

BSC YL SOCIAL PROGRAMME STATEMENT

General Statement

BSC Young Learners Ltd. (BSC YL) provides an organized, comprehensive and varied social programme which introduces students to each other, allowing them to participate in vast array of exciting activities and to visit many destinations in the UK and Ireland. Most importantly, the BSC YL Social Programme prioritises student welfare and ensures that the safety of students is always the number 1 priority. Beyond this, BSC YL undertakes to provide students with information on events and additional activities in the local area and advice on how to make the most of their optional activities during changeover days.

For the purposes of this document, 'Social Programme' denotes those activities that are organised by the Young Learners' team and take place outside teaching times.

The aims of BSC YL Social Programme

- To provide entertainment and the opportunity for social interaction
- To provide the opportunity to participate in physical (sporting) activities with students from across the world
- To provide the chance of receiving sessions by expert coaches and industry professionals
- To provide an enriching cultural experience (in the broadest sense), i.e., an experience of life in the United Kingdom
- To provide an opportunity to use spoken English in a natural context
- To provide an introduction to British culture influencing future interests in the UK

Operation of the BSC YL Social Programme

Scheduling*

Activities are organised at Young Learners Central Support year-round, but with seasonal variances depending on the centre's facilities; the local coaches and the duration of the programme at the centre. Activities typically take place in the afternoon delivered by BSC YL team members or specialised coaches and during the evenings led by BSC YL team members again. The frequency with which activities are repeated is determined by demand and student feedback.

***Scheduling will be different at centres with zig-zag timetables. This depends on student numbers and is centre specific.**

Availability / Charges

The social activities are available to all students, on a first-come, first-served basis and are paid for long before arrival at the centre. The prices of activities depend on the type of activities, the specialist coaches and the length of stay. Optional and additional activities are available to purchase at the centre.

For more information on charges please contact: info@bscyounglearners.com

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Supervision Ratios

BSC Young Learners Ltd. complies with industry standards to ensure that a minimum of one BSC team member is present for the duration of every event to supervise and help lead the Social Programme. The number of BSC YL team members depends on the number of students on the course. The more students there are then the more BSC YL team members are available to maintain student welfare.

BSC YL's prioritises the welfare of its students and strictly adheres to the below ratios at all times:

1 team member for up to a maximum of 15 students in off-site activities and excursions, where students are aged over 13 years old.

1 team member for up to a maximum of 20 students in on-site activities, where students are aged over 13 years old.

1 team member for up to a maximum of 12 students in off-site activities and excursions, where students are aged under 12 years old.

1 team member for up to a maximum of 15 students in on-site activities, where students are aged under 12 years old.

For further details on ratios, see our BSC YL Supervision Policy

Activities

Activities in the afternoon and evening with BSC YL team members can include:

Sports – Olympic Games, Football Tournaments, Centre Volleyball Championships and Dodgeball contests

Arts & Crafts – Designing Group Murals, Trash Fashion, Friendship Bracelets and Designing T-Shirts

Music and Media – BSC's Got Talent, Themed Discos, Dance battles, Harry Potter challenges and Karaoke evenings

Drama and Team Building – Icebreakers and getting to know you games, Movie Making Challenges, Improv/Role plays, colour runs and Scavenger Hunts.

[Please read our sample social programmes to see more activities](#)

Promotion

Activities are advertised on Student Noticeboards, in student accommodation, throughout the main campus as well as in the pre-arrival packs sent before the summer. Every student receives a timetable and receives a detailed welcome talk by the Centre Manager that outlines every part of the BSC YL student journey. Teachers and Activity Leaders both promote activities throughout the week. The BSC YL Social Programme calendar is produced by the Activity Manager weekly, however, a more detailed daily programme highlights the days/afternoon/ evening sessions timings, meeting points and activity updates on the Main Noticeboard. Additional activities are advertised using a variety of different sign-

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up sheets. Further information about any additional social activities can be requested from the BSC YL office at the centre.

Feedback

BSC team members maintain attendance records for all half-day (HD) and full-day (FD) excursions, sports/cultural visits and all activities. Student reactions are monitored at the event and are reported by team members to the Activity Manager. Students are able to provide feedback via suggestion boxes, arrival and departure questionnaires and during student journey experience feedback.

HEALTH & SAFETY

It is the aim of BSC Young Learners Ltd. that all activities are carried out with due regard to health and safety. To this end comprehensive instructions for BSC YL team members have been created (based on social programme activities risk assessments) and are available in the BSC team room. In addition, all BSC Young Learners Ltd. team members are provided with safety instructions on every excursion.

A student information sheet provides important safety information including the school phone number and Young Learners central 24/7 emergency number.

Social Programme BSC YL team members could include: Activities Manager, Activity Leader, Teachers, Residential Supervisors or Administrators. (Additional team members could be on shift depending on centre numbers.) International Group Leaders will also accompany groups but they aren't included within the BSC YL Social Programme Team member/student ratios. International Group Leaders receive full Health & safety instructions including what to do in the event of an emergency.

Every student receives a green wristband and green Young Learner lanyards (with address, emergency phone numbers) to wear. All Team Members leading activities or excursions are identifiable wearing a green BSC YL T-shirt and green lanyards.

More information about Health and Safety is found in the BSC YL Health and Safety Policy

Excursions on public transport in the evening

Every evening excursion* (if applicable) is led by BSC YL team members in accordance to BSC YL Supervision ratio policy. Students are given safety instructions by BSC YL team members before every excursion.

***Evening excursions are centre specific**

Full day excursions by coach

BSC YL Team members and students travel with qualified suppliers who comply to good logistical practise. Every student remains under the supervision of BSC YL team members all day. BSC YL team members will monitor/and take registers at regular intervals on the coaches and during the excursion on foot.

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Excursions in cities (Half day and Full day)

Students are placed into excursion groups and supervised according to BSC YL supervision policy. All students receive detailed walking tours on excursions and can receive paid entrances (depending on the programme purchased).

BSC YL duty team members brief students on the following:

- **General do's and don'ts**
- **Historical facts/events**
- **Cultural etiquette**
- **Traveling on local transport**
- **Location perimeters (where to go/where not to go)**
- **Meeting points, roll calls**
- **Meeting times/departure times**
- **Lost student procedure**
- **Emergency meeting points/procedures**

Please note: BSC YL team members are not professional tour guides though will attempt to provide as much information about the location or attraction as possible throughout.

Specialised Sports Coaching

BSC Young Learners Ltd. team members don't claim to teach any of the sports on offer.

i.e.: Horse Riding, Swimming, Manchester City Football Coaching, Golf and Tennis.

The function of the BSC YL Activity Leader is to accompany the students to the venue and back, check everything is correct at the venue, organise teams, pairs etc for the actual sport and take appropriate action in the event of an accident. The BSC YL Activity Leader joins in with the activity if deemed appropriate with the approval of the coach.

Specialised instructors' qualifications could include:

- Manchester City Football coaches with FA badges
- Tennis coaches with LTA certificates
- Golf coaches with PGA certificates
- Swimming Life guards
- Experienced Horse 'Jockey' trainers

Specialised coaches instruct students on how to 'best' perform during the session; what to do, what to wear, how to use the equipment and how to stay safe to get the most out of the experience.

First Aid

Every activity/excursion will have at least one qualified First Aider from BSC YL on duty. First Aiders are advertised on Noticeboards throughout the centre with the nearest First Aid Kit clearly signposted

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as well as being explained before every activity or excursion. Activity Leaders will always carry a mini first aid kit during every activity or excursion.

Please refer to BSC YL First Aid Policy

Safeguarding BSC Young Learners

BSC Young Learners Ltd. is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all BSC team members and group leaders to share this commitment.

There are a number of planned policies and procedures in place that contribute to BSC YL safeguarding commitment.

Please refer to BSC YL Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy

COVID 19: Pandemic

In light of the ongoing considerations in adjusting Health and Safety practises and the welfare of our students in the context of COVID-19, please refer to the BSC YL-Health and Safety COVID 19 - Annex and the BSC YL Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy COVID19 – Annex to read about BSC YL's COVID 19 specific implemented measures.