

FOOTBALLERS

BOURNEMOUTH, ENGLAND



IFX 
INTERNATIONAL FUTBOL X-CHANGE

PLAY SOCCER ABROAD!



IFX welcomes you to our organization and we are looking forward to working with you during IFX experience. Your journey abroad will be challenging, yet rewarding in many ways. In order to prepare you for your program, please read through the IFX Program guide to learn about our different processes and for tips on different things while living abroad.

This guide discusses all aspects of your upcoming program including important information about the program region, the school, club placement process, and more. Please read thoroughly through this program guide and should any further questions arise, please let us know.



Bournemouth is a large coastal resort town on the south coast of England directly to the east of the Jurassic Coast, a 96-mile (155 km) World Heritage Site. The town centre has notable Victorian architecture and the 202-foot (62 m) spire of St Peter's Church, one of three Grade 1 listed churches in the borough, is a local landmark. Bournemouth's location has made it a popular destination for tourists, attracting over five million visitors annually with its beaches and popular nightlife. The town is also a regional centre of business, home of the Bournemouth International Centre or BIC, and a financial sector that is worth more than £1,000 million in gross value added.

Bournemouth is a tourist and regional centre for leisure, entertainment, culture and recreation. Local author and former mayor, Keith Rawlings, suggests that Bournemouth has a thriving youth culture due to its large university population and many language school students. In a 2007 survey by First Direct, Bournemouth was found to be the happiest place in the UK, with 82% of people questioned saying they were happy with their lives.

Bournemouth is currently host to a number of festivals. Bournemouth Food and Drink Festival is a ten-day event which combines a market with live cookery demonstrations. The Arts by the Sea Festival is a mix of dance, film, theatre, literature, and music which was launched in 2012 by the local university, the Arts University Bournemouth, and is set to become an annual event. The Bourne Free carnival is held in the town each year during the summer.

The town has a professional football club, AFC Bournemouth, known as the Cherries, which was promoted to the Championship in 2013 and Premier League in 2015. AFC Bournemouth play at Dean Court near Boscombe in Kings' Park, 2 miles (3 km) east of the town centre.





CLUB TRIALS & EVALUATION PERIOD

During the first week after arrival, participants begin trials with IFX partner clubs to be evaluated by both the IFX staff as well as by the partner clubs. Training schedules for participants during the evaluation period can not be provided in advance but participants will be notified by the IFX representative generally the day prior or in the morning/early afternoon about their training for that evening. Participants may undergo several weeks of trials before a club ultimately decides to offer a spot on their team. In most cases, participants are placed within 2-4 weeks with a club. In some cases, it can be much quicker, or a bit longer, but the average is 2-4 weeks.

IFX places participants with clubs that are a good fit for their level. This means that we strive to place them with a club that will provide them with a challenging training and playing environment in order for them to improve all aspects of their game. On the other hand, participants are not placed with clubs where the participant is over their head and not have a realistic chance of getting playing time, or becoming a disruption to the partner club's training.





LANGUAGE SCHOOL

For the Pro IFX programs, participants study in an intensive language program, studying the native language of the country. Normally the classes take place 3-4 times per week in the morning or afternoon, generally about 3-5 hours per day. The language institutes are private organizations, generally with small class sizes.

The language programs are offered in different levels and terms. A participant who has never studied the language before would start at the first level, and after the term, if successful in completing the course, would then move on to the next level for the next term.



Participation and attendance in the language school is an integral aspect of the IFX program and required. Learning a new language or improving in one already understood is a tremendous asset to have in one's future. It is also important to be able to communicate in the native language for daily life.





BTEC SPORTS DIPLOMA



Players study in the **BTEC** Sports Diploma as their educational track.

The **BTEC** Sports Diploma is a comprehensive program covering a vast variety of sport and football related subjects. It is normally a 2 year program and graduates of the program earn a Level 3 Diploma.

Samples of Subjects:

- Principles of anatomy/ physiology in sport
- Physiology in fitness
- Assessing risk in sport
- Fitness testing for sport and exercise
- Fitness training and programming
- Instructing Physical activity and exercise
- Organizing sporting events
- Practical team sports
- Physiology for sports performance
- Sports coaching
- FA award in coaching
- FA award in safeguarding in football
- FA award in emergency first aid
- Award in sports leadership
- Award in coaching sports volunteers



BOURNEMOUTH & POOLE COLLEGE



As a long established provider of International study, you can be assured of high quality provision, excellent facilities and well qualified teaching professionals.

Combining traditional quality standards with innovative teaching and technology, The College offers a wide range of qualifications to prepare students for study at university, or to enter the work place as well-qualified employees.

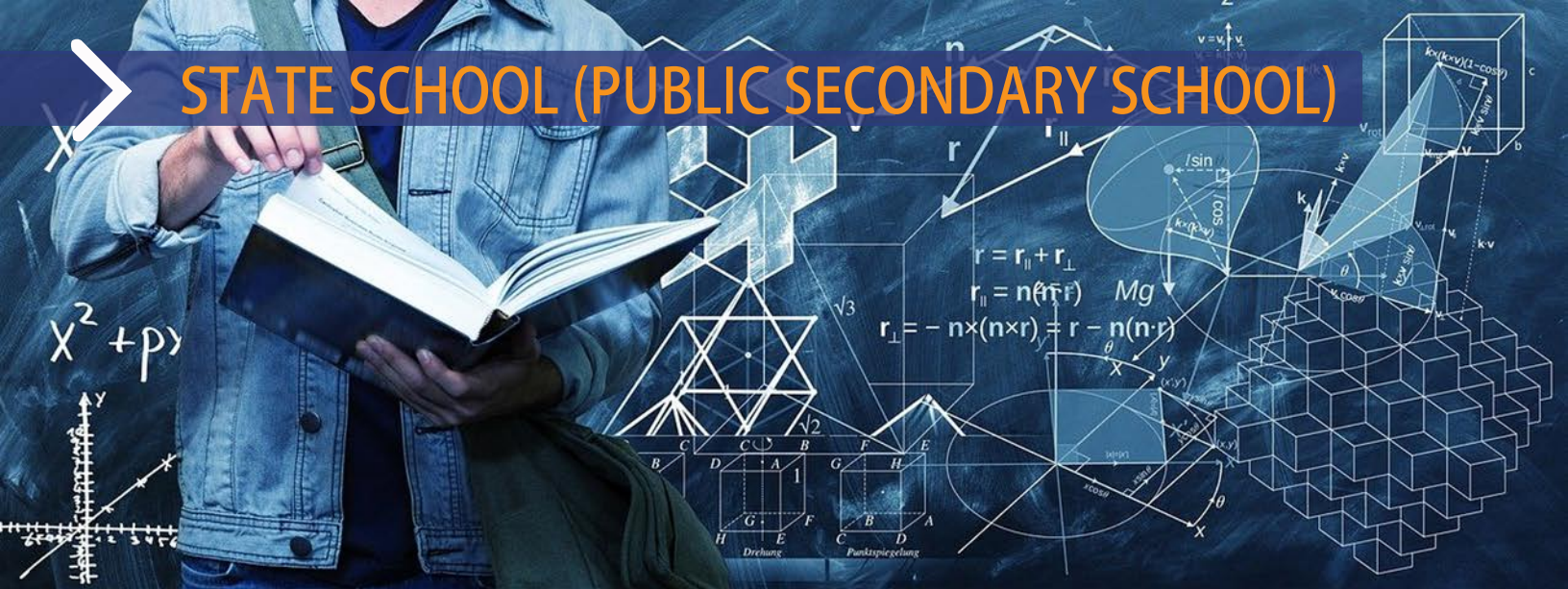
The dedicated and experienced International team are on hand to ensure your time with us at The Bournemouth and Poole College is both enjoyable and successful, and are able to answer any questions you may have about living and studying within the Bournemouth and Poole area.

The local area is one of natural beauty and culture. The football team, AFC Bournemouth, was promoted to the Premier League for the 2015/16 season so we now enjoy welcoming some of the UK's top football teams to the Dean Court 'Vitality' stadium.

This truly is a great place for living, and a great place for learning and we look forward to welcoming you soon to The Bournemouth and Poole College.



STATE SCHOOL (PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL)



For players ages 16 - 19 who come to the UK to study and play football for a semester and do not want to interrupt their educational path, IFX offers the opportunity to enroll into the Secondary School Education system in a State School (public school).

Students ages 11 to 16 years old attend a lower school and 16 to 19 study in a 6th Form(*). In lower school they study GCSE subjects: English, Math and Science are compulsory subjects and the student can then pick another 4 subjects. In 6th Form the students study A Levels and they choose 3 subjects to study. Normally obtaining an A Level is a two year course with English at the end of the second year (year 13). The results from these exams are used to enter University.

School subjects can include Modern Languages, Art, Drama, Textiles, IT, Technology, Photography, Engineering. These are but a few that are offered.

Students will be assigned a Local Guardian who will look after them and provide them with 24 hours / 7 days a week emergency support. They will arrange their taxi transfers to and from the airport, contact them on a weekly basis and visit them every 4 – 6 weeks. The school will provide a pastoral lead for each of the international students, and they will advise and support regarding any issues at school.

Students may be required to walk or to take the bus to school each day. Bus passes can be purchased.

(*) a 6th form college is an education establishment for children in school years 12-13 in England.

For international students from most countries, enrollment in a state school is only possible for up to 180 days.



HOST FAMILIES



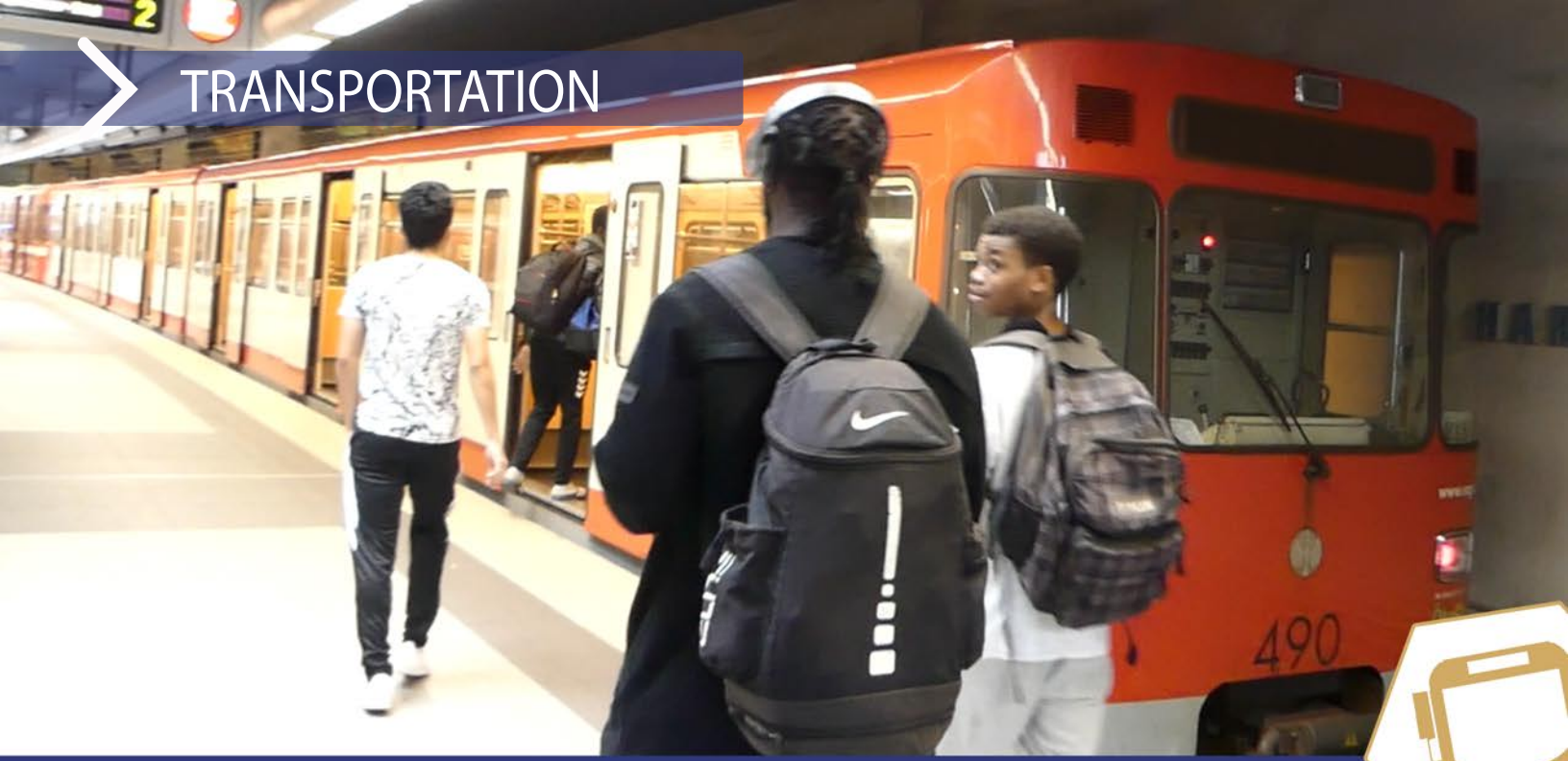
IFX players can choose to live with a carefully selected host family for the duration of their program. All host families are handpicked and many have hosted international students before. Our program partners carry out a strict host family screening process, to assure the suitability of the families and the welfare of the students, and provides 24 hour emergency service. Both families and students receive a profile on each other, as well as personal information to ensure a comfortable and well matched visit.

Host families often have the responsibility of providing the participant with the experience of being “of” the host country. That can mean exploring attributes of the local culture, such as holidays, traditions, and religious celebrations. That can also mean showing typical day-to-day routines.

European families can be distinguished by their love for outdoor activities. Swimming, bicycling, fishing or trekking throughout beautiful landscapes surely will be activities you could enjoy with your new host family.



TRANSPORTATION



During the IFX participant's evaluation and trial period, IFX will assist participants with logistics of getting to/from training. Once a participant is placed with a club, they will be responsible to get to and from training with public transportation. IFX will provide guidance to each participant on how to go about obtaining a monthly transportation train/bus pass that enables the participants to travel unlimited on public transportation throughout the region. The cost ranges generally from 50 – 75 Euros per month depending upon the region and country.

Participants are not permitted to drive vehicles while in the IFX program and will be subject to program dismissal should they be found driving a vehicle.



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