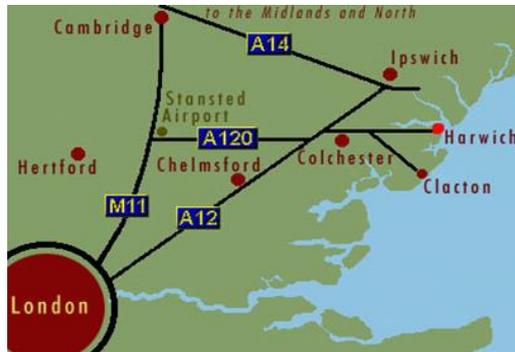




Factsheet 6 – Travel Options



1. Travel to the UK

- Ipswich is in Suffolk on the east coast of England
- The closest international airport is Stansted; we would recommend you to arrive at this airport. Travel to Ipswich from Stansted is much easier.
- Some students prefer to fly to London Heathrow, Gatwick, or Luton Airports
- Think about how much luggage you will be taking with you and plan the easiest route

2. Airport to Ipswich

- Travel to Ipswich will either be by National Express coach or by train. See Section 4 for full details.
- We would recommend pre-booking coach and/or train tickets.

3. Ipswich to accommodation - taxis

- National Express coaches stop in front of the Cineworld Cinema in Cardinal Park.
- If you arrive at the train station you can take a taxi from the front of the station.
- If you catch a coach to Cardinal Park or you arrive at the bus station you should ring for a taxi.
- 2 local taxi firms: Avenue Taxis +44 1473 888 888 and Hawk Express +44 1473 222 222
- Taxi fares will be approximately £5.00-£6.00 from the station to the accommodation.

4. Taxi Safety

- The only types of taxis that are legally allowed to stop when stopped in the street are 'black cabs' licensed by the local authorities with a white licence plate on the back and a smaller one inside. Other taxis are called minicabs which are licensed with local authorities.
- Beware taxi touts - if using a minicab always pre-book it - don't get into an ordered cab until you're sure it's yours - always sit in the back - have your keys ready - don't give out personal information.

5. Travel from the airport – useful websites and information

Coaches: <http://www.nationalexpress.com/home.aspx>

Trains: <http://www.thetrainline.com/>

<http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/>

Taxis: <http://www.avenue-taxis.co.uk/>

<http://www.hawkexpresscabs.co.uk/>

Airport: Stansted

<p>Coach Company: National Express Frequency: every 2 hours approximately Journey Time: 1 hour 30+ Cost: £15-£20 Changes: Direct journey Pre-booking: yes online</p>	<p>Train Company: Abellio Greater Anglia Frequency: at least 1 an hour Journey Time: 2-2 ½ hours Cost: £17-£30 (prices go up nearer the date of travel) Changes: Cambridge or London Pre-booking: advance booking recommended</p>
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Airport: Gatwick

<p>Coach Company: National Express Frequency: every 2 hours Journey Time: 5 hours+ Cost: £40+ Changes: 1 at Heathrow Airport Pre-booking: yes online</p>	<p>Train Company: Thameslink, underground & Abellio Greater Anglia Frequency: every half an hour (from South Terminal) Journey Time: 2 ½ hours Cost: £22+ (prices go up nearer the date of travel) Changes: Farringdon take underground* to Liverpool St. Pre-booking: Advance booking recommended</p>
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* Circle, Hammersmith and City or Metropolitan Lines

Airport: Heathrow - Coach T2 and T3 Train T1-3,5 (for T4 catch Heathrow express to T5)

<p>Coach Company: National Express Frequency: every 2 hours Journey Time: 3-3 ¼ hours Cost: £33+ Changes: none Pre-booking: yes online</p>	<p>Train Company: Heathrow Express*, underground, Abellio Greater Anglia Frequency: every ½ hour Journey Time: 2 ½ hours Cost: £38+ Changes: 2 Heathrow Express to Paddington. Take underground* to Liverpool St. then train to Ipswich Pre-booking: Advance booking recommended</p>
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* Circle or Hammersmith and City or take the Piccadilly Line from Heathrow, change at South Kensington and take Circle Line eastbound to Liverpool St.

Airport: Luton

<p>Coach Company: National Express Frequency: every 2 to 3 hours Journey Time: 3 hours 20-4 ¾ hours Cost: £33+ Changes: travel via Stansted or Heathrow Airports Pre-booking: yes online</p>	<p>Train Company: Thameslink, underground & Abellio Greater Anglia Frequency: every ½ hour Journey Time: 2 ½ hours+ Cost: £26+ Changes: Bus to Luton Airport Parkway, train to Farringdon then underground to Liverpool St. Pre-booking: Advance booking recommended</p>
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