



**Shanghai Homestay Parental Briefing
Thursday 19th June 2025**

• *Safe*

• *Happy*

• *Successful*



Agenda

Mr Carey
Headteacher SHSG

- Introductions
- Programme overview
- Itinerary
- STEM project
- Suggested activities & cultural considerations
- FAQs



Introductions

Mr Carey
Headteacher SHSG

- **Mrs Worth**, Headteacher SHSB
- **Mr Carey**, Headteacher SHSG
- **Mr Hill**, Head of Science SHSB
- **Ms Boyson**, Assistant Headteacher SHSG
- **Mr Beashel**, Director of Excellence First (coordinating organisation)
- **Ms Lin**, CEO of Excellent First (coordinating organisation)



Mr Carey
Headteacher SHSG

Thank you!

- DBS checks

Programme Overview



Dates

Tuesday 1st July – Saturday 5th July



Duration

4 nights



Students

Aged 14-17, from China



Your role

Host, support, and cultural ambassador

Mr Beashel
Excellence First





Our Partners

Ms Linn
Excellence First

- East Shanghai High School
- 21 boys, 19 girls and 4 staff. Aged from Year 8 to Year 11
- Return visit planned for Easter 2026 (information to follow)
- After being with you for the four nights, the group will move to The Holiday Inn, Brentwood and enjoy sightseeing and visits to universities in London, Oxford and Cambridge.



Ms Linn
Excellence First

Chinese-Speaking Support Contact



Name

Lily Lin



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When to contact

Language barriers, urgent issues, cultural questions



Here to help

Translation, advice, support



Tuesday 1st July

Ms Boyson
SHSG

- East Shanghai High School due to arrive at 18.40 at Terminal 4, Heathrow. (Flight number: MU 551)
- The coach should arrive at Southend High School for Girls by 21.30.
- Host families to meet and take their guests back to their homes.
- Parking available at front carpark (30 spaces) and Southchurch Boulevard. Come into the main entrance and into the hall.

In case of delays, we will email all parents an update



Wednesday 2nd July

Ms Boyson & Mr Hill
SHSG / SHSB

- Shanghai students will travel with your child to SHSB/SHSG as normal
- Welcome meeting & shadow students at school
- Lunch at school
- At 1:30pm, the SHSB students will travel to SHSG by minibus
- 2:00pm – 3:30pm: Welcome event & cultural workshops. Introduction to project

Dismissed at 3:30pm
from SHSG



Thursday 3rd July & Friday 4th July

Ms Boyson
SHSG

- Students at SHSB / SHSG all day. Homestay host students off timetable
- Students will work on the project in groups, and test their prototypes in the afternoon on Thursday and Friday morning
- Refine projects on Friday morning and preparing exhibition for closing event



Friday 4th July – Celebration Event 6:30-8:00pm

- All host families and students to go to SHSB for a celebration event
- Showcase the projects
- Chance to thank the families involved and celebrate the partnership
- We have invited local MPs and the Mayor of Southend-on-Sea
- Light refreshments provided (please eat beforehand)

Park on school
playground (from 6:10)
via Prittlewell Chase



Saturday 5th July – End of stay

Ms Boyson
SHSG

- All host families to drop Shanghai students to SHSG at 8:45am
- Goodbyes & leaving on a coach at 9:00am



Summary

Ms Boyson
SHSG

- Tuesday 1st July: collect from **SHSG** at 9:30pm
- Wednesday 2nd – Friday 4th: Shanghai students in school with host students (the boys being dismissed from **SHSG** on Wednesday)
- Friday 4th July: Celebration event 6:30pm – 8:00pm at **SHSB**
- Saturday 5th July: drop off students at 8:45am at **SHSG**

Suggested family activities for Wednesday or Thursday evening

Ms Boyson
SHSG



SOUTHEND PIER & RAILWAY

Things To Do What's On Food & Drink Plan Your Visit About

OPENING TIMES

We're open daily from 10:15am-8pm

Last entry to the pier is one hour before closing.
Please note the opening/closing times are subject to change and are weather dependent.
Call 01702 212534 for up-to-date information.





STEM Project

Mr Hill
SHSB



Inspired by F1 in Schools and Race to the Line, this exciting STEM project challenges students to design, develop, and manufacture their own model race cars. Working in teams, students will create high-performance vehicles powered by CO₂ cartridges. Throughout the project, students will:

- Research aerodynamic principles and learn how design affects speed and stability.
- Use CAD software to model their cars and refine their designs.
- Test prototypes in a wind tunnel to analyse airflow and reduce drag.
- Manufacture their final car using lightweight materials and precision tools.
- Race their CO₂-powered cars head-to-head on a dedicated track to determine the fastest team.

This hands-on project blends science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in a competition that promotes creativity, teamwork, and innovation.



Frequently Asked Questions

Ms Boyson
SHSG

- **What if there are any emergencies with our guest?**
 - In the first instance contact Lily Lin, from Excellence First, 07940267917
- **What if my DBS doesn't come back in time?**
 - Unfortunately due to safeguarding protocol you will not be able to host. However, your child will still be able to participate in the STEM project
- **When will we find out who we are hosting?**
 - We will share information about the Shanghai students next week, once we have DBS information
- **Can we contact our guest in advance?**
 - Yes please! We will share email addresses next week. We would ask that our students use their school email addresses for the initial contact.



Frequently Asked Questions

Ms Boyson
SHSG

- **What about allergies and dietary requirements?**
 - This will be shared with the student details next week
- **What are the arrangements for lunch?**
 - Encourage the students to eat together
 - The students can have lunch in the canteen
- **How many days will my child be off lessons?**
 - The equivalent of 2 days of lessons split as follows:
 - Wednesday afternoon
 - All day Thursday
 - Friday morning



Mrs Worth
Headteacher SHSB

Thank you!