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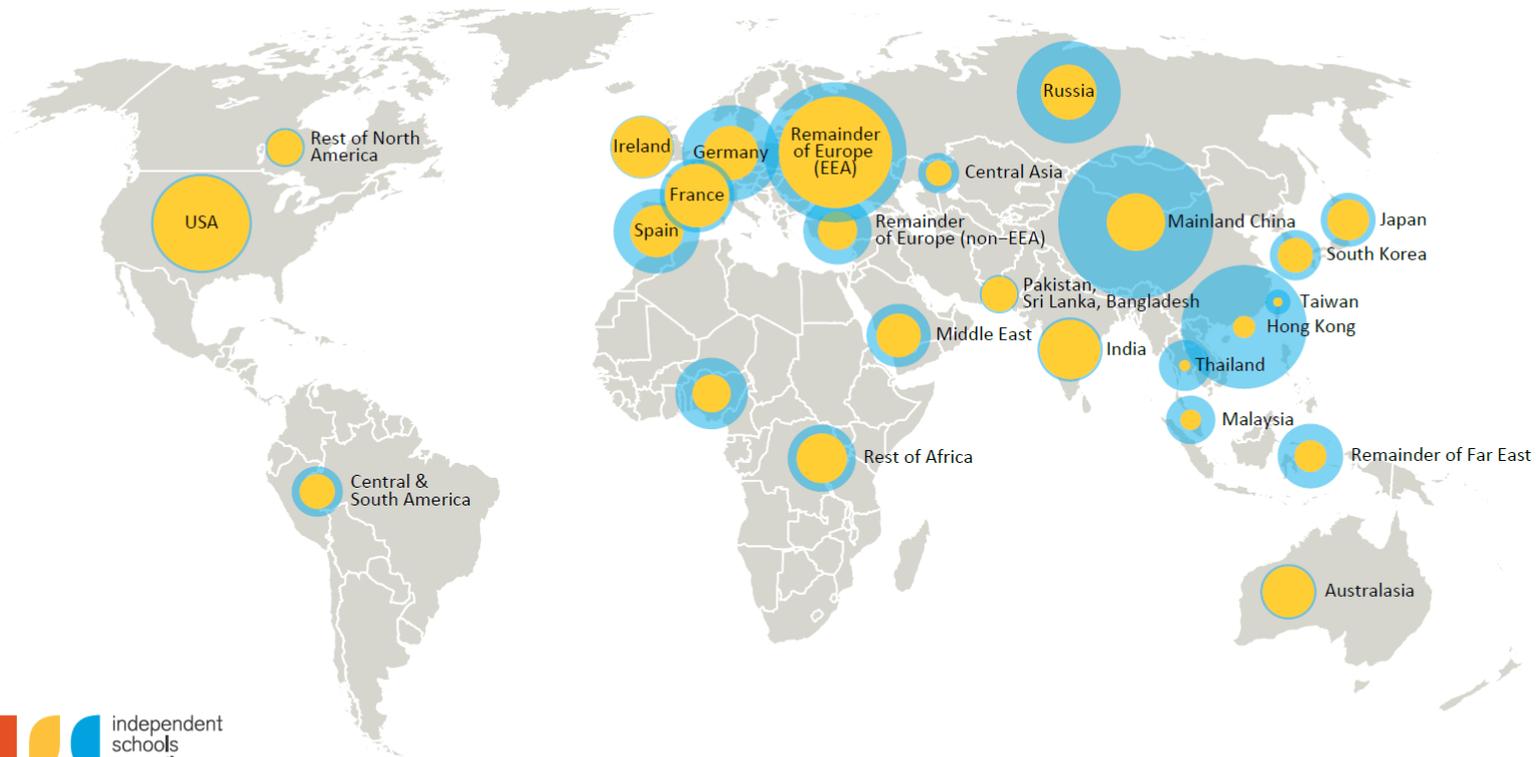
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Academic Families

- Established 2012
- British Council Certified Agent
- Association for the Education and Guardianship of International Students (AEGIS) accredited
- British Boarding School Workshop member
- Scottish Council of Independent Schools (SCIS) and Scottish Boarding Schools (SBS) partner
- Recruiting into UK boarding schools from a variety of countries
- Clients from 25+ countries

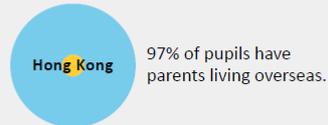




ISC Annual Census 2016: Nationality of non-British pupils at ISC schools

In the 2016 ISC Annual Census, there are two categories of non-British pupils at ISC schools: those whose parents live overseas and those whose parents live in the UK. The 19,752 pupils with parents living in the UK tend to hold passports from different countries than the 27,633 pupils with parents living overseas. Visit <http://www.isc.co.uk> for more details.

- Non-British pupils whose parents live overseas.
- Non-British pupils whose parents live in the UK.



AF Guardianship & Hosting

- **AEGIS Accreditation** - 'Academic Families provide a guardianship service of the highest calibre for students and their families. Their knowledgeable and experienced staff provide exemplary pastoral and academic support to help ensure that students are extremely well looked after, and achieve to the best of their ability.'
- **Academic Families** - community of hosts
- **Matching Hosts with Students**



What is Guardianship?

- Education not legal 'in loco parentis'
- Available to support student, parents and hosts 24/7
- Responsible for child's safety and wellbeing
 - ensures they have a secure, friendly and stable environment in which to live and study
 - help adapt to new school and culture
 - manage UK transfers
 - attend school meetings
- Delegates day to day responsibility to registered hosts when students stay with them



AEGIS

The Association for the Education and Guardianship of International Students

- Independent guardianship inspection & accreditation body
- Founded in 1994
- 40 accredited guardianship organisations
- 80 schools and colleges



What does a Host do?

- Warm, friendly welcome into their family
- Safe caring accommodation and meals
- Explain St Margaret's and British culture
- Introduce wide range of activities not available in their home country
- Low key English language support
- Academic Families community of Hosts – we are one big happy family – fully supported 24/7
- Home Rules!



St. Margaret's, Academic Families & Host Team

- St. Margaret's has ultimate responsibility for the international student as visa sponsor
- AF has responsibility to support St. Margaret's and has agreement with international parents for wellbeing of their child
- Host has fully supported delegated day to day responsibility for student
- Matched international student will live with Host as a full member of your family
- Per noctem expenses should cover all 'normal' costs including attending school meetings and reporting to AF/parents.
- Term time care and holidays by arrangement
- Priority on school trips



Who can be a Host?

No previous experience or qualifications required except –

- Interest in international children
- Proud of your association with St Margaret's and Scotland
- Good citizen
- Spare bedroom



Why host?

- Broaden your family's horizons
- Help enrich a young person's experience away from home
- Opportunity to learn about another culture
- Additional income
- Lifelong friendships





Becoming A Host



High Finances

- **£35 – 24 Hours Accommodation**
washing and meals on a non school night
- **£25 - 24 Hours Accommodation**
washing and meals on a school night
- **Reimburse Pre-Agreed 'Special' Expenses**
eg theatre/sport tickets, weekend or holiday away
- **Monthly Expenses**
paid in arrears, online Host portal
- **HMRC Rent a Room Scheme**
threshold £7,500pa



What will the international student expect from you?

- A home from home
- Learn about St Margaret's and British culture
- Rest from school environment
- Relief from homesickness



Who does what?

	SM	AF	Host
Recruit Hosts	X		
Register Hosts			
registration form		X	X
home visit		X	X
profile		X	X
PVG Agreement		X	X
Recruit Students	X		
Match Students to Hosts		X	
Welcome Student	X	X	X
Student Support	X	X	X
2 staff point of contact	X		
form teacher	X		
24/7 guardianship support		X	
Host family			X
Airport transfers	X		





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Meet Anatoly





Next Steps...

1. Complete our Host Registration form
2. Home Visit to get to know you, your family and home
3. References & Disclosure & ID
4. Match
5. Support – 24/7, termly training and socials

