Welcome (or welcome back) to Oxford Brookes University

The International Student Advice Team (ISAT) is looking forward to welcoming new international students and welcoming back current international students to Oxford Brookes University. Many of you will need to self-isolate when entering the UK and we know that not being allowed to leave your accommodation for 10 days whilst adjusting to being abroad has its challenges. We have created this guide to provide information, tips and suggestions that will help you before and during your self-isolation period.

You are always welcome to contact us via email at isat@brookes.ac.uk, phone +44 (0) 2031074490, or come to our Zoom Room. We also offer virtual appointments via Zoom or Google Meet. Please note that our phone lines are open Monday-Friday, 11.00-13.00 UK time. Our Zoom Room is open 13.00-15.00 UK time, and the link to join can be found on our Contact Us page: www.brookes.ac.uk/students/isat/contact/

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Understanding the self-isolation rules

We have summarised information about self-isolation in the UK to make it easier for you to understand what you can and cannot do during this period. Please note this information is correct at the time of publication, but rules may change. Please refer to the UK government’s website for the most up-to-date information (link on page 4) and contact isat@brookes.ac.uk if you have any questions.

Please note: information correct at the time of writing. For the most up-to-date information and full details, please use the links on page 4.

What is self-isolation?

Due to Covid-19, the British government is asking all passengers entering the UK (apart from a few exceptions) to self-isolate for the first 10 days after they arrive, even if they do not have coronavirus symptoms. Self-isolating means you are not allowed to leave your declared accommodation for the whole duration of the period. This is because symptoms can appear up to 10 days after catching the virus.

How to self-isolate?

You will have to follow different self-isolation rules depending on the countries you have been in or transited through in the 10 days before your journey to the UK.

First, start by checking if you are travelling from a “red list” country. The British government has provided detailed guidance on how to self-isolate, depending where you are travelling from.

Frequently asked questions

We have listed below the most common questions we get from students.

Q. Do I have to self-isolate in a hotel and pay for it? How much does it cost?

Only passengers you have been in or transited through the “red list” countries need to self-isolate in a hotel and pay for it.

Q. How many Covid-19 tests do I need to do? If I get a negative result, can I reduce my self-isolation period?

All passengers entering the UK need to:

- Present a negative COVID-19 test prior to departure
- Take a Covid-19 test on day 2 and day 8 of quarantining

These 3 tests do not shorten your self-isolation period. However, you can join the “Test to Release for International Travel” scheme, which enables you to shorten your self-isolation period if you get an additional negative private Covid-19 test after your arrival in the UK (this scheme is not available to all passengers).

Q. I am self-isolating in my own accommodation. Am I allowed to leave the house to get food or medication?

No, the rule is that you are not allowed to leave your accommodation at all.

You need to arrange food and medication deliveries to your accommodation. See “Online Shopping & Deliveries” on page 8, where we explain how to get food and other supplies delivered to you. Please note that
in the exceptional circumstance where you are genuinely unable to arrange for basic necessities like food and medicines to be delivered, you can leave your accommodation to access these.

Q. Can I go to university to attend face-to-face teaching?
No, you need to stay in your accommodation and attend your lectures online. Even if you are not allowed to be on campus during your self-isolation period, it is important to engage with induction activities and your course. More information provided on page 7.

Q. I am staying in a shared accommodation - can I see my housemates? What to do about common areas (eg. bathroom, kitchen)?
The people you are staying with do not need to self-isolate, unless you are returning from some specific countries (see full list on the UK government website), or they travelled with you, or one of you develops coronavirus symptoms. Avoid contact with other people at home in order to reduce the risk of transmitting coronavirus, and always stay two metres apart when you are in the same room. If you use shared facilities, please ensure you clean them after use and limit the time you spend in common areas to the strict minimum.

Q. Can I have visitors?
No, you should not have any visitors, unless they are providing: emergency or medical assistance, veterinary services, or certain critical public services.

Q. Can I do some outdoor exercise?
You cannot leave your accommodation to do outdoor exercise. However, if you have a garden or balcony, you can exercise there.

Q. What if there is an emergency?
You can leave your house in case of an emergency. Please refer to the UK government’s website.

**When does the self-isolation period finish?**
You will be able to leave quarantine when you have received both a negative result from your day 8 test and have quarantined for 10 full days - unless you have taken part in the “Test to Release for International Travel” scheme (see page 3).

However, if you or one of your housemates have developed coronavirus symptoms during your self-isolation period, you may need to isolate for longer.

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**More information**
You will find more resources and explanations on the following webpages.

- ISAT “Travelling to the UK during the Covid-19 pandemic” page: www.brookes.ac.uk/students/isat/preparing-your-arrival/travelling-to-the-uk
- British government’s website www.gov.uk/uk-border-control/self-isolating-when-you-arrive

**PLEASE NOTE:** information correct at the time of writing. For the most up-to-date information and full details, please use the links supplied.
Planning your journey

Covid-19 and border control
To enter the UK, you are required to:

- Present a negative COVID-19 test taken up to 72 hours prior to departure (for England only)
- Book and pay for a travel test package. It includes Covid-19 tests to be taken on/before day 2 and on/after day 8 of quarantine (£210)
- Provide your contact details on a Public Health Passenger Locator Form

Travelling in the UK to reach your self-isolation accommodation
People arriving from a “red list” country should only use the transport specified in their quarantine package to go to their quarantine hotel.

Passengers travelling from other countries can use public transport, but only if they have no other option. If you are unable to travel to your self-isolation accommodation the day when you enter the UK because the journey is too long, you are allowed to stop overnight in safe accommodation. You must provide the address of your overnight stop on your Public Health Passenger Locator Form in addition to your declared accommodation address.

Going through immigration
All the information you need can be found here: www.brookes.ac.uk/students/isat/preparing-your-arrival/arriving-in-the-uk.
We recommend that you carry a copy of your Attendance Letter when you travel to the UK.

PLEASE NOTE: information correct at the time of writing. For the most up-to-date information and full details, use the links on page 4 and 5.

Getting to Oxford
We have created a webpage to help you find the best option to reach Oxford once you’ve arrived at the international airport or train station: www.brookes.ac.uk/students/isat/preparing-your-arrival/getting-to-oxford/

ISAT Meet & Greet taxi service
ISAT, in partnership with Go Green Taxis, offers a discounted taxi service from Heathrow airport to your Oxford accommodation. This is a great alternative to using coaches. You need to book this service through our registration form, which you will find on the ISAT Meet & Greet page: www.brookes.ac.uk/students/isat/preparing-your-arrival/meet-and-greet-service/. Pick up from other major UK airports and St Pancras International train station may be possible.

In the UK, you must wear a face covering on public transport (unless you are exempt) and stay 2 metres apart from other people whenever possible.
Preparing your stay in the UK

Before coming to the UK, we recommend that you read through the “Before you leave for the UK” pages on the UK government’s website www.gov.uk/uk-border-control/before-you-leave-for-the-uk. We also have a lot of useful information on the ISAT “Preparing Your Arrival” pages, including how to register with a GP and how to open a bank account: www.brookes.ac.uk/students/isat/preparing-your-arrival/.

When to come to the UK?
The situation in the UK is evolving rapidly and the University will write to you every time there is a change.

Some courses require students to come onto campus. If you are on one of these courses, your faculty will have written to you telling you when you need to be in the UK by.

For all other students, teaching will be online until at least early March. The UK Government asks you to study online from your current residence if possible. If you have made travel arrangements that you cannot change, or you are not be able to study fully where you are, you can travel to the UK. If you are unsure when to travel, contact ISAT.

Check “Getting Ready to Start at Brookes” on page 7. It’s essential that you attend induction activities and engage with your course even if it’s only online to start with.

Liaising with your accommodation provider

Make sure you have booked your accommodation, checked how early you can arrive, and enquired about the type of support you can get from your accommodation provider during your self-isolation period (if you are not required to quarantine in a hotel). In some halls, the washing machines are located outside student’s flats - contact the accommodation manager to check how you can do your laundry whilst self-isolating.

Check in advance if your accommodation provider will supply the following, as it would be very inconvenient to realise that they don’t after your long journey to the UK.

- Bedding
- Household goods
- Kitchenware
- Towels

It is unlikely that food will be provided, but it’s worth asking. See page 8 for a list of suggested shops & tips about online purchases.

What to pack

It may feel a bit overwhelming to plan your packing and know what to bring. ISAT have made a list to help you: www.brookes.ac.uk/students/isat/preparing-your-arrival/what-to-pack/

Internet

Ask your accommodation provider about internet access. In most cases, there will be Wifi available and you will just need a password, but if you are renting a private accommodation you may need to arrange for the internet to be installed at home.

Phone

If you want to have a UK phone number, you can easily order a free SIM card online with GiffGaff www.giffgaffsimcards.com once you’ve arrived in the UK, and it will be delivered to you the next day. GiffGaff is not the only provider - for more information, see the “mobile phones” section of www.brookes.ac.uk/students/isat/preparing-your-arrival/shopping-in-oxford/
Getting ready to start at Brookes

Whether you arrive in the UK before the beginning of the semester or once your course has started, there are many things you can do from home before or during your self-isolation period, including enrolment, course induction, Brookes email address set-up and Moodle access. During Induction Week (18-22 January 2021), join the induction activities remotely. Afterwards, you must study online if you cannot attend face-to-face teaching.

Brookes email and Moodle

In order to study at Brookes, it is essential that you have set up your Brookes email account and Moodle. If you have any issues with this, don’t wait to ask for help.

www.brookes.ac.uk/new-students/before-you-arrive/brookes-email/

General requirements

Use this checklist to ensure you complete all the requirements: www.brookes.ac.uk/new-students/before-you-arrive/student-checklist/

Let the university know you are self-isolating

Keep the university up-to-date regarding your self-isolation. There are 2 forms you need to complete:

- The “Coronavirus reporting form”
  www.brookes.ac.uk/alerts/coronavirus/

- The “Covid Learning Status” form
  You need to update this status every time your ability to attend face-to-face teaching changes: www.brookes.ac.uk/new-students/induction-programmes/covid-learning-status-registration/

If you are unable to attend face-to-face teaching for a period of time, the timetabling team will adjust your teaching to be fully online where possible.

Contacting your Academic Adviser

As soon as you know who your Academic Adviser is, make sure that you get in touch with them. This information is available on your Student Information Page.

Update your address

As soon as you have moved to the UK, ensure you update your address on your Student Information Page so that letters from the university are not sent to your home country.

Missed induction activities and/or on-campus teaching

If you miss any induction activities or on-campus teaching due to travel or access issues, you should contact your Student Support Coordinators and Programme Team: www.brookes.ac.uk/students/support-services/ssc/

BRP Collection and visa enrolment

Please ensure you read this page:

www.brookes.ac.uk/students/isat/preparing-your-arrival/collecting-your-brp/
Online shopping and deliveries

If you are not required to quarantine in a hotel (where food is provided), it is important that you think ahead about what you may need during your self-isolation period and how to get things delivered to you. In this section, you will find some tips and provider suggestions.

**Groceries**

Ask your accommodation provider if they will provide some staples for you during your self-isolation period. In most cases they won’t, so you will need to order groceries, and we recommend that you place an online order before your journey to the UK to have food delivered the day when you get to your UK accommodation. Delivery slots tend to get booked very quickly, so you will need to place the order at least a week in advance.

The following nationwide companies offer online shopping with home delivery:

- Sainsbury’s
- Tesco
- Asda
- Deliveroo (check the grocery section)
- Co-op
- Waitrose
- Ocado
- Iceland

Please note that these food retailers don’t all offer the same products and some are more expensive than others. Find out more on our Shopping page: [www.brookes.ac.uk/students/isat/preparing-your-arrival/shopping-in-oxford/](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/students/isat/preparing-your-arrival/shopping-in-oxford/)

If you have any dietary requirements, look out for the “free from” range, which usually includes gluten-free, dairy-free, nut-free and vegan options.

**Takeaway meals**

If you don’t feel like cooking, takeaways are a very popular option in the UK. Some companies specialise in food delivery and you can choose between a wide range of local restaurants and takeaways. Download the following apps to order quickly!

- Deliveroo
- Just Eat
- Uber Eats

Some restaurants and food providers also have their own delivery service - check out their website.

**Deliveries**

Always make sure that you select “home delivery” when placing an order online, as some shops sometimes deliver at a collection point. In the UK, it is essential that you indicate your postcode in the address. If you live in a hall, ask the Accommodation team how the deliveries will be brought from reception to your door. If the supplier/shop cannot deliver to your home address, you can use the 001 Taxi Collect and Deliver service: [www.001taxis.com/collect-and-deliver](http://www.001taxis.com/collect-and-deliver)
Household goods

Oxford Brookes University has a partnership with UniKitOut, which provides bathroom, bedroom and kitchen kits that you can order before travelling to the UK: [www.unikitout.com/?partner=Oxford%20Brookes%20University](www.unikitout.com/?partner=Oxford%20Brookes%20University). Before placing an order, check what is already available in your accommodation.

Other household good suppliers include:
- Asda Living
- Wilko
- Dunelm
- Argos

Cosmetics, toiletries, cleaning supplies

Most food retailers have a health & beauty section as well as a household section on their online shop, which means you can order cosmetics, toiletries, some types of medicine and cleaning supplies when buying groceries. However, if you want more choice, you can order online from specialised stores such as:
- Boots (beauty, pharmacy)
- Superdrug (beauty, pharmacy)
- Savers (beauty, cleaning supplies)

We recommend that you check whether toilet paper, laundry liquid and washing up liquid are provided in your accommodation, as it won’t always be the case. Please note that in the UK, there is no requirement to use a specific type of detergent to clean your laundry during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Medicine and prescriptions

You first need to register with a GP, who will send a prescription to a pharmacy. Make sure you tell your GP and the pharmacy that you are self-isolating, so the medicine is delivered to your address.

Books, games and entertainment

You may want to order books, jigsaw puzzles or craft supplies to keep yourself busy during your isolation period. You can probably find most items on Amazon.co.uk.

For books, you can also check:
- Blackwells of Oxford
- Waterstones

For art/crafts supplies, board games, stationery:
- Hobbycraft
- WHSmith
- The Works
- Etsy

Delivery charges

Before proceeding with your payment, always check how much it will cost to get the items delivered to your house - sometimes the delivery charge is actually higher than the item itself!
Indoor sports equipment

Why not make the most of this isolation period to do some exercise? If you need any indoor exercise equipment, you will probably find what you are looking for on Amazon.co.uk, but you can also have a look at:
- Decathlon
- Sports Direct

Clothing

If you realise that you forgot some essential wardrobe items, don’t worry, you can order clothes online. In the UK, it’s very common to do so, and in most cases you are allowed to try things on and return them if they don’t fit or you don’t like them. If you are looking for basics, you should be able to find some on H&M, Asos, New Look and Uniqlo.

Returns

It may not be possible to return items during your isolation period. In the UK, you often need to go to the Post Office or a collection point in-person to send a returned item.

Suggested programme of activities

We recommend that you schedule some activities every day, to ensure you have a healthy routine during your self-isolation period. Of course, your experience will be different if you are self-isolating in a hotel or in your own accommodation, and all students will find different ways to keep themselves busy.

When planning for your 10 days of isolation, take into account these 6 key elements:
- Get ready every morning
- Eat healthily and drink enough water (note: tap water is safe to drink in the UK)
- Socialise (online)
- Do some physical exercise
- Learn something new
- Take time to relax and do the things you enjoy

We have created a programme of activities over the next pages to help you add a structure to your days. We’ve added a “Team Highlight” every day, for you to get familiar with the teams which can support you during your time at Brookes. There are plenty of daily plans in the additional resources in case you need more ideas to keep yourself busy. You can also check ISAT’s Online Activities page: www.brookes.ac.uk/students/isat/social/online-activities/
**DAY 1**

*Time to rest after your long journey!*

- **Activity**
  Have a long shower or bath to relax.

- **Socialise**
  Text family and friends to let them know you have safely arrived and to share your first impressions.

- **Exercise**
  Stretch after you trip with POPSUGAR Fitness: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=qC7960yMaxA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qC7960yMaxA)

- **Learn**
  Try out a new recipe that you can make in only 5min! Video by Tasty: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_5wh6i11o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_5wh6i11o)

- **British culture**
  Have a look at some Instagram accounts dedicated to the UK: [@photosofbritain](https://www.instagram.com/photosofbritain/), [@lovegreatbritain](https://www.instagram.com/lovegreatbritain/), [@experienceoxfordshire](https://www.instagram.com/experienceoxfordshire/)

- **International Student Advice team**
  Immigration advice and social activities for international students.

  - [www.brookes.ac.uk/students/isat](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/students/isat)
  - isat@brookes.ac.uk
  - @isat.brookes
  - @brookes_isatsocial

**DAY 2**

- **Activity**
  Start planning your self-isolation period and make a list of all the things you’d like to do.

- **Socialise**
  Schedule some video call with family and friends for the next few days.

- **Exercise**
  Full body workout by Brookes Sport: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ryspr5NtPa4&list=PLdJazAmF2Qb2GoGM8ewOihko_HaL1VA1a&index=4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ryspr5NtPa4&list=PLdJazAmF2Qb2GoGM8ewOihko_HaL1VA1a&index=4)

- **Learn**
  Improve your phone photography skills with simple hacks by 5-Minute Crafts: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=dwl3cdWzC0E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dwl3cdWzC0E)

- **British culture**
  Why not order something typically British for breakfast when you do your online shopping? (eg. crumpets, porridge, toast). You could even order a full English breakfast on a takeaway app!

- **Counselling**
  Providing emotional support to students.

  - [www.brookes.ac.uk/students/wellbeing/counselling/](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/students/wellbeing/counselling/)

**DAY 3**

- **Activity**
  Finish unpacking and arrange your room. Think about what you could do to make it more comfortable for your self-isolation period.

- **Socialise**
  Join the #WeAreInternational campaign, share experiences with other international students.

- **Exercise**
  10,000 steps challenge by Joanna Soh: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=R3AUw3-jtEo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R3AUw3-jtEo)

- **Learn**
  Start a free online course: [www.futurelearn.com/courses](http://www.futurelearn.com/courses)

- **British culture**

- **Induction team**
  Supporting students' transition to Brookes. Helping with any practical, personal or course induction questions.

  - [www.brookes.ac.uk/new-students/arrivals-weekend/induction-team/](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/new-students/arrivals-weekend/induction-team/)
  - induction@brookes.ac.uk
**DAY 4**

**Activity**

**Socialise**
Join Global Buddies! Check if the programme is right for you at [www.brookes.ac.uk/students/isat/social/global-buddies/](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/students/isat/social/global-buddies/)

**Exercise**
Introduction to pilates by the NHS: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=44HquH6QyXc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44HquH6QyXc)

**Learn**
Follow the National Trust’s guides to “become an expert in something new in no time”: [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/how-to-guides](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/how-to-guides)

**British culture**
Cook a quick and easy British meal - the jacket potato. See the BBC Good Food recipes: [www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/baked-potato-recipes](http://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/baked-potato-recipes). If you don’t have an oven, you can microwave or boil your potato, and you can get creative and come up with your own fillings!

**Student Central Advice team**
Academic programme, finances, student cards, exceptional circumstances, Council Tax, Confirmation of Attendance letters and more. [www.brookes.ac.uk/students/student-central/](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/students/student-central/)

**DAY 5**

**Activity**
Decorate your room with photos, posters, new furniture or your own creations.

**Socialise**
Join the “Brookes Isolation Station” Facebook group: [www.facebook.com/groups/BrookesUnionCommunity](http://www.facebook.com/groups/BrookesUnionCommunity)

**Exercise**
30-min Zumba dance workout by OneHowTo: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=qAJ6EQtGZ28](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qAJ6EQtGZ28)

**Learn**

**British culture**
Listen to some British singers, musicians and bands on YouTube or Spotify.

**Brookes Union**
Advice and events for Brookes students. [www.brookesunion.org.uk](http://www.brookesunion.org.uk)

**DAY 6**

**Activity**
Draw or paint something - it doesn’t matter if you are not an artist! Inspiration for beginners by 5-Minute Crafts: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=KGVAEMOp_4Q](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KGVAEMOp_4Q)

**Socialise**
Join the Facebook group of your faculty, course or cohort to interact with other students.

**Exercise**
Do some guided meditation with The Body Coach: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=GiiCHjKNaHU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GiiCHjKNaHU)

**Learn**

**British culture**
Learn more about British culture with this article by Study in UK: [www.studying-in-uk.org/british-culture-and-social-norms/](http://www.studying-in-uk.org/british-culture-and-social-norms/)

**Transport team**
Transport and enquiries about BrookesKey. [www.brookes.ac.uk/travel/](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/travel/) [transport@brookes.ac.uk](mailto:transport@brookes.ac.uk)
DAY 7

ษา Activity
Take time to look after yourself. Have a bath or shower with music in the background, put on a face mask, have a nap, eat something healthy.

日々 Socialise
Write a letter to someone back home that you will post once your self-isolation is finished.

日々 Exercise
15-min low impact workout with Joe Wicks: www.youtube.com/watch?v=gKwHGx0zhvo

日々 Learn
Learn about the oceans with the BBC series The Blue Planet II website: www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p04tjbtx

日々 British culture
Well done for completing half of your quarantine! Why not treat yourself? Order one of the most popular British takeaways: fish & chips, Chinese or Indian.

日々 Library
Familiarise yourself with Brookes Library’s website, learn how to search for books and look up your reading lists.

www.brookes.ac.uk/library/

DAY 8

ษา Activity
Set some time aside (30min minimum) to read a good book or magazine.

日々 Socialise
Contact an old friend and ask what they are up to these days.

日々 Exercise
Yoga for complete beginners by Yoga With Adrienne: www.youtube.com/watch?v=v7AYKMP6rOE

日々 Learn
Watch a documentary on Netflix or BBC iplayer to learn something new.

日々 British culture

日々 Careers
The Careers Service supports employability skills and ensure that you get the right job once you graduate.

www.brookes.ac.uk/students/careers/
careers@brookes.ac.uk

DAY 9

ษา Activity
Bake a banana bread, which became a quarantine favourite last spring! www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/brilliant-banana-loaf. No oven? Vegan? Make fluffy pancakes tasty.co/recipe/the-fluffiest-vegan-pancakes

日々 Socialise
Why not video call a friend and do an exercise class together at the same time? Working out with others is a great way to get motivated.

日々 Exercise
Hip-hop workout by POPSUGAR Fitness: www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZWk19OVon2k

日々 Learn
Start learning a new language by watching films in original version or using an app such as Duolingo: www.duolingo.com

日々 British culture
Watch some British films on Netflix or iplayer. TimeOut has created a list of the 100 best British films: www.timeout.com/london/film/100-best-british-films

日々 Centre for Academic development
Supporting students with their study skills, maths, statistics and Academic English.

www.brookes.ac.uk/students/academic-development/
academicdev@brookes.ac.uk
**DAY 10**

🌟 Activity
Make a list of the things you need to do when you can finally leave your accommodation.

ව Socialise
Organise a virtual tea/coffee break with a friend or family member.

💫 Exercise
Clean your room whilst listening to your favourite music - yes, that counts as exercise!

💡 Learn

🇬🇧 British culture
British people are known for talking about weather very often, probably because it’s so unpredictable here! As you’ll soon be allowed to go outside, check the weather forecast on BBC Weather: [www.bbc.co.uk/weather](http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather)

📧 Enrolment team
For online enrolment queries and support. [brookes.ac.uk/new-students/before-you-arrive/online-enrolment/](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/new-students/before-you-arrive/online-enrolment/)

✉️ enrolment@brookes.ac.uk

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**Additional resources**

🌟 Activity
Have fun with a music-making app. For app suggestions, see this article by The Guardian: [www.theguardian.com/technology/2015/oct/17/ten-of-the-best-music-making-apps-for-beginners](http://www.theguardian.com/technology/2015/oct/17/ten-of-the-best-music-making-apps-for-beginners)

ור Socialise
Write a blog about your experience and share it on social media using #WeAreTogether.
More information by Universities UK: [www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/International/Pages/WeAreTogether-campaign.aspx](http://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/International/Pages/WeAreTogether-campaign.aspx)

💫 Exercise
HIIT Cardio with Brookes Sport: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=nzVq8AqGiTk&list=PLdJazAmF2Qb2GoGM8ewOihko_HaL1VA1a&index=6](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nzVq8AqGiTk&list=PLdJazAmF2Qb2GoGM8ewOihko_HaL1VA1a&index=6)

💡 Learn
Improve your basic cooking skills with BBC Good Food: [www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/25-skills-every-cook-should-know](http://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/25-skills-every-cook-should-know)

🇬🇧 British culture
Read a British book. From Jane Austen’s classics to the Harry Potter series, there’s a lot to choose from. BBC article for inspiration: [www.bbc.com/culture/article/20151204-the-100-greatest-british-novels](http://www.bbc.com/culture/article/20151204-the-100-greatest-british-novels)

📧 Student Support Coordinators (SSCs)
SSCs are a good first point of contact for any problem or issue you may face during your time at university. [www.brookes.ac.uk/students/support-services/ssc/](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/students/support-services/ssc/)

_put your own ideas here_

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🌟 Activity
Create something! Have a browse on Instagram and Pinterest and get creative.

వ Socialise
Join a live online talk about a topic you’re interested in. There’s plenty to choose from on Eventbrite: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/online/events/](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/online/events/)

💫 Exercise
15-min flexibility routine by Tom Merrick: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=L_xrDAtykMI&t=22s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L_xrDAtykMI&t=22s)

💡 Learn
Get a different perspective on the world by playing around with an undistorted map: [thetruesize.com](http://thetruesize.com)

🎬 British culture
Brush up on your English with Papa Teach Me: [www.youtube.com/c/papateachme/videos](http://www.youtube.com/c/papateachme/videos)

🌐 Wellbeing
Support for disabled, dyslexic, SpLD, estranged, mature students, and more. [www.brookes.ac.uk/students/wellbeing/](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/students/wellbeing/)
**Additional resources**

**Activity**
Do some origami: [origami.me/diagrams/](http://origami.me/diagrams/)

**Socialise**
Meet new people with similar interests by joining an online Meetup session: [www.meetup.com/](http://www.meetup.com/)

**Exercise**
Boxing workout with POPSUGAR Fitness: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=jCTEVKRTuS8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jCTEVKRTuS8)

**Learn**
Thinking of cycling in Oxford after your self-isolation period? Go to the City Council’s website to find out more about bicycle hire, racks and routes: [www.oxford.gov.uk/info/20077/cycling](http://www.oxford.gov.uk/info/20077/cycling)

**British culture**
Listen to a variety of British accents on the British Library’s website: [www.bl.uk/british-accents-and-dialects/articles/regional-voices-an-introduction-to-language-variation-across-the-uk](http://www.bl.uk/british-accents-and-dialects/articles/regional-voices-an-introduction-to-language-variation-across-the-uk)

**Catering at Brookes**
Catering by Food at Brookes
- [www.foodatbrookes.com/](http://www.foodatbrookes.com/)
- [www.brookes.ac.uk/catering/](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/catering/)

**Regular events**

ISAT organises events for Arrivals [www.brookes.ac.uk/students/isat/social/arrivals](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/students/isat/social/arrivals) and throughout the semester [www.brookes.ac.uk/students/isat/social/events-and-trips](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/students/isat/social/events-and-trips).

Brookes Union [www.brookesunion.org.uk](http://www.brookesunion.org.uk) and the Chaplaincy [www.brookes.ac.uk/students/wellbeing/chaplaincy](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/students/wellbeing/chaplaincy) also offer a variety of social events during the semester.
International Student Advice Team (ISAT)

- Website: www.brookes.ac.uk/students/isat
- Email: isat@brookes.ac.uk
- Phone: +44 (0) 2031074490 Monday-Friday, 11.00-13.00
- Zoom Room: Monday-Friday, 13.00-15.00. To join the Zoom Room, use the link provided on our Contact Us page: www.brookes.ac.uk/students/isat/contact/

We hope you found this guide helpful. Please send us feedback and suggestions via email at isat@brookes.ac.uk.

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