

*Given you will be away from home for some time, it is suggested that you carry a cell phone (called a **mobile phone** in the UK) and consider this important for communication with family and friends. This will also help to ensure your safety and security while overseas. There are various options that you can choose from and we hope the below information will assist your choice.*

Piccell Wireless

This is the simple, fuss-free way to get a UK mobile phone right away. PicCell Wireless, a US based company, provide mobile phones to American students studying in the UK at local rates. Where possible, your phone can be shipped to you in the U.S. before you leave (depending how soon you sign up). This will enable you to give your parents + friends your phone number before you leave and have a means of communication from the minute you hit the ground.



FIE students receive preferential rates. For more information please see the following link: www.piccellwireless.com/FIE

*Please note – to receive the discounted rate you **must** use this link rather than the main website.*

Pay-As-You-Go

Due to the length of your programme you will be unable to sign up for a phone contract, however, most UK networks provide a 'pay as you go' service whereby you add credit to your phone to make calls, send text messages, use data services, etc. You may purchase a sim card from a network of your choice whilst here to use this. If you already have a phone that is 'unlocked' you can just purchase a sim only. If your network has locked your phone (most networks do this) you will need to either ask your network to unlock the phone or buy a new phone in addition to a sim card that will work on the network you chose here. Please click on the logos below of major UK mobile networks to take you to their websites.



Most mobile networks have stores in which you can visit when you are here to purchase a mobile phone or sim card, and some you might be able to purchase sims/phones online. We advise if you would like a pay-as-you-go phone you conduct your research prior to arrival and purchase a phone/sim once here.

Whilst we are happy to provide the above advice FIE do not endorse one mobile phone provider over another. Ultimately it is up to each individual student to conduct thorough research and choose the best option for them.