

# Hello from WE Bridge Academy

## Pre-Arrival Information



We are pleased you are considering coming to study with us at WE Bridge Academy. From the moment you leave your home country to when your first class starts, we want to make sure everything runs smoothly for you.

### Travelling to the United Kingdom

If you have not travelled to the UK before, the following websites have some very useful information for you:

#### UK Government

#### British Council - Studying in the UK

### Visas

Information about visas can be found at [gov.uk](http://gov.uk) and you will need to check to see if you need one before you travel.

### Accommodation

It is important that you choose somewhere to stay before arriving in the UK. Most students choose from homestay, residential, private accommodation or a hotel/bed and breakfast. WE Bridge Academy homestay accommodation availability is limited and must be booked at least two weeks before your arrival (subject to availability). A payment for the first 4 weeks accommodation is required to secure homestay. More information can be found on our [website](#).

### Money and Insurance

You must have enough money to cover the cost of your living and study expenses during your stay. The UK can be quite expensive! The currency in the UK is the British pound (£). Information about exchange rates can be found at [XE](#). We suggest bringing at least £400 with you for your immediate needs. This should be enough to cover your transport costs and initial expenses.

You may be eligible to open a bank account once you arrive. WE Bridge Academy will be able to advise you how to do this and issue the relevant documentation.

It is strongly recommended that you take out adequate insurance in the event of cancellations, medical issues, personal accident and theft.

### Airports

Your arrival in the UK is likely to be at London Heathrow or Gatwick airport. Details of all airports in the UK can be found [here](#). WE Bridge Academy can offer advice on getting from the airport to Cardiff and for a fee, we can arrange a taxi transfer for you\*. If you wish to make your own way from the airport to Cardiff, you may find the following sites useful:

- By train - [National Rail](#)
- By coach - [National Express](#)

*\*There may be a 'waiting charge' and car parking charges made by your taxi of £15 per hour if your flight is delayed.*

### Medical Treatment

You should visit your doctor, dentist and optician before you travel to ensure you are fit to travel and check to see if you require any vaccinations. If your course is less than 6 months in duration, you will receive free accident and emergency hospital treatment but will have to pay for any other medical treatment as a private patient.

### Travel Documents

When travelling to the UK, you need to make sure that you have the following documents:

- A valid passport
- A visa or UK-entry clearance (non-EU students)
- Vaccination or medical certificates if required
- Your letter of acceptance to study at WE Bridge Academy
- Name, address and contact details of where you will be staying in the UK
- Details of any transfers, travel documents and tickets
- If you are under 18, you will need a signed letter from your parent or guardian that gives permission for you to travel.

### General Travel Advice

Make sure that all your travel arrangements are booked at least 5 days in advance and confirm them with us. If you have any issues during your journey to the UK, please call **+44 (0)7960 392 233** – this is an emergency contact number only.

### Anything Else?

If we need anything from you, we will always let you know by email or by phone. If you have any questions before you arrive at WE Bridge Academy, please [email us](#) or call us on **+44 (0)2920 225 656**.