

REGENT CAMBRIDGE

Information Pack



Why Choose Regent Cambridge?

Friendly, Supportive and Positive Atmosphere

We have such a friendly team here at Regent Cambridge that it's impossible for students not to feel welcome and at home whilst they are at the school. Our host families are all vetted by us and we try our best to match students to appropriate families so that they can really integrate into local culture.

Academic Focus

At Regent Cambridge we take pride in the fact that our focus is firmly on academic courses. We encourage all students to work towards an exam and find that this motivation ensures great results and a high level of satisfaction from students.

Summer Residence Available

St Edmunds College is our most recent summer residence. Offering modern conveniences set in an historic building with wonderful landscaped grounds it's perfect for independent students.

Year Round Residence Available

Year round residential accommodation is available through Regent Cambridge for students who do not wish to take advantage of our homestay option. Purbeck house offers apartments each with their own self catering kitchen, private bathroom and internet access. Purbeck is centrally located just 10 minutes walk to the city centre.

University Foundation Programme

The ideal course for students wishing to study at a UK University; highly structured with 25 hours of English per week the UFP is a fantastic reason to send your ambitious students to Cambridge.

Weekend Opening

The school now opens most Sunday afternoons between 2pm and 6pm. Students can meet up at school to socialise, study, watch TV (Premiership football 4 – 6PM!), or check their email and browse the internet.

***Regent is not the same as every other language school.
Experience the difference!***

**Sample Programme 2009
English World Intensive**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
0900-1030	Review and consolidation of grammar, vocab and spelling.	Countable/Uncountable nouns – food and cooking	Passive and prefixes. Grammar and vocab	Animal expressions. Use of 'got/get'	Review and consolidation of week's work		
1030-1100	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break		
1100-1230	'Quotes and proverbs' Spelling. Informal e mail writing	Reading 'Traditional British food'	Writing a letter of complaint. Discussing situations	'Pet Heaven' comprehension exercise	'Can I help you?' communication exercise.		
1230-1330	Lunch – Welcome to Cambridge DVD for new students	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	London Guided Tour & River Cruise Cost: £22*	Oxford & Blenheim Palace Cost: £28* School open 2pm – 6pm most Sundays
1330-1500	Study Option: Listening.	Study Option: Exam Preparation	Study Option Reading	Study Option: Speaking	Study Option: Writing		
1500-1515	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break		
1515-1615	Cambridge walking tour Cost: FREE	Active English: Student Role Plays	Active English: Debate on Current Affairs	Active English: Group Story Telling	Leaving ceremony: Say goodbye to your friends!		
1600-1700		Fitzwilliam Museum Cost: Free	Cambridge talk Cost: Free	Football Match Cost: Free	Table tennis Cost: Free		
<p>DINNER WITH HOST FAMILY * All prices are approximate and subject to change</p>							
1930-2230		Cinema Cost: £4*	London Musical Cost: £45*	Student Nightclub Cost £4+			

First Day At Regent Cambridge

First day

Students often want to know what they should expect on their first day. This can be an anxious time for them particularly if they have never been abroad before or if they are not very confident about using English. On arrival at their homestay or residential accommodation students receive a welcome pack that explains what they are expected to do on Monday morning and thereafter. Usefully, it also outlines what they can expect from either their host family or the residence they are using (it also outlines what is expected of them!) On the first morning, they will be given directions to the school by their homestay host. If they are staying in a residence, this information will be included in their welcome letter. The year-round residence has a 24 hour site manager who supports students, while the summer residence has a 24 porter who is happy to help!

On the first day students will receive:

- Welcome talk and introduction to staff and school procedures
- Personal Learning Programme objectives setting
- Placement test which may include written and listening or speaking tasks
- Introduction to the school, including a tour of the premises
- Information about the social programme
- Information about which members of staff to see if there are any problems

The students are then placed in a class appropriate to their level. Regent has levels ranging from A1 (beginner) to C2 (native speaker level competence).

If the student has any problems with their accommodation, they should tell the Accommodation Services staff immediately. If the student is unhappy about their course they should inform the Academic Manager. Normally, we advise students to complete at least two or three days in class to see how they feel. It often takes the student a couple of days to settle into their class.

Last day

- All leavers are presented with a Certificate of Attendance and a Leaver's Pack. (Students who have attended less than 80% of their classes will not receive the certificate.)
- Leavers are also given an Evaluation Questionnaire to record their assessment of the school's teaching and facilities, the accommodation, the social programme, and any suggestions for improvement.
- Leavers can take an End of Course test so they can clearly see the level they have achieved. (They should let the Academic Manager know that they would like to take the test a few days before they leave.)
- If the client has booked a Regent return transfer, they will be given the details of their pick-up time a few days before they leave.

The Regent Promise

WE PROMISE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ON OUR COURSES:

- Welcome and orientation on the first day
- Individual assessment of language and level needs
- Regular progress reports and feedback
- Regular tutorials with teachers
- Free access to the internet and email on courses for adults at a Regent school
- All necessary learning materials
- Activity and excursion programme
- 24-hour emergency support line
- Counselling for your student's future academic or work life

Self Access Facilities

Computers available for self-study, well-stocked lending library available for study anytime

[Regent Cambridge Computer Access – available to all students for self study and other use during the day](#)



Regent Cambridge Student Lounge – a great place to relax with free internet access for all students



Regent Cambridge Java Café – meet with friends at lunch and break times



Typical Homestays

Mrs Judy Brown (born 1949) is a teacher and lives with her two daughters Chloe (born 1984) and Nicole (born 1988). Both daughters are students. The family has a dog called Domino and some parrots. Chloe and Nicole both enjoy polo and riding horses. Mrs Brown can also play the piano. One of the student rooms has an en suite bathroom and is classed as executive. Regent can be reached within 10 minutes' cycle ride.

Ms Denise Pride lives with her two children Liam (born 1995) and Tierre (born 1997) in a well furnished terraced house 5 minutes' walk from Regent Cambridge. The family enjoys cooking, gardening, and watching videos. Students have use of the Internet. The family has two rabbits and two hamsters. Smoking is only permitted in the garden.

Social Programme

Typical Week

Day	Time	Activity
Monday	15:00	Walk in Cambridge City Centre
Tuesday	19:00	Trip to the Cinema
Wednesday	15:45	London Musical or Salsa Dancing
Thursday	16:00	Kings College: to hear the choir
Friday	15.00	Punting on the River Cam
	19.30	Pub night
Saturday	08.00	Day Trip to London
Sunday	08.00	Day Trip to Stratford and Warwick Castle

Learning English in the classroom is very important, but it's also vital to practise in a more relaxed setting. Join our programme of social activities and your student will have fun and learn lots of English at the same time. Students can look out for new activities and how to book on our social programme board.

CAMBRIDGE NIGHT LIFE

There is plenty to do in Cambridge - from a night at one of the theatres, a trip to the cinema, or dancing the night away at a club? Classical music concerts and organ recitals take place in many college chapels, and there are a number of pubs with regular live music.

WEEKEND EXCURSIONS

Every weekend we offer full day guided excursions to places of interest all over England: Brighton, Oxford, London, Stratford-upon-Avon, Bath and many more. Details are on the activities board in reception. Ticket's can be purchased from reception. Most tours cost £20-30.

Even more exciting: we offer regular INTERNATIONAL weekend trips to Amsterdam, Paris and Edinburgh!!

LONDON'S WEST END THEATRES AND POP CONCERTS

London has the best theatres in the world and Regent can help your student enjoy the latest shows and musicals. Join one of our theatre trips to shows such as The Phantom of the Opera, The Lion King and Les Misérables. Regent Cambridge also

organises trips to international and premiere league football matches, classical concerts and a whole range of pop concerts.

Cambridge offers an amazing choice of things to do. Your student will never get bored in this exciting city!

THE UNIVERSITY

The University of Cambridge is made up of thirty-one colleges, the oldest of which is Peterhouse (founded in 1284). Follow in the footsteps of such famous Cambridge students as Sir Isaac Newton and Oliver Cromwell, and take a stroll around some of Cambridge's famous sights - The Bridge of Sighs (St. John's College), The Wren Library (Trinity College), King's College Chapel (hear the choir sing during term time), the Mathematical Bridge (Queens' College) and the Pepys Library (Magdalene College).

FESTIVALS

There are lots of fantastic festivals in Cambridge, especially during the summer.

The Strawberry Fair is an independent festival of music, including theatre, arts, dance and science projects.

Pop in the Park is a spectacular free open-air family pop concert held in Parker's Piece in July.

The Folk Festival is a three-day event featuring world renowned rock and folk bands.

MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

Cambridge has a wealth of museums and galleries covering a wide range of interests. The Fitzwilliam Museum on Trumpington Street is home to a world-famous collection of paintings, drawings and prints, Egyptian and Roman antiquities, glass, sculpture, silver, clocks and armour, amongst many other permanent collections and temporary exhibitions.

There's also The Cambridge and County Folk Museum, The Museum of Technology and many other University of Cambridge museums.

SHOPPING

Famous for its bookshops, Cambridge has two shopping centres containing a diverse range of shops. In the city centre there are small, individual gift shops, alongside major stores. The shopping streets extend from the bustling market square, where there are stalls every day of the year.

The Grafton Shopping Centre is a 10-minute walk from the city centre. This indoor shopping mall has many additional stores and is open 11am to 5pm on Sundays, and late on Wednesdays.

CYCLING

Cambridge is known as 'Cycle City' because it is so easy to get around on a bike. The land is mainly flat, many cycle lanes are provided and, especially in the warmer months, getting out and about is a delightful experience. Bikes are an important part of what makes living in Cambridge special and can be hired on a weekly basis.

SPORTS

There are lots of opportunities for sport in Cambridge. Some of these are: Swimming, Tennis, Badminton, Squash, Aerobics, Weight Training, Football.....and more. The main sports centre is Kelsey Kerridge opposite Parker's Piece. The school has a regular Friday afternoon booking here.

Website For more information about Cambridge have a look at www.cambridge.gov.uk

It's Free!

The cost of life in England can be a bit expensive, especially when you are a student, so here are some FREE activities:

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Parker's Piece

Parker's Piece is in central Cambridge and is the setting for several local fairs. It really comes into its own in the summer months as an informal venue for countless rounders games, football, volleyball, cricket matches and evening drinks.

The Backs

Daffodils and crocuses in the spring and stunning views of the colleges across the river make the backs a beautiful place for an afternoon stroll or an impromptu picnic in summer.

Sunday Art Craft & Antiques Market

A charming market packed with interesting stalls to browse round and buy from in the centre of Cambridge. Your student can find pottery, paintings, photographs, clothing, furnishings and much more in this lively setting for shopping at a more relaxed and friendly pace.

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Our Students Recommend...

We asked our students to tell us all about their favourite places in Cambridge. Here are their tips for eating, drinking, shopping and socializing in Cambridge.

BEST PUBS

The White Swan and The Duke of Beaconsfield (on Mill Road)
The Regal, The Red Cow, The Eagle (in the city centre), The Anchor (by the river Cam), Avery (at the edge of Parker's Piece), Robin Hood & Little John (in Cherry Hinton), Man on the Moon (near the Grafton Centre).

BEST BARS

All Bar One (36-37 St Andrews Street), Browns (23 Trumpington Street), B Bar (Market Passage), The Rat & Parrot (Downing Street), Pure Concept Bar (90-92 Regent St) and Henry's (Quayside).

BEST CLUBS

Ballare (Heidelberg Gardens, Lion Yard), Soul Tree (Guildhall Chambers 1-6, Corn Exchange Street), Twenty-Two (22 Sidney Street), Fez Club (Market Passage), PoNaNa (7 Jesus Lane) and The Junction (Clifton Road).

BEST CAFE

Auntie's (St. Mary's Passage), Café Nero (11 Market Street), Clowns (54 King Street), Starbucks (18 Market Street)

BEST RESTAURANTS

Chili's and Footlights (Grafton Centre area), Charlie Chan (14 Regent Street), Caffe Uno (32 Bridge Street), The Gulshan (106 Regent Street), Pizza Express (28 St Andrews Street), Galleria (33 Bridge Street) Venue (66 Regent Street), Frankie and Benny's (Cambridge Leisure).

MUST SEE...

The Backs, The University Colleges, King's College Chapel (hear the choir sing during term-time), The Bridge of Sighs (St. John's College), The Wren Library (Trinity College), The Mathematical Bridge (Queens' College), The Pepys Library (Magdalene College), The Orchard at Grantchester, Cambridge University Botanic Garden, Fitzwilliam Museum, Great St Mary's Church and its Tower, St Benet's Church and Cambridge & County Folk Museum.

Some nearby sights: The American Military Cemetery, Anglesey Abbey, Audley End House, Ely Cathedral, Duxford Imperial War Museum, Linton Zoo and Wimpole Hall

WHERE TO BUY...

GIFTS

The Grand Arcade, The Grafton Centre, Cambridge Market and All Saints Garden Art and Craft Market.

CLOTHES

John Lewis (Grand Arcade) Debenhams and H&M (Grafton Centre), Marks and Spencer, Oasis, Next, Topshop, Miss Selfridge and River Island (City Centre)

MUSIC

HMV (Lion Yard) Second hand CDs are also available in Cambridge Market.

Local city information

CHEMISTS

Co-op Pharmacy

183 Mill Road

Petersfield Pharmacy

34 Mill Road

Boots has 3 local branches:

1. 28 Petty Cury
2. 41-42 Grafton Centre

3. Newmarket Road
Superdrug has 2 branches:
1. 38 Fitzroy Street
2. 59 Sidney Street

DOCTORS

If your students are planning to stay in England for more than 6 months they might be able to register with a doctor without having to pay. If your students are here for a shorter period of time they ought to register anyway. In order to register with a doctor, please come and talk to Reception.

TRANSPORT

The school is located in a lively district very close to the city centre. That makes it easily accessible for public transport, whether travelling from the homestay address to school, or going into Cambridge city centre.

Bus journeys within the city limits cost approximately £1.80 one way. Your student can also choose to buy Saver Tickets and the current prices for them are as follows:

DayRiders	£ 3.30
MegaRider (7 days)	£ 11.00
MegaRider (4 weeks)	£ 42.00

Hotel Accommodation

Arundel House Hotel

Tel: +44 1223 367701
Fax: +44 1223 367721
Chesterton Road
CAMBRIDGE
CB4 3AN

e-mail: info@arundelhousehotels.co.uk
Website: www.arundelhousehotels.co.uk

Elegant Victorian terrace hotel beautifully located overlooking the river Cam.

Prices: Single room from £75 per room per night
Double room from £100 per room per night

All rooms are en suite.

Best Western Gonville Hotel

Tel: +44 1223 221111
Fax: +44 1223 315470
Gonville Place
CAMBRIDGE
CB1 1LY

e-mail: reservations@gonvillehotel.co.uk
Website: www.gonvillehotel.co.uk

A family owned hotel centrally located overlooking Parker's Piece.

Prices: Single room from £75 per room per night
Double room from £90 per room per night

All rooms are en suite.

Doubletree by Hilton

Tel: +44 1223 259988

Fax: +44 1223 316605

Website: www.hilton.co.uk/cambridgewardhouse

Granta Place
Mill Lane
CAMBRIDGE
CB2 1RT

Backing onto the banks of the River Cam with its unique private and secluded garden, this is a very desirable hotel.

Prices: From £90 per person per night
All rooms are en suite.

De-Vere University Arms Hotel

Tel: +44 1223 351241

e-mail: dua.sales@devere-hotels.com

Fax: +44 1223 273037

Website: www.devereonline.co.uk

Regent Street
CAMBRIDGE
CB2 1AD

De Vere University Arms offers your student the ideal spot to explore the city.

Prices: Single room from £140 per room per night
Double room from £155 per room per night

What Our Students Say About Us...

'All the people I met in Regent were very kind, friendly and welcoming'
Aysegul, Turkey

'Regent school is one of the best and most professional schools in the UK. It was very nice to study at this school and I would like to come back.'
Bekhan, Russia

'I think Regent school is very good because people from all over the world have the chance to learn English with fine teachers and at the same time they have the opportunity to make friends with people from different countries and learn about their culture and way of life. The staff are very welcoming and helpful to the students and are always available for information'
Giulia, Italy

'I had a really great time at this school. I'd like to come back here and I'm sure that next time will be even better. Thanks a lot.'
Danko, Russia

'Thank your student for the wonderful atmosphere of the school, for the high professionalism in teaching as well as for your studentr kindness and helpfulness. I found the methods and materials of teaching to be of very high quality and variety and they have completely responded to my original need of improving my language skills. This course has been extremely inspiring, helpful and educative and it has been a great pleasure to study in such a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Certainly to be

recommended. Keep up the good work and I wish your student every success in the future!

Johanna, Belgium

Bank Details

Bank Name and Address:

Fortis Bank
23 Camomile Street
London, EC3a 7PP
ENGLAND

Bank Sort Code:

40-52-62

Account number

40615705

IBAN GB63GEBA40526240615705

SWIFT

GEBAGB22

Please remember to write the student's name in the sender details

School Details

1. School name: **REGENT CAMBRIDGE**
2. Address: 119 Mill Road, Cambridge, CB1 2A
3. Phone number: +44 (0)1223 312333
4. Fax number: +44 (0)1223 323257
5. Email address: cambridge@regent.org.uk
6. Website: www.regent.org.uk
7. Staff:
Principal: Nicholas Phillips
Academic Manager: Niamh Murphy
Enrolment Services: Nicola Albert
Accommodation: Vladka Ciesarikova
Client Services: Margaret Provis
8. Office hours: Monday - Friday, 8.45 a.m. - 5.30 p.m.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What distinguishes Regent Cambridge from other schools? -
- [Cambridge](#) - historic, beautiful and world-famous university city

- Many cultural and social activities
- Attractive building close to all city amenities
- A personalised learning plan for each student
- Our unique University Foundation Programme
- Easy access to London, major airports and the heart of England.

2. What is the environment around Regent Cambridge?

Regent Cambridge occupies an attractive Victorian building with a large modern extension in a lively district with many interesting small shops. The city centre, rail station and bus station are all within easy walking distance.

3. Where is the school located? In a central part of Cambridge

4. How many students do you have in language courses at one time?

Average	70
High season	180

5. What is the maximum number of students in one class?

Average	8-10
High season	9-12

6. What is the minimum age for General English courses? 16

7. What is the average student age? 22

8. What nationalities are the students in your school?

	(Average)
European	35%
Japanese	12%
Korean	12%
Russian/ex CIS	9%
Taiwanese	7%
Chinese	5%
Middle Eastern	5%

9. How many teachers are there in your school?

Full-time	7
Part-time	2-4

10. How many classrooms do you have at your school? 14

11. What facilities and services does your school provide?

- Cafeteria
- Computer room
- Library/Student learning centre/ Audio-visual room
- Sport facilities (table tennis & pool table)
- Student lounge with Internet PCs and Wireless Internet
- Bookstore
- BBQ/ disco facilities
- Garden courtyard with picnic tables

Courses and lessons

1. What courses does your school offer?

Regent Cambridge offers a large variety of courses which can be tailored to suit your needs. Please refer to our brochure for details of courses available or speak to a member of Regent Cambridge and we can send you specific quotes.

2. How long is the minimum studying period? [1 week](#)
3. Do students receive a Certificate of Attendance and Student Evaluation? [Yes](#)
4. Are textbooks included in tuition fees?
[No, but they are loaned to students during lessons](#)
5. Is examination fee included in tuition cost? [No](#)

Registration and Orientation

1. Where and when does the Registration take place?
[Registration takes place on Monday at 8.45 am at school.](#)
2. Where and when does the Orientation take place?
[Orientation takes place on Monday at 9.00 a.m. at school.](#)
3. What do students have to bring with them for Registration and Orientation?
[Just themselves and their passports!](#)
4. What does Orientation consist of?
[Information about the school, the courses and the local area.](#)

Extra curricular activities and social programme

5. Does your school organise weekday extracurricular activities? How often?
[Yes, everyday throughout the year.](#)
6. Which activities take place? (Give examples and approximate cost)

Pub and Disco	£5+
School Party	£4
Sport	£2.50+
Barbecue/ Disco at school	£4
Punting on the river Cam	£4
Visit to museums	free
Ten Pin Bowling	£8
Cinema	£4.00

7. Does the school organize full-day weekend activities? **Yes.**

London excursion	£18
York excursion	£30
Beatles Liverpool & Chester (2 days)	£89
Stratford upon Avon and Warwick Castle	£28
Alton Towers	£37
Bath and Stonehenge (2 days)	£89
London Theatre (Lion King, Phantom of the Opera, etc)	£39
Greenwich	£16
Royal Windsor	£22
Norwich	£15
Edinburgh (3 days)	£149
Oxford	£28
Brighton	£28

Accommodation

1. Do you provide homestay accommodation? **Yes.**

2. How long does it take from the homestay to the school?

On average around 15 minutes.

3. How do the students usually travel to school from their homestay?

On foot, by bicycle or bus

4. What do families provide?

Single or double room with bed, wardrobe, chest of drawers, desk, bed linen and towels, breakfast and dinner, one load of laundry per week

5. Which day of the week do students have to arrive?

Sunday, but extra nights may be arranged except for July/August

6. Which day of the week do students have to leave?

Saturday, but extra nights can be arranged

7. Do you provide Residence accommodation?

Yes, throughout the year.

8. How long does it take from the Residence to the school?

15 mins by bike/bus or 30 on foot

9. What does the Residence provide?

Single room with bathroom (shared between two) and bed and breakfast

10. Do you provide hotel accommodation? **Yes, upon demand.**

Airport transfer

12. Who meets the students at the airport? **A taxi driver from 'Panther' taxis, Cambridge. He will have all the student details on paper.**

13. How much is the cost of the transfer?

London Heathrow £130
London Gatwick £140
London Luton £75
London Stansted £60

14. Which is the nearest airport to the school? How long does it take to get from there to the school?

London Stansted, about 1 hour (trains direct to Cambridge)

15. How do students pay for the transfer? **They pay the school in advance.**

Our aim at Regent Cambridge is to find the correct course for your students in order to make their learning experience both positive and successful.

If you have any questions whatsoever regarding any of our services please do not hesitate to contact a member of our friendly and helpful team who will be more than happy to help.