



Using a bicycle during your stay

A bike can be a useful way of getting around the local area. If you would like to one then there are three possibilities:

- Some homestay families have a bike which they are happy to let their student use
- You can rent a bike from a local company (about £50 per week)
Link: <http://www.bikehirebroadstairs.com/>
- You can buy a bike and then try to sell it to another student at the end of your course (try the local supermarkets and Argos for reasonably priced bikes – starting at about £80)

If your homestay family has a bike for you to use, **please note that you must take full personal responsibility for the bike, your safety and your actions whilst using the bike.** The College takes no responsibility for any aspect of your bicycle use.

Important advice:

- If you have not ridden a bike for as long time, practise before you go onto the roads
- Read the rules of the road before you start and remember to cycle on a cycle path or on the correct side of the road – the left.
Links: <https://www.gov.uk/rules-for-cyclists-59-to-82>
<http://think.direct.gov.uk/cycling.html>
- We strongly recommend you wear high visibility clothing and a helmet.
- Make sure you have lights if cycling after dark.
- We strongly recommend you buy appropriate bike insurance, or check with your own insurance provider.
- Remember to always lock your bike when you leave it – there are bike stands at the front of the College.