

# BEING A HOST SCHOOL FOR THE ESU SECONDARY-SCHOOL EXCHANGE

The ESU Secondary School Exchange (SSE) is a reciprocal exchange programme between leading independent schools in the UK and the US. By welcoming one or more US scholars into your school for 2-3 terms, you unlock the opportunity for your Year 13 students to apply for fully supported placements at partner schools in the United States. Each placement is carefully matched and supported by the ESU, ensuring a meaningful and well-integrated experience for scholars and their schools.

Hosting a scholar through the ESU's Secondary School Exchange strengthens your school's global outlook while enhancing both academic and co-curricular provision. The programme offers a highly regarded pathway for students to spend time studying in the United States before university, adding depth and distinction to your Sixth Form provision. At the same time, hosting one or more US scholars enriches your school environment through fresh perspectives, fostering curiosity, dialogue and international awareness across the community. As a host school, you also join a long-established and respected network of like-minded institutions committed to meaningful exchange and educational excellence.



Find out more: [esu.org/sse](https://esu.org/sse)



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## A MEANINGFUL INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

- Establish a meaningful partnership with a leading US school
- Create opportunities for ongoing international collaboration
- Build your school's global profile and outward-facing ethos

## A TRANSFORMATIVE SIXTH FORM OPPORTUNITY

- Enhance your Sixth Form provision with a distinctive international opportunity
- Connect your students with leading US schools and their influential alumni networks
- Offer a life-changing experience that broadens horizons, develops ambition and launches students into their next steps with confidence

## A BENEFIT TO YOUR WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

- Introduce new viewpoints and cultural perspectives into the classroom
- Encourage curiosity, dialogue and global awareness among all pupils and staff
- Host talented and ambitious US scholars who contribute to your school community and wider alumni network

## A WELL-ESTABLISHED AND RESPECTED PROGRAMME

- Join a carefully curated network of leading UK and US schools with a shared commitment to academic excellence and global engagement
- Partner with a programme known for the calibre of its scholars and the strength impact
- Become part of a distinguished legacy of exchange that has shaped generations of confident, globally minded alumni

## HOW IT WORKS:

### 1. Register as an ESU Secondary School Exchange host school

You agree to provide one or more places for US scholars to attend your school for 2–3 terms, integrating them fully into academic and co-curricular life and offering pastoral support and guardianship as you would for any pupil, as required.

### 2. Promote the opportunity within your school

Share information about the scholarship with your students, encouraging them to apply and passing on guidance and documentation from the ESU to ensure a smooth process.

### 3. Matching and placement

The ESU reviews all applications and matches successful applicants with the best-fitting host schools based on academic interests, personality and environment. By hosting a scholar from the US, we guarantee at least one of your students will be put forward to a suitable US host school for interview.

### 4. Admissions and final arrangements

All host schools have the chance to interview prospective scholars once they have been matched with their school. Scholars should meet the usual admissions requirements of the schools they will be attending. Whilst the programme is facilitated by the ESU, the placement agreement is directly between each school and the individual scholar/s they agree to host.

To express interest in becoming an SSE host school, or to find out more, please contact the ESU team on [international@esu.org](mailto:international@esu.org).



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