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Driving and Cycling in the UK

Driving

Broadstairs is just 30 minutes from the ferry port of Dover, and 45 minutes from the Channel Tunnel terminal near Folkestone.

If you plan to bring your car to the UK, please mention this on [your enrolment form](#), so we can inform your homestay host. You should check that your driving licence allows you to drive in the UK. You may need to apply for an International Driving Permit. More information about this can be found [here](#).

Useful links:

For information about UK driving laws and road signs, you can read the [Highway Code here](#).

This link gives [directions to the College from Dover and Folkestone](#).

If you drive in London, you should be aware of the London Congestion Charge Zone. Please [click here](#) to find out more.

Using a bicycle during your stay

A bike can be a useful way of getting around the local area. If you would like to one then there are three possibilities:

- Some homestay families have a bike which they are happy to let their student use
- You can rent a bike from a local company (about £50 per week)
Link: <http://www.bikehirebroadstairs.com/>
- You can buy a bike and then try to sell it to another student at the end of your course (try the local supermarkets and Argos for reasonably priced bikes – starting at about £80)

You can also find information about [cycle routes in the local area here](#).

If your homestay family has a bike for you to use, **please note that you must take full personal responsibility for the bike, your safety and your actions whilst using the bike.** The College takes no responsibility for any aspect of your bicycle use.

Important advice:

- If you have not ridden a bike for as long time, practise before you go onto the roads
- Read the rules of the road before you start and remember to cycle on a cycle path or on the correct side of the road – the left.
Links: <https://www.gov.uk/rules-for-cyclists-59-to-82>
<http://think.direct.gov.uk/cycling.html>
- We strongly recommend you wear high visibility clothing and a helmet.
- Make sure you have lights if cycling after dark.
- We strongly recommend you buy appropriate bike insurance, or check with your own insurance provider.
- Remember to always lock your bike when you leave it – there are bike stands at the front of the College.