

Emirates' Travel Rehearsal at UK airport

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Dubai: Emirates, the world's first Autism-Certified Airline, has launched its "Travel Rehearsal" programme in the UK, hosting its first session in the country at London Stansted Airport.

The Travel Rehearsal programme allows people with accessible travel requirements to experience a guided simulation of the complete air travel journey, familiarising them with airport procedures and onboard environments ahead of time, helping reduce anxiety and build confidence before an actual flight.

In partnership with Hertfordshire-based special needs school, St Elizabeth's Centre, several students on the autism spectrum and their families experienced the travel journey with Emirates at Stansted, from check in to the departure gate. Supported by airport and airline staff, the students and their families walked through check-in, security and the departure lounge. They also experienced immigration, luggage pick-

up and meet and greet.

Emirates became the world's first Autism-Certified Airline after more than 35,000 cabin crew and ground staff completed specialised autism awareness training. Since April 2025, Emirates' Airport Services teams have come together to arrange 40 of these travel rehearsals across airports globally.

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