



International and EU Orientation Programme 11th January 2021

The International Student Support team are very pleased to welcome you to the UK and to Staffordshire University. This Orientation Programme is designed to help you prepare for life in a new country, new cultures, and give you all the information you need to settle into Staffordshire University and Stoke-on-Trent. If you want to get in touch, please contact Tracy by email: internationalsupport@staffs.ac.uk or telephone 00 44 (0) 1782 29 4711/4639

All our activities will take place online via our [International and EU Welcome and Orientation January 2021](#) Microsoft Team. There are no planned face to face sessions for the International Welcome programme. The programme will contain the links for you to click to join the activities online. This means you can take part even if you haven't yet made your journey and start to build those all important connections.

You can also find out more information about preparing for your arrival and arriving on our website: [International Welcome](#)

For information on how the University is preparing your course and campus to be a safe-covid environment please check out the following [link](#)



WELCOME WEEK

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Monday 11th January 2021

International Orientation – Day 1

TIME	Activity	Platform	Description of Activity
10.30am – 11.45am	<p>Welcome and First Steps: What you need to know</p> <p><u>Compulsory for all students</u></p>	<p>International and EU Microsoft Teams</p> <p>When you are in the team go to Channel 2a – Welcome activities to join the session</p>	<p>First Steps: What you need to know</p> <p>The first session of the day is about providing you with the important information you need to know for your first few days at University and an opportunity for you to ask our Welcome ambassadors any questions you may have.</p>
2.00pm – 3.15pm	<p>In the Mix: Socialising in the UK</p>	<p>International and EU Microsoft Teams</p> <p>When you are in the team go to Channel 2a – Welcome activities to join the session</p>	<p>In The Mix: Socialising in the UK</p> <p>Here at Staffordshire University we want to ensure you have the best student experience possible and make the most of your time whilst you are in the UK. Making friends is an important part of this process and our “In the Mix” session provides the perfect opportunity to start developing those friendship networks and for you to “Be Brilliant and Friendly”.</p>
6.00pm – 7.00pm	<p>One Staffs Cafe</p>	<p>Microsoft Teams: One Staffs Cafe</p>	<p>Join our One Staffs Café for quiz night. This activity will take part in the One Staffs Café Microsoft Team – once in the team, join the meeting to take part.</p>



International Orientation – Day 2

Tuesday 12th January 2021

TIME	Activity	Room	Description of Activity
10.30am to 11.30am	Campus and local Orientation	International and EU Microsoft Teams When you are in the team go to Channel 2a – Welcome activities to join the session	Staffs Virtual Campus and local orientation tour We know that you might not be able to explore our campus yet but when you can it will be good to know where everything is and what happens in all the different buildings around campus. In this session, we will also guide you around the local area so you can start to build that sense of belonging with your new environment.
2.00pm to 3.00pm	Student Safety	International and EU Microsoft Teams When you are in the team go to Channel 2a – Welcome activities to join the session	Student Safety is of upmost importance to us here at Staffordshire University. This session will be led by our friendly PC Simon Stone who will talk you through some safety tips and how to keep yourself stay during your time with us.
6.00pm to 7.00pm	One Staffs Café	Microsoft Teams: One Staffs Cafe	Join us to meet up with other students for a Chat and Chill session at our One Staffs café. This activity will take part in the One Staffs Café Microsoft Team – once in the team, join the meeting to take part.



International Orientation – Day 3

Wednesday 13th January 2021

<p>10.30am – 11.30am</p>	<p>Next Steps: What I wished I had known</p>	<p>International and EU Microsoft Teams</p> <p>When you are in the team go to Channel 2a – Welcome activities to join the session</p>	<p>Next Steps: What I wished I had known So by this point, we hope you are getting familiar with university life here at Staffs, starting to make friends, and have begun to feel a sense of belonging to the University and our community. These are the basics to a great start to your student experience. Our ‘What I wished I had known’ session will be run by our Student ambassador team who will provide you with all their best tips and what they wished someone had told them when they started – so make sure you have a list of all your questions as we will have a questions and answer session at the end for all the bits we’ve missed.</p>
<p>1.00pm – 3.00pm</p>	<p>Student Services and Students’ Union Fairs</p>	<p>Student Services Welcome</p>	<p>An opportunity to meet our Student Services and Students’ Union teams to find out what they do and how you can get involved with clubs, societies and a whole lot more here at Staffordshire University.</p>
<p>6.00pm – 7.00pm</p>	<p>One Staffs Café</p>	<p>Microsoft Teams: One Staffs Cafe</p>	<p>Join us at the One Staffs Café where we will share our musical tastes with each other.</p> <p>This activity will take part in the One Staffs Café Microsoft Team – once in the team, join the meeting to take part.</p>



International Orientation – Day 4

Thursday 14th January 2021

<p>10.30am – 11.45am</p>	<p>British Culture – but may be not as you know it</p>	<p>International and EU Microsoft Teams</p> <p>When you are in the team go to Channel 2a – Welcome activities to join the session</p>	<p>This will not be your typical British Culture session telling you about how the British like to queue etc. – we know that you already know this. This is more about some of the scenarios and situations you may encounter whilst you are here. This session will be interactive and we are looking for you to share your views with us on some of the behaviours you may see whilst at University and how these may differ from your culture.</p>
<p>2.00pm to 3.00pm</p>	<p>Staffs Challenge :Be Curious and Daring</p>	<p>International and EU Microsoft Teams</p> <p>When you are in the team go to Channel 2a – Welcome activities to join the session</p>	<p>Time to have some fun, build on those friendship from yesterday and to put your skills into action in our “Be Curious and Daring” challenge session. Curious to know more... then come along.</p>
<p>7.00pm – 8.30pm</p>	<p>One Staffs Café</p>	<p>Microsoft Teams: One Staffs Cafe</p>	<p>Tonight you have the opportunity to take part in a virtual social activity – what are you waiting for – get yourself signed up. To book a place click on the following link.</p> <p>Go virtually Around the World: You will head off on a virtual globe trotting trip around the world, visiting 22 countries across 40,000 virtual miles while putting your teamwork, collaboration and creativity to the test!</p> <p>Upon arrival in each country, you will unlock tasks using image recognition technology via. an app. Starting in Argentina, each country contains a series of tasks & challenges to earn enough Travel Credits to make it to your next destination.</p>



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Friday 15th January 2021

International Orientation – Day 5

10.30pm – 11.30pm	Tier 4 Responsibilities <u>Compulsory for all studying on a Student Visa</u>	International and EU Microsoft Teams When you are in the team go to Channel 2a – Welcome activities to join the session	Tier 4 Responsibilities: <u>Compulsory session</u> for all students studying in the UK on a Student visa. You will receive important information about your Student visa and the conditions attached to it and the University’s responsibilities as your sponsor. It is vital that you attend to avoid any delay with your enrolment.
2.00pm – 4.00pm	Drop-in	International and EU Microsoft Teams When you are in the team go to Channel 2a – Welcome activities to join the session	Still have questions that we haven’t answered? Then pop along to our Drop-in session where we will answer any queries you may have.
6.00pm – 7.00pm	One Staffs Café	Microsoft Teams: One Staffs Cafe	Join us at the One Staffs Café for a traditional game of Bingo! When you are in the team go to the Channel: One Staffs Café online to join the chat

Face to Face enrolment

New Students joining the University January 2021

As part of your enrolment here at the University, as well as completing your online enrolment, you will also need to complete a face to face enrolment with a member of the International team. This is so we can ensure we have copies of your documents on file. Completion of your face to face enrolment will allow you to receive your student card which you will need to access the University buildings. Enrolment for our new students will start on 8th January. During your appointment you will also be able to collect your Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) card if you are in the UK on a student visa. We know that some of you will be required to self isolate on arrival in the UK – however, we would encourage you to book your appointment once you know your arrival date for as soon as your self isolation period has ended to ensure we can complete this part of the process as quickly as possible for you.



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Arrangements for Face to Face enrolment

Due to Covid-19 and to ensure we comply with social distancing requirements **you must book an appointment** to complete your Face to Face session unfortunately, we are unable to offer a drop-in service. To book your appointment, please click on the following link: [International Enrolment booking slots](#). Please remember if you are required to self isolate on arrival please ensure to arrange your appointment for after your self isolation period has ended.

The Face to Face session will take place in Room 4 at the back of the Science Centre on the Leek Road site. Please arrive just before your scheduled time to enable us to stay as close to schedule as we can – please note if you arrive more than 10 minutes late for your appointment we might not be able to see you and you may be asked to rearrange your appointment for another day. On arrival, as you enter the Science Centre you will see our Student Hub desk on the right hand side – you can ask here for directions, or head straight down the corridor in front of you and when you reach the big screen, turn right and Room 4 will be the first room you see. Please knock on the door to let us know you have arrived and we will allow you access when the advisor is free to ensure the room remains at a safe capacity. If you are required to wait outside, please ensure to observe the 2-metre social distancing requirement. Before you enter the room, please sanitise your hands (a hand sanitiser is located just outside the room). When you enter the room, you will be asked to take a seat – a Perspex divider will be in place between you and the advisor to keep you both safe and the area will have been sanitised before your enter – the advisor will also be wearing a clear visor as a face covering. We would ask if you are able, that you too wear a face covering.

You must bring with you to the session, your passport, and if you have a BRP card or visa/immigration documents these too. If you are a **student on a student visa**, you should also bring your certificates and transcripts and your UKVI Decision letter. We can't complete your checks without these documents. You must also complete your online enrolment if you are required to do so before attending – please check your E:Vision Portal to see if you need to do this. If for some reason you are unable to make the appointment could we please ask that you cancel the booking to free the slot for someone else.

If you are unable to attend an in-person appointment for whatever reason please contact the international student support team to advise (email internationalstudent@staffs.ac.uk).

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to the Staffs Community in January 2021.

In the meantime, stay safe and well and wishing you a good journey to the UK.

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