



Gabbitas

GUARDIANSHIP SERVICE

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Welcome

Guardianship has a vital role to play in caring for students who are a long way from home. We understand what an important decision it is for parents to make in choosing an organisation to take responsibility for the care of their child. Our friendly and professional guardianship team is dedicated to ensuring that our overseas students enjoy a happy and successful experience of life in the UK.

About our teams

Each student is allocated their own client relationship co-ordinator according to nationality so that they know who to contact if they have any queries or concerns. Our talented team members speak a range of languages fluently including Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Cantonese, Swedish, Russian, Lithuanian, Polish and Spanish.

Relationships with schools

Building strong working relationships with the schools that our students are attending is particularly important. As soon as our guardianship services have been confirmed we send full details across to houseparents and then keep in regular contact to confirm weekend and half term arrangements, liaise over travel plans and keep up to date with how the student is progressing.

Choosing the right family

Our guardian families are chosen using a rigorous selection programme that has been designed and implemented with guidance from both the NSPCC (www.nspcc.org.uk) and Child Safe (www.child-safe.org.uk), both respected and nationally recognised Child Protection Organisations based in the UK.

We take great care in matching the right family to the right student, ensuring that for each exeat weekend and half term they stay in the same home. We consider this part of our service to be one of the most important as it enables close relationships to be built quickly between family and student and is a key factor in helping students to settle fully into UK life, both inside and out of school.

Malaysian Student

"I would say my guardians have done a really good job. I am always relaxed in the house and sometimes go cycling on a bike borrowed from my guardian's friend. They have treated me very kindly. I really enjoy going to that place, but sometimes I still like to go down to London for some shopping and Chinese meal."

Tailored services to meet your needs

Our services are set at three different levels, Diamond, Platinum and Gold, so that parents can choose which one is most suited to their requirements. We also offer a separate 'Menu' from which you can choose additional services. We aim wherever possible to cater to the individual and are happy to quote for almost anything that parents require to be done for their son/daughter, from arranging a birthday cake for a nine year old to buying that all important first car at 17!

With its long established history in independent education, the Gabbitas name is synonymous with the very highest of standards and the Guardianship department is extremely proud of the highly personalised service that we provide.



GABBITAS GUARDIANSHIP TESTIMONIALS

Korean student

"I've made a lifelong friend in the UK, and I find that my guardian made my life in the UK, which was only 18 months, a very big and lifelong positive memory."

Chinese student

"The M's are the most brilliant British family I've ever seen. They are the nicest people in the world."

Guardian to Malaysian student

"We have had a wonderful Easter with our student, he stayed 2 weeks - we are so very fond of him - like another lovely grandson! I am sure he enjoyed himself - he joined in bbqs with all our family and friends; went fishing with a friend; joined in Crown Green Bowling with we oldies; he went on long bike ride with one of our younger friends and on shorter bike rides with me. Oh and he bought me a lovely bottle of Champagne for my Birthday and joined us at the local cafe bar for celebrations. He is just so great to have around and it seems quiet without him. He sings very loud with his headphones on - brilliant - we miss this. He did study too!"

Guardian to Chinese student

"I would like to tell you why I love being a guardian. I have looked after my present students for 4 and 5 years respectively. It has been one of the greatest pleasures to see a nervous 12 year old young boy, who has not lived in this country before, to relax, explore this new world and to enjoy English family life."

Parent of Bulgarian student

"We are glad to have a guardian like Mrs. L and hope that we will have her for the future years. She is an amazing Guardian but also a very good person."

Parent of US Student

"Just to let you know that our son made it home safe and sound and to thank you for all the efforts you made on his behalf. It was truly the best Christmas present I could have received; having my family sitting around the table together, laughing to the point of tears, the dog barking, the 7 year old trying to show our son her new dance routine, my husband peppering him with questions about classes and soccer, the 13 year old quizzing him about Paris and his roommates, and me ... just smiling at it all. You made my holiday. Thank you."



What to do now...

Please do contact us at guardian@gabbitas.co.uk or call 0207 734 0161 to find out more. This brochure is deliberately designed to give just a brief overview of what we do as we prefer to deal with you directly via phone or e-mail to discuss individual requirements. It is important to note that each UK boarding school will have very specific rules relating to guardianship; these do of course vary and our service can be tailored to fit in with each school accordingly.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

GABBITAS GUARDIANSHIP SERVICES

	Gold	Platinum	Diamond
Guardians			
Selection and appointment of guardian family	✓	✓	✓
Background checks on guardian family members	✓	✓	✓
24-hour emergency contact while your child is in the UK	✓	✓	✓
Educational support			
Annual visit to the child at school			✓
Termly visit to the child at school		✓	✓
Attendance by guardian at school events and parents' meetings	✓	✓	✓
Monitoring educational progress and liaising with parents over end-of-term reports	✓	✓	✓
Financial matters			
Monitoring and payment of pocket money to your child		✓	✓
Providing a termly statement of the parent's account	✓	✓	✓
Payment of school fees on behalf of the parent		✓	✓
Payment of expenses to guardian on behalf of parent	✓	✓	✓
Travel arrangements			
Liaising with school about holiday, exeat, sport and social events	✓	✓	✓
Travel arrangements for your child over exeat, half term and beginning and end of term	✓	✓	✓
Accompanying your child to and from the airport		✓	✓
Travel reservations on behalf of child and parent			✓
Passport and visa renewal (booking of and accompaniment to appointment only)			✓
Extra features			
Assistance with mobile phone purchase on a 'pay as you go' basis		✓	✓
Assistance with uniform purchase			✓
Health or belongings insurance for your child			✓

GABBITAS GUARDIANSHIP FEES AND EXPENSES

LEVELS OF SERVICE

Gold £699

Platinum £825

Diamond £999

All fees are quoted exclusive of VAT at the current rate.

EXPATRIATE SERVICE

For details of fees for the expatriate service please contact the Guardianship office.

GUARDIANSHIP EXPENSES

Guardian families are reimbursed for expenses incurred in the care of your child.

	COST
Termly allowance for guardians	£150 per term
Overnight stay with family	£30.00 per night
Day spent with guardian family without overnight accommodation	£15.00 per day
Time spent travelling with child to/from airport	£7.50 per hour
Time spent travelling with child (other than to/from airport)	£5.00 per hour
Mileage allowance	£0.45 per mile
Holiday responsibility allowance for family trips away (Cost of accommodation/travel/food is additional)	£15.00 per day

Parents should also note that guardian families will incur extra expenses for incidental items such as:

- a) Special purchases on behalf of your child e.g. clothing, birthday presents on behalf of parents, etc.
- b) Communication e.g. registered postal delivery of items belonging to your child, phone bill, etc.
- c) Entertainments for your child e.g. outings, meals out (child's share + one accompanying adult only) etc.



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GABBITAS GUARDIANSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

STUDENT DETAILS

Forenames	<input type="text"/>	Surname	<input type="text"/>
Boy <input type="checkbox"/>	Girl <input type="checkbox"/>	Date of birth	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Nationality	<input type="text"/>	UK School Year	<input type="text"/>
Arrival date to the UK	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	Name of school	<input type="text"/>
Guardianship start date	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>		

SERVICE REQUIRED

Gold <input type="checkbox"/>	We will require a guardian family for weekend exeats?	yes <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
Platinum <input type="checkbox"/>	We will require a guardian family for half term breaks?	yes <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
Diamond <input type="checkbox"/>	We will require transfer arrangements to and from the airport?	yes <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
Please state which airport:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Heathrow	<input type="checkbox"/> Gatwick	<input type="checkbox"/> Stansted	<input type="checkbox"/> Manchester
<input type="checkbox"/> Luton	<input type="checkbox"/> Edinburgh	<input type="checkbox"/> Glasgow	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="text"/>

PARENT PROFILE

FIRST CONTACT	ALTERNATIVE CONTACT
Relationship to student <input type="text"/>	Relationship to student <input type="text"/>
Title <input type="text"/>	Title <input type="text"/>
Forenames <input type="text"/>	Forenames <input type="text"/>
Surname <input type="text"/>	Surname <input type="text"/>
Profession <input type="text"/>	Profession <input type="text"/>
Address <input type="text"/>	Address <input type="text"/>
Telephone (private) <input type="text"/>	Telephone (private) <input type="text"/>
Telephone (work) <input type="text"/>	Telephone (work) <input type="text"/>
Mobile <input type="text"/>	Mobile <input type="text"/>
Fax <input type="text"/>	Fax <input type="text"/>
Email <input type="text"/>	Email <input type="text"/>

I enclose the registration fee of £150 (£125 + VAT). Please proceed to prepare an estimate of costs for the guardianship of my child.
(Please note that the registration fee is not refundable.)

Parent signature Date

Payable by bank transfer to:

Bank: Santander UK PLC Bank address: Bridle Road, Bootle, Merseyside L30 4GB
Sort code: 72-00-00 Account number: 01434500 Account name: Gabbitas Educational Consultants Ltd (Guardianship 1)
SWIFT: ALEIGB22 IBAN: GB70 ALEI 7200 0001 4345 00



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