

Iijima Homestay

Bridging The World

About Us

Set in a safe and charming location in Biggleswade (journeys to London and Cambridge both last approximately 40minutes) with easy access to shopping centres and popular tourist attractions; providing a homey feeling and exceptional care throughout the whole stay.

We at Iijima Homestay, believe that by being exposed to different world cultures, we can appreciate the things that are unique to us, as well as those that we have in common.



We want to be best partners in bridging people and encouraging open mindedness and respect of diversity.



We aim to not only provide excellent academic education and fun, memorable experiences, but also seek to educate about others to become highly engaged individuals and unified community builders.



- Excellent and Positive Programmes
- Commitment and Accountability
- Sincerity and Integrity



Our Programmes Inspire

Iijima Homestay has prioritised to create exciting learning programmes where fun and learning intertwine and that are designed to provide valuable experiences that will stay forever.



TOEIC Programme: Skills Enhancement and Exam Preparation Course

This programme aims to provide the necessary English-language skills for the TOEIC (Test Of English for International Communication), general knowledge about the TOEIC course itself and examination skills. The programme is divided into two parts: Skills Enhancement Course and TOEIC Exam Preparation Course.



Skills Enhancement Course

Students will be working on their pronunciation, intonation, stress and the difference between sounds, vocabulary, grammar, spelling, punctuation, reading and comprehension ability and general conversation skills.

TOEIC Exam Preparation Course

This course focuses on the students' test taking skills to achieve their full potential in the exam.



THE STUDY PLAN

We have designed and tailored our plan to meet the necessary requirements for taking the TOEIC examination and aim to direct the students to achieve their best possible results. Homework will be given to consolidate the work taught in class and weekend tasks have been prepared to enhance experiences and conversations based on real-life situations.

TOEIC STRATEGIES, TECHNIQUES AND MOCK TESTS

Iijima Homestay aims to provide students skills and training, clear methods, effective test tips and examples of common TOEIC distractors for all TOEIC sections to help them achieve their goal.

We train and test their English-language skills using real sample questions from the TOEIC examinations. With careful review, we aid students to understand their strengths and the areas in which they can improve; helping them to refine, revise, practice and retry their knowledge and skills.

PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE

Iijima Homestay is dedicated to effective teaching and lifelong learning.

We strive to provide students with an experience that will far outlive just their TOEIC examination. We wish to give them the ability to adapt and thrive in any environment.

TUITION FEES 2017-2018 (AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR)

¥450,000 P/P FOR A 4-WEEK PROGRAMME

- All tuition fees include learning materials (modules, activity books and worksheets), accommodation (toiletries, towels, laundry), food, entrance fees to all attractions set out in the chosen programme and transportation. Flights are not included. These will need to be booked separately.

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English Language Support Programme: British Culture and General Conversation Class

This programme gives a first-hand experience to students aged between 16 and 25 years old. It aims to serve as a guide to fascinating facts and information about British life and culture in a way that is enjoyable and easy to understand and aims to help improve daily English conversation, listening, reading and writing skills.



All our activities create an opportunity for valuable and memorable personal learning. They are all:

THOROUGHLY DESIGNED COURSE

Designed, managed and facilitated carefully so that they carry the impact and memory of the learning.

POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT

Geared towards concentrating learning and discussions on the positives more than the negatives and recognising and focusing on success.

INQUISITIVE LEARNING

Developed to enable students to learn by drawing out the issues and enhancing the learning that is relevant to them by giving stimulating questions that allow them to provide answers given to develop further thought and learning.

FEEDBACK AND REFLECTION

Tailored to allow adequate and meaningful facilitated discussions and reviews that are an honest critique of what happened and the contributions of each student.

The different activities, discussions and reviews planned every day pursue in developing students' confidence, self-esteem, personal strengths, and a rounded sense of purpose and fulfilment which fundamentally improve attitude, life-balance and emotional well-being.



The students will also be given the opportunity to meet different kinds of people to further enhance their experience, on top of the additional staffing support that we provide.

Ijima Homestay believes that understanding other cultures helps us to become more rounded individuals and encourages us to see things from different perspectives, which allows us to improve our interactions and flexibility when working with others.

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English Language Support Programme: Summer Kids Boot Camp

This programme is aimed at children from 5 years old to 15 years old who aspire to enter an international school or those who have a strong interest in advancing their English abilities. The programme uses specialised study and activities tailored appropriately for their level of English.

Iijima Homestay intends to help students whose first language is not English achieve their full academic potential.



Morning learning activities are:

- ★ Personal and take into account the specific needs of the children.
- ★ Developed to be "Learning by Doing" to accelerate learning.
- ★ Designed to go beyond classroom learning and ensure high level of retention.



Special afternoon activities aim to:

- ★ Develop well-rounded, socially skilled and healthier children.
- ★ Learn useful new skills and integrate these into everyday lives.

Additional staffing support, including:

- ★ Guest teachers for maths, science and literacy to introduce a more diverse learning experience.
- ★ A nurse who will provide extra help looking after the children during their stay.

Exciting weekend trips help:

- ★ Teach British history and culture in a way that is fun and easy to understand.
- ★ Provide lifelong memories.



Fun Projects:

- ★ Science
- ★ Food and cooking
- ★ Sports and physical exercises
- ★ Arts and crafts



What We Do

We have carefully tailored plans for three different levels to best meet the needs of the children and work with a separate topic each week that helps examine our aims and objectives; our scope and sequence.



WEEK 1

Pre-Intermediate Level

Communication, Language and Literacy

Building early literacy skills focusing on enjoyment of books, positive interactions and role of literacy-rich experiences.

Intermediate Level

Letter-Sound, Recognition and Recall and Production

Recognising letters and their sounds in words and sentences and learning letter clusters, consonant digraphs and vowel combinations.

Advanced Level

Advanced Listening and Speaking

Participating in discussions, presentations, improvisations and debates to build vocabulary and spoken language.

WEEK 2

Pre-Intermediate Level

Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy

Developing early number skills and improving knowledge and understanding on mathematical concepts

Intermediate Level

High-Frequency Words

Learning to read common words in continuous text and use them in writing, and understanding the concept of syllables, simple compound words, contractions, plurals and verb endings.

Advanced Level

Reading Comprehension and Discussion

Developing positive attitudes to reading and understanding by reading books structured in different ways, and reading for a range of purposes.

WEEK 3

Pre-Intermediate Level

Physical, Social and Emotional Development

Focusing on the importance of play and creative thought and expression in children's development, learning, social competence and emotional maturity.

Intermediate Level

Conversational Skills

Demonstrating and understanding on conversation rules by learning about others, developing shared experiences, expanding their vocabulary and advancing to more complex language.

Advanced Level

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Using and understanding grammatical concepts and other features of written standard English appropriately and accurately.

TUITION FEES 2017-2018 (AVAILABLE BETWEEN JUNE AND SEPTEMBER)

¥400,000 P/P FOR A 3-WEEK PROGRAMME

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Staff

Iijima Homestay has a dedicated and creative teaching staff; composed of consistently excellent practitioners with high expectations for students' achievement and who will support Iijima Homestay students in their learning to develop the key skills of independence and perseverance.



Virma

"I'm an enthusiastic ESL and preschool teacher who uses a lot of fun, kid friendly, hands on, multi-sensory and creative activities, always aiming for children to achieve their best. I have 12 years experience as an ESL teacher in international and Japanese public elementary and junior high schools, with 4 of those years as a pre-school teacher in international schools in Tokyo. I have also taught TOEIC and business level English classes in Tokyo and worked in a pre-school here in the UK. I have completed numerous trainings in ESL (English as a Second Language) and EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) and I possess a paediatric first aid certification."

James

"I'm easy going and enjoy playing with children. I have worked in Tokyo as a pre-school and after school teacher where I created fun, interactive activities that the children loved to get involved with. I have a degree and history in computer games and animation and believe in the importance of technology in learning. With proper guidance, these tools can hugely enhance a child's ability to learn and give them skills that are essential in today's world."



Katie

"I like to take a more hands on and fun approach to teaching, while establishing a good rapport with the children. I used to go into schools and run really exciting activity sessions in science and engineering to encourage children to get into STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects."



Jenni

"I have always loved working closely with children. I'm a qualified nursery nurse but after having my own children, I became a registered child minder. I was a child minder for over 25 years. I enjoy allowing the children express themselves and show their creativity, especially through arts and crafts. I also love to read with them and take them out to observe and experience the world around them."



Tin Tin

"I am a right mixture of a jolly, caring and competent nurse. I have a vast experience with first aid and advanced clinical practice and have practiced my profession as a nurse for more than 7 years. I also spent a couple of years working with ESL students functioning both as a teacher and a nurse."



We, the teaching staff, develop all aspects of Iijima Homestay through team-working and having the ability to make a full contribution to our curriculum and team.