



EU FACTSHEET ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021

For all new students from the European Union - Important information!

Thank you for your interest in Itchen Sixth Form College. We advise that you read the important information below.

Tuition fees

The UK formally left the EU on 31st January 2020. Reassurance has been received regarding 16-18 funding in a statement made in May 2019 by the Higher Education minister Chris Skidmore which also covered Further Education students.

Under the current funding regulations for academic year 2020-2021, students from an EU, EEA, Switzerland or Norway are eligible for education funded by the UK Government until the age of 19 years old, **if** certain conditions are met:

- They hold a European passport (defined as a national of an EU or EEA country).
- They have been resident in the EU or EEA areas for 3 years or more.
- They are aged 16 to 18 on September 1st of the year they are applying for.
- They stay for at least one whole academic year (normally September to July).
- They are a full-time student – i.e. they normally study 4 or 5 different subjects for the year including Mathematics & English which are compulsory in the UK, until you have achieved a grade C (regraded to grade 4/5 in 2017) or higher at GCSE.
- They sit the exams in these subjects, which will normally happen in May or June.

If students do not meet any ONE of the above criteria, they currently have to pay tuition fees.

Itchen College charges a Student Support administration fee for all students. We provide half-board host family accommodation for which the cost is £6275 for Academic Year 2020-2021. Please do not hesitate to discuss any concerns you may have with these conditions at interview or with the International team at any time.

Progression to university

A Level Programmes in the UK are now **ALL** 2 year courses. To progress to any European university via the British system you will need to complete at least 3 A Levels.

If you stay at Itchen for **less** than the 2 years, it is your responsibility to find out what you need to do if you are planning to return home & re-join your own education system. This includes catching up on the work you have missed **AND** how this affects your future prospects in your own country.



If you stay for 2 years & complete the A Level programme, Itchen College will be able to help and support you for an application to a British university. If you are planning to make an application to a university in your own country or any other country in the world, it is your responsibility to find out how you do this and what the entry requirements will be. We can provide proof of study and a reference on request.

Please ask for any documentation that is required to return to your home education system BEFORE you complete your studies. Our teaching staff are not in college during the summer so references, syllabus information and reports cannot be provided until they return to college in September.

Please note that the results for external examinations that you are required to take (GCSE's & AS Level examinations) are issued by the Exam Board in the month of August. We cannot obtain these results any earlier but if your school requires provisional grades these can be included on a final review document which must be requested before you return home for the summer. Certificates for external GCSE or AS Level examinations are issued by the Exam Board at the end of November.

It is very important that you should be clear with us about your intentions for length of stay as soon as you can after arrival in the UK. This avoids complications at a later date.

Starting an A Level Programme

You will be sent Mathematics Transition Work which will help prepare for study & this must be completed and given to the Mathematics teacher during the first week of term. All students from outside the UK will be given an English and Mathematics evaluation on the first day of enrolment. This enables us to advise you on which level of course is most appropriate. If you choose Physics, Chemistry or Biology you will also be given an evaluation.

We will NOT allow you to start an A Level Programme if your level of English is below CEFR B1. This is because you may struggle badly and not achieve good results. These subjects are not easy for English-speaking students, so studying them in a foreign language, when your language level is not strong, can be very difficult.

We look forward to welcoming you in late August 2020.

Kind regards

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Important Dates

The 'Meet and Greet' collection service is provided for Itchen College student applicants arriving on flights before 10am local time at London Heathrow airport on Tuesday 25th August 2020

The enrolment and induction Programme begins on Wednesday 26th August 2020

Term dates for academic year 2020-2021

Each term has a one-week break from teaching at half term

Autumn Term

Thursday 3rd September to Friday 23rd October 2020
Monday 2nd November to Friday 18th December 2020

Spring Term

Monday 4th January to Friday 12th February 2021
Monday 22nd February to Thursday 1st April 2021

Summer Term

Monday 19th April to Friday 28th May 2021
No teaching on Monday 3rd May 2021, which is a Bank Holiday in the UK
Monday 7th June to Friday 2nd July 2021

(We will publish details of any other non-teaching days on our website)