



Get Involved

Induction Week Events Guide for International Students

January 2026

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Welcome to Oxford Brookes University



The International Student Advice Team (ISAT) warmly welcomes you to Oxford Brookes and we hope you have a fantastic time while you are here. This guide will give you lots of useful information about activities for international students during induction week in January 2026. Throughout your time at Oxford Brookes, you are always welcome to contact us or check our website for information.


What we do


ISAT offers information and advice to international students about immigration, employment, and general academic matters. We are here if you need to talk about any difficulty you might be facing. We also organise events and trips outside Oxford, to help you make the most of your time at Oxford Brookes. We are very active on Instagram – make sure you follow us at **@brookes_isatsocial**

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Essential information

As a **new student**, there are some important steps that you need to complete before starting your course. This page provides you with essential information. You can use the links for further details in the first instance, and contact Oxford Brookes staff if you need additional support.

Checklist of things to do

- ☐ **Complete your enrolment and your Right to Study checks:**
the final deadline to arrive in the UK and complete your enrolment is Friday 6 February 2026.
- ☐ **Set up your Brookes email and calendar** – available from 6 January and you need to complete your enrolment first.
- ☐ Collect your student card (you will receive an email when your card is ready for collection).
- ☐ Register your modules before you start your course (you will find out more about this during your course induction).
- ☐ **Open a UK bank account.**
- ☐ **Register with a GP surgery near you** – this is a UK health centre where you can see a doctor.
- ☐ **Attend your course induction sessions** during Induction Week (19-23 January 2026).
- ☐ Decide if you would like to get a **Totum card** for discounts and ID.
- ☐ **Check the ISAT Social Events** and come to as many as you like.
- ☐ **Follow ISAT on Instagram** to get advice and social events updates.

Attendance letter

Your Attendance Letter (also referred to as Certificate of Attendance), can be used as proof of your local address. You can request this document online once you have completed your enrolment. **Instructions are on this Student Central webpage.**

Proof of address

Students in Oxford Brookes accommodation can also get a proof of address letter by emailing **accomm@brookes.ac.uk**



Help to get started

If you have any questions or are unsure about something, the following teams and staff members will be able to help you to get started.

Who are they?	What can they help with?	How to contact them?
<u>Student Induction Team</u>	<p>Answering any questions about Induction week. Talk to them if you have missed some Induction sessions.</p> <p>They can also help with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online enrolment (but not Right to Study checks) • Student cards • Attendance Certificates/ • Council tax letters <p>In general, they are the team to contact if you don't know who to ask.</p>	You can meet them at the New Student reception and also chat with them online or over the phone (see page 8).
<u>International Student Advice Team</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visa/immigration questions • Opening a bank account • Life in the UK, social events 	During induction week, come and see us at the International Student Meeting Point (see page 8). Full contact details on page 2 .
<u>International Student Compliance Team</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right to Study checks 	You can join their Zoom room for any questions related to your Right to Study checks.
<u>Accommodation Bureau</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answering any accommodation related queries, providing proof of address 	They are based in the Abercrombie Building JHB (room AB.1.01b).

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Student Support Coordinators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choosing, adding, deleting modules • Information on free language courses • Your Induction schedule 	<u>Student Support Coordinators</u>
Academic Advisers	Learning about your programme and what is expected of you.	Your timetable will tell you where/when to meet them. If you have missed this, check with the Student Induction Team.
Programme Administrators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postgraduate students from the Business School only: Answering any queries you have about your course. 	In your faculty. Check with the Induction Team if you're not sure.
Global Mobility and Engagement Team	<p>Exchange and Study Abroad students only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificates of Arrival and Learning Agreements. • Questions about life as an Exchange student. 	<u>Global Mobility and Engagement Team</u>

More details about the support you can get from these teams throughout your studies at Oxford Brookes can be found on **our Advice and Support webpage**.

Arriving at Brookes

Where possible, please arrive in Oxford in time for the start of Induction week (19 January 2026). If you have any questions or need any help when you first arrive, please ask the International Student Advice Team (ISAT) or the Student Induction Team (see below).

Come and see us!

ISAT: The International Student Meeting Point (ISMP)

- 🕒 Daily from Sunday 18 January to Wednesday 21 January 2026, 11:00 to 15:00
- 📍 In Clerici Foyer, Clerici Building (CLC), Headington Campus.

Our International Student Advisers and International Student Helpers are here to answer any questions you have. Come and see us to join one of our free campus/city centre tours, learn about our events/workshops, get a map of the city, pick up a SIM card, or just to have a chat.

Student Induction Team: Reception for New Students

- 📍 In Clerici Foyer, Clerici Building (CLC), Headington Campus.

The Student Induction Team will be able to answer any questions you have and tell you where to go if you have some Induction events. **For Reception opening times, please visit this webpage.**



Online support

In addition to our physical help desks on campus, ISAT provides **online support** and the Student Induction Team can be contacted via **online chat, email and phone.**

Course induction

All students should attend their course induction. During induction, you will find out more about your course, how to use our virtual learning environment (Moodle) and meet the teaching staff.

You can find lots more information, including how to enrol, on our new students webpages.

i Incoming exchange/study abroad students will be contacted by the Global Mobility and Engagement Team regarding their course induction and Welcome Session.



Getting around Headington Campus

Oxford Brookes' main campus is Headington Campus. It might take you some time to get familiar with the campus and will seem like a bit of a maze at first!

To get directions to the main buildings from the John Henry Brookes building's Reception, you can scan the QR code below.



You can join one of our campus tours during Induction week too!

If you need help finding directions on Headington Hill and Marston site, you can refer to the **maps available online.**

Arrivals and semester events

Workshops

Workshop title	Date / Time	Room
An Introduction to life as an international student at Oxford Brookes	Monday 19 January 16:00 to 17:00	CLC.1.12
British culture and tips for living in the UK	Tuesday 20 January 16:30 to 17:30	CLC.1.12
Managing your money and part time employment	Wednesday 21 January 16:00 to 17:00	CLC.G.21
UK Academic Culture – what to expect	Thursday 22 January 16:00 to 17:00	CLC.G.21

How to join

Go to the **[Activities for New Arrivals webpage](#)** to find out more about these workshops.

In-person events have limited capacity (first come first served basis), so please make sure you arrive in time for the sessions. All the workshops are taking place in the Clerici Building (Headington Campus).

Social events

Event title	Date	Time
International Students' Meeting Point	Sunday 18 January to Wednesday 21 January	11:00 to 15:00
Campus Tours	Sunday 18 January to Wednesday 21 January	11:00 and 13:00
City Centre Tours	Sunday 18 January and Monday 19 January	13:30
Welcome to Brookes Big Night In	Sunday 18 January	18:00 to 20:30
International Students' Welcome Quiz	Tuesday 20 January	17:30 to 19:30
Historic Walking Tour of Oxford	Friday 23 January	14:00
Guided Walking Tour of London	Saturday 24 January	11:30
Global Buddies Welcome Event	Tuesday 30 September	18:00 to 19:30

To take part in and find out more about the social activities, go to the **[ISAT Arrivals Activities webpage](#)**. In-person events have limited capacity and you may need to book your space in advance. Please check on our website.

Semester 2 social events programme

The International Student Advice Team (ISAT) organises social events and trips every semester to help you meet other students, discover the UK and make the most of your time here.

Programme

The full programme for Semester 2, January to May 2026 can be found on [our website](#). We also post regular updates on our social media channels Instagram and Facebook.



Highlights

Below are some of the events we are organising this semester:

- 📍 **Guided tours**
This semester we will offer trips to London, Bath, Wales, Brighton, Salisbury and Bournemouth.
- 📍 **International Students' Welcome Quiz**
Time to relax and make friends! Join us for a quiz (with free food and prizes).
- 📍 **Send a Postcard Home**
Let your loved ones know how you are settling into life in Oxford with a postcard home! Join ISAT and Brookes Residences to design and write your own postcard, and then your postcard will be sent free of charge to your chosen loved ones.
- 📍 **Trip to the Natural History Museum (London)**
- 📍 **Trip to Thorpe Park**
- 📍 **Easter Egg Hunt**

New Students' website

Further information about other events you may be interested in.

Global Buddies

Welcoming new international students to Oxford Brookes

The Global Buddies programme brings together our current UK/international students with newly arrived international students. Our current students can share their experience with you and provide tips about how to settle into life at Oxford Brookes. There will be a number of free and subsidised events that you can join with your group, as well as arranging your own activities!



How to register?

- Go to the **Global Buddies webpages**
- Check whether the programme is right for you
- Sign up online

Successful completion

- Get a Certificate of Participation
- Develop new skills, such as international communication
- A great way to make new friends from around the globe and have intercultural experiences.
- Settle into Oxford life more quickly.

Organised activities on the programme

📍 Welcome Event

It's time to meet your group on campus! You will also have the opportunity to meet other groups and have fun playing games and getting to know each other.

📍 Board game event

Have fun playing games and getting to know other Buddies and Mentors! Refreshments provided.

📍 Ice-skating

Get your skates on and join us for some fun on the ice at Oxford Ice Rink!

📍 Sport event

Details to be confirmed at the start of the semester.

📍 Awards Dinner

Join us at COSMO's all you can eat world buffet for dinner and an evening of celebration as the Global Buddies programme begins to come to a close. We will celebrate your participation in the programme with awards for the 'Most engaged group' and 'Best mentor' as nominated for by the buddies!


For more information about the events, please go to our website.

Notes

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