



International and EU Welcome and Orientation September 2019

We are very pleased to welcome you to the UK and to Staffordshire University. This Welcome and Orientation Programme is designed to help you prepare for life in a new country and culture and give you all the information you need to settle into Staffordshire University and Stoke-on-Trent. The details for each days activities are all listed below and where you need to make a booking for an event, the links are provided. We hope you are looking forward to joining us here at Staffordshire in September. We know we are very much looking forward to meeting you all.

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On Wednesday 11 September we are offering a free Meet & Greet Service from Manchester International Airport. The service is a free to International and EU students. When you arrive at the airport, you will be met by our friendly team, who will ensure you have a smooth and easy onward journey to the University. To book your place please register [online](#)

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TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE/MEETING POINT
08.00 – 20.00	Meet & Greet Service from Manchester International Airport	
11:00 13:00 15.00	Staffs Uni - Food Tour Opportunity to stock up on those essential groceries you'll need for your first few days and find out where your nearest food shops and the best places to eat are. This tour is repeated at 13:00 and 15:00	Meeting Point: Student Hub, Leek Road campus
12.00 – 20.00	Document Registration and Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) Collection for Non EEA students in the UK on a Visa. This is an opportunity to register your documents required for enrolment and to collect your BRP card.	Venue: Student Hub, Leek Road Campus

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	<p>You must book a time slot for this session which you can do on the following link. Bookings link for Document registration and BRP Collection</p> <p>Please remember to bring the following documents with you when you come: Student with a Tier 4 visas: Please bring your passport, UKVI Decision letter, proof of UK address and the certificates listed in your CAS Students with a Short Term Study Visas: Please bring your passport and proof of your UK address Students with other visa types: Please bring your passport and visa</p>	
18.00 - 20.00	<p>Social Event: Twilight Chill out Come for your evening meal (free!) and continue getting to know new friends who have also arrived today; our Welcome Ambassadors will be here to help you enjoy the evening and meet new people</p>	Venue: Brindley Food Course

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THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER	TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE/MEETING POINT
	9.00am	<p>Breakfast No better way to start the day than to join us for a light breakfast before your welcome programme starts. See you at 9.00am!</p>	Venue: Leek Road Venue (LRV)
	10.00am – 11.00am	<p>First Steps: What you need to know The first session of the day is about providing you with the important information you need to know about your first few days at University and an opportunity for you to ask our Welcome ambassadors any questions you may have.</p>	Venue: Leek Road Venue (LRV)
	11.00am – 12.00pm	<p>In The Mix: Socialising in the UK 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>	Venue: Leek Road Venue (LRV)

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<p>12.00pm – 2.00pm</p>	<p>Lunch and Learn: People behind the roles Staffordshire University is proud of its value “Be Ambitious and Inspirational”. Our lunch and learn session is an opportunity for you to meet some of the University team and to find out about their journey and achievements, including the challenges and obstacles they encountered along the way. They will also be poised to answer any questions you have for them.</p> <p>Lunch will be provided during this session.</p>	<p>Venue: Leek Road Venue (LRV)</p>
<p>2.00pm – 3.15pm</p>	<p>Staffs International Challenge Another important factor of surviving your first few days at University is to know your way around campus. Our International Challenge will allow you to do this but this is no standard ‘campus tour’ – this is a Staffs International Challenge – intrigued? Find out more on the day!</p>	<p>Venue: Leek Road Venue (LRV)</p>
<p>3.15pm – 4.30pm</p>	<p>British Culture – but may be not as you know it. 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>A typical British afternoon tea will be served during this session.</p>	<p>Venue: Leek Road Venue (LRV)</p>
<p>4.30pm – 5.30pm</p>	<p>Next Steps: What I wished I had known So by this point, we hope that you will know what to expect over the next few days, starting to make friends, and have begun to find your way around campus. These are the basics to a great start to your student experience. This session will be run by our Student ambassador team who will provide you with all the 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>Venue: Leek Road Venue (LRV)</p>



<p>5.30pm – 6.00pm</p>	<p>Tier 4 Responsibilities Compulsory session for all students studying in the UK on a Tier 4 student visa. You will receive important information about your Tier 4 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.</p>	<p>Venue: Leek Road Venue (LRV)</p>
<p>7.00pm – 9.30pm</p>	<p>Students’ Union Social MatchMaker (m&m) The Students’ Union is another important part of studying at University, they offer a wide range of Clubs, Societies and volunteering opportunity for you to be part of as well as being your voice of the University – of which you can be a part of. To get to know you, our friendly Students’ Union Officer team will be offering a social get together during this evening with lots of fun activities taking place allowing you to sit back and relax after your first day at the University.</p>	<p>Venue: Leek Road Venue (LRV)</p>



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International Orientation

TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE/MEETING POINT
8.30am	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Breakfast is the most important meal of the day so come along and join us for a light breakfast before day 2 of your welcome programme begins. See you at 8.30am!</p>	<p>Venue: Brindley Food Court, Leek Road campus</p>
9.30am – 12pm	<p>Challenge time “Be Curious and Daring”</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 morning. Find out more on the day.</p>	<p>Venue: Meeting point: R001/2 Science Centre (Student Hub)</p>
2.00pm – 4.00pm	<p>The following workshops will take place during the afternoon. Please go along to any session which you are interested in to find out more:</p> <p>2.00pm – Student’s Union – what they are and what they do (repeated at 3pm)</p> <p>2.30pm – Library and study Skills – Tips on how to prepare for academic study in the UK (repeated at 3.30pm)</p> <p>3.00pm – Staying Safe – Meet out University Police Office, Simon Stone and get some tips on ensuring your stay in the UK is a safe one. (repeated at 4.00pm)</p> <p>3.30pm – English Language – Tip on who to improve your English Language Skills whilst at University (repeated at 4.30pm)</p>	<p>Venue: LT001, Ashley Building</p>
12.00pm – 6.00pm	<p>Document Registration and Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) Collection for Non EEA students in the UK on a Visa. *booking required</p> <p>If you haven’t done so already, this is an opportunity to register your documents required for enrolment and to collect your BRP card. You need to complete document</p>	<p>Venue: Sir Stanley Matthews Sports Centre, Leek Road campus</p>



	<p>registration before proceeding to your Face to Face enrolment. You must book a time slot for this session which you can do on the following link.</p> <p>Booking link for Document Registration and BRP Collection</p> <p>Please remember to bring the following documents with you when you come: Student with a Tier 4 visas: Please bring your passport, UKVI Decision letter, proof of UK address and the certificates listed in your CAS Students with a Short Term Study Visas: Please bring your passport and proof of your UK address Students with other visa types: Please bring your passport and visa</p>	
<p>12.00pm – 6.00pm</p>	<p>Face to Face Enrolment *booking required Time to complete your enrolment and be “Proud to be Staffs” Please bring your completed enrolment voucher, and ID (Passport/Visa) to receive your student ID card – please note you must use the link below to book a specific timeslot to complete your enrolment. Please ensure you have completed document registration and collected your BRP before attending this session.</p> <p>Booking link to complete Face to Face enrolment</p>	<p>Venue: Sir Stanley Matthews Sports Centre, Leek Road campus</p>
<p>6.00pm</p>	<p>Welcome to the UK celebration Come along and join us as we officially welcome you to Staffordshire University. Plenty of food, music, chat, games and much more. Perfect way to celebrate the end of your International Orientation and the start of your new adventure.</p> <p>A Chill space will also be available if you simply wish to come and relax.</p>	<p>Venue: Reslife Gardens, Coalport Hall, Leek Road campus</p> <p>Food and quiet zone will be located in the Brindley Food Court</p>





What Next? – Your School Welcome begins Monday 16th September 2019

Now that your International Welcome is over, it's time to look forward to the introduction to your course and your School Welcome. To find out details of your welcome programme for the 16th September onwards go to our [welcome pages](#) or visit the [My Staffs Uni](#) app.

If you can't find the information or information is missing, then head over to our Student Hub where our Welcome team and Hub staff will be able to help you or email us at isa@staffs.ac.uk and we will do all we can to help

Dates for your Diary

Your welcome programme is just the beginning of our social programme. The International Student Experience team will also be hosting a variety of trips and events throughout the academic year for you to enjoy and take part in as well as our Weekly [One Staffs Café](#) which meets every Thursday from 5pm to 6.30pm in the Digital Kiln, 5th Floor of the Mellor Building. Free tea and Coffee will be provided along with an exciting and interesting programme of talks, visits and events. Do come along and join us when you can it would be lovely to see you all there.

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EVENT DETAILS	
19 TH October	<p>Day Trip to Liverpool</p> <p>Depart Leek Road Campus (by Sir Stanley Matthews Sports Centre) at 9.30am</p> <p>Depart Liverpool at 5pm</p> <p>Cost - £10 per ticket (non-refundable)</p> <p>To book a ticket go to https://shop.staffs.ac.uk/iss-liverpool-191019.html</p>





<p>25th – 29th November</p>	<p>One Staffs Culture and Diversity Week</p> <p>During this week we will be hosting a range of events around campus celebrating the cultural diversity of our students. If you wish to be a part of this event, please email isa@staffs.ac.uk for more details.</p>
<p>Fri 29 Nov - Sun 01 Dec, 3 days.</p>	<p>Edinburgh Uncovered Trip 2019</p> <p>Join heaps of Staffordshire & Worcester Uni students on this awesome 3-day adventure north of the border for a true taste of Scotland! Discover this awesome city with our legendary local guides. Wander the Old Town medieval streets, sample whisky and haggis off the Royal Mile, get to know the locals on a night out and climb a volcano for awesome views!</p> <p><u>What's included:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 nights top-rated Edinburgh accommodation (city-centre, multi-share) • 3 meals: 2 x breakfast, 1 x two-course Old Town Haggis Group Dinner • Sightseeing/orientation of all destinations • Plenty of free time (and tips) to explore more • Trip leader and driver team (24/7 support) • All travel by modern coach • University pick-ups/drop-offs • Orientation sheets & maps • On board activities & snacks • All tips, taxes & service charges <p><u>Optional extras:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edinburgh Old Town Walking Tour - FREE (usually £10) • Arthur's Seat Volcano climb - FREE • Edinburgh Old Town Night Out - only £10 • Cadies and Witchery Murder Mystery Tour - only £10 • Harry Potter's Edinburgh Walking Tour - only £10 <p><u>How much?</u> Regular price: £199.00 Early bird price: £167*</p> <p>(*when you book before Wed 16 October)</p>



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7 th December	<p>Day Trip to Chester</p> <p>Depart Leek Road Campus (by Sir Stanley Matthews Sports Centre) at 9.30am</p> <p>Depart Chester at 5pm</p> <p>Cost - £10 per ticket (non refundable)</p> <p>To book a ticket go to: https://shop.staffs.ac.uk/isschester071219.html</p>
25 th December	<p>Christmas Day on Campus</p> <p>If you are not going home for Christmas then come and celebrate Christmas Day with us on campus. More details will be posted nearer to the event.</p>
27 th – 31 st January	<p>One Staffs Culture and Diversity Week</p> <p>This will be our second One Staffs Culture and Diversity week which we will be hosting. During this week we will be hold a range of events around campus celebrating the cultural diversity of our students. If you wish to be a part of this event, please email isa@staffs.ac.uk for more details. Two events we are already planning as part of this week are:</p> <p>27th January – will focus on the Holocaust Memorial Day</p> <p>30th January – we will celebrate Chinese New Year</p>
8 th February	<p>Day Trip to the City of Bath</p> <p>Depart Leek Road Campus (by Sir Stanley Matthews Sport Centre) at 7.30am</p> <p>Depart Bath at 5pm</p> <p>Cost - £15 per ticket</p> <p>To book a ticket go to: https://shop.staffs.ac.uk/iss-bath-080220.html</p>
21 st March	<p>Day Trip to the City of Leeds</p> <p>Depart Leek Road Campus (by Sir Stanley Matthews Sport Centre) at 9.30am</p> <p>Depart Leeds at 5pm</p> <p>Cost - £15 per ticketTo book a ticket go to: https://shop.staffs.ac.uk/issleeds210320.html</p>



14 th May	IFTAR celebration To note for your diary, as part of Ramadan, we will host a IFTAR event on the 14 th May 2019. Further details regarding this event will be posted nearer the time.
21 st May	Day Trip to the Lake District (to include Keswick and Lake Windermere_ Depart Leek Road Campus (by Sir Stanley Matthews Sport Centre) at 7.30am Depart Windermere at 5pm Cost - £15 Per ticket To book a ticket go to: https://shop.staffs.ac.uk/iss-ev-lakedistrict-210520.html

