

Cultural & Social event policy

Weybridge School of English (WISE) provides a series of cultural and social events which aim to:

- Introduce students to a variety of British cultural traditions
- Introduce students to other students of different nationalities and speakers of English
- Provide students the opportunity to practise their spoken English outside the classroom in a natural context
- Introduce students to national and local events

WISE believes that students gain more from their time in Surrey if they are given the chance to socialise with others and are given the opportunity to experience traditional British events. For these reasons our cultural and social programme is available to all of our students.

When do the events take place?

The cultural and social events at WISE take place outside teaching times and are not connected to the course syllabus / learning outcomes.

Events are organised throughout the academic year. Typically there are two events organised per half term.

What types of events are included in the programme?

Some of the events that we include in our programme are: bingo evening, pub quiz, fireworks night, Easter Egg Hunt, Fish n Chip evening, Halloween party, pancake party, English film night, Karaoke evening, Christmas traditions evening, share your national dish event, Summer party with traditional English games etc.

In addition to the events organised by WISE, we also provide students with the details of local gyms, museums and clubs and local walks. This information can be found in the student handbook and also in a Cultural & Social Events folder which can be found in both Classroom 1 & 2.

How can we find out about the cultural and social programme?

All events are advertised on the boards in Classrooms 1 & 2, on Facebook and the class teacher and staff will always inform students at the start of each half term about any upcoming events. The Class Rep is also asked to inform the students in their class about the forthcoming events.

Current local cultural and current cultural London information is also readily available to students via local leaflets which are displayed in class 1 and 2 along with useful local website addresses.

How much do the events cost?

Many of the events are free but occasionally we ask students to pay for an activity. The cost of the activity is always advertised and kept to a minimum.

Staffing

There will always be a minimum of two members of staff present at all events organised by WISE. Each event will always have a member of staff who is designated as Group Leader.

Feedback

It is important to us that we monitor the effectiveness of the Cultural and Social Policy and we encourage student feedback. Students are asked to complete a questionnaire at the end of term. When looking at past testimonials from students, the Cultural and Social Events at WISE have played a positive and enriching contribution to their overall experience of learning English.

Health & Safety

The health and safety of our staff and students is of utmost importance at each WISE social and cultural event. For this reason, we always carry out a detailed risk assessment before each event and each group leader knows the risk and how to overcome them. The group leader has full instructions of what to do in the event of an emergency.

The group leader is always contactable by mobile. The group leader's name and mobile number will be known to everyone before the event. The group leader will always ensure they have sufficient money with them in order to confront any difficult situations that may arise.

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