activities Coordinator can help with organising outdoor sports events

› **Is there a gym?**

Students can join the local gym for indoor sports facilities. There is no gym in the school.

› **What is the gym like?**

N/A

› **Is there a swimming pool?**

N/A

Homestay accommodation

› **How many beds in total?**

Dependent on homestay

› **How many bathrooms?**

Dependent on homestay

› **How many toilets?**

Same as above

› **How many showers?**

Same as above

› **Has each room a bed, desk, and wardrobe per student?**

Yes.

› **Is bed linen provided?**

Yes.

› **How often is it changed?**

Once a week.

› **Are towels provided?**

Yes.

› **How often are they changed?**

Weekly

› **Is soap provided?**

No

› **When are the rooms cleaned and how often?**

Students are responsible for cleaning.

› **Is there a laundrette?**

Yes, students can use the family washing machine

› **If there are no laundry facilities within the homestay, where is the nearest public laundrette, and how far away is it?**

Within walking distance.

› **Do all bedrooms have locks and a master key?**

Generally no.

› **Is there a safe leaders / the CD could have access to?**

No.

› **What kind of Security System is there?**

N/A

› **Are meals provided?**

For half board options, breakfast and dinner are served Monday - Sunday. Students are responsible for providing their own lunch. For Bed & Breakfast options, only breakfast is served 7 days a week



Residential accommodation

› How many beds in total?

Varies

› How many bathrooms?

Dependent on residence.

› How many toilets?

Same as above.

› How many showers?

Same as above.

› Has each room a bed, desk, and wardrobe per student?

Yes.

› Is bed linen provided?

Yes.

› How often is it changed?

Student is responsible for washing bed linen.

› Are towels provided?

No.

› How often are they changed?

Student is responsible for washing of towels

› Is soap provided?

No

› When are the rooms cleaned and how often?

Some are cleaned weekly.

› Is there a laundrette?

Coin operated facilities are available in most residences.

› If there are no laundry facilities on site, where is the nearest public laundrette, and how far away is it?

Within walking distance.

› Do all bedrooms have locks and a master key?

Yes.

› Is there a safe leaders / the CD could have access to?

No

› What kind of Security System is there?

24 hour front desk.

› Are meals provided?

No meals provided, kitchen facilities in residence.

Excursions

› Where are the excursion pick-up / drop-off points?

Activities generally start from the school and end there as well.