

# Get Involved

## Induction Week Events Guide for International Students September 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 September 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](#)**

## Our contact details

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[www.brookes.ac.uk/students/isat/social/arrivals](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/students/isat/social/arrivals)

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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 online enrolment
- ☐ Complete your Right to Study checks: the final deadline to arrive in the UK and complete your enrolment is Friday 2 October 2026
- ☐ Find your course induction schedule (available from Friday 28 August)
- ☐ Access your University email account and timetable
- ☐ Register your modules (if applicable)
- ☐ Collect your student card (you will receive an email when your card is ready for collection)
- ☐ Open a **UK bank account**
- ☐ **Register with a GP surgery** near you (this is a UK health centre where you can see a doctor)
- ☐ Decide if you would like to get a **Totum card** for discounts and proof of ID
- ☐ Check the **ISAT Social Events on our website** and follow us on **WhatsApp** and **Instagram** to receive 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 and Right to Study checks. Instructions are on this **[Student Advice Team webpage](#)**.

## Proof of address

Students in Oxford Brookes accommodation can also get a proof of address letter by emailing **[accomm@brookes.ac.uk](mailto: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?                                                                                                                                               |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b><u>Student Induction Team</u></b>                | <p>Answering any questions about Induction. Talk to them if you have missed some Induction sessions.</p> <p>They can also help with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online enrolment</li> <li>• Your course induction schedule</li> <li>• Accessing your email and timetable</li> <li>• Student cards</li> </ul> <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 or call them ( <a href="#">see page 8</a> ).                                                                        |
| <b>International Student Advice Team</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visa/immigration questions</li> <li>• Opening a bank account</li> <li>• Life in the UK, social events</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | During induction week, come and see us at the International Student Meeting Point ( <a href="#">see page 8</a> ). Full contact details on <a href="#">page 2</a> . |
| <b><u>International Student Compliance Team</u></b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Right to Study checks</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | You can join their Zoom room for any questions related to your Right to Study checks.                                                                              |
| <b><u>Accommodation Bureau</u></b>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Answering any accommodation related queries, providing proof of address</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | They are based in the Abercrombie Building (room AB.1.01b)                                                                                                         |

| Who are they?                       | What can they help with?                                                                                                                                                                              | How to contact them?                                                                                                  |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Student Support Coordinators        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choosing, adding, deleting modules</li> <li>• Information on free language courses</li> <li>• Catching up if you missed any induction events</li> </ul>      | <b><u>Student Support Coordinators</u></b>                                                                            |
| 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. |
| Global Mobility and Engagement Team | Exchange and Study Abroad students only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificates of Arrival and Learning Agreements.</li> <li>• Questions about life as an Exchange student.</li> </ul> | <b><u>Global Mobility and Engagement Team</u></b>                                                                     |

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 (14 September 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 Saturday 12 September to Wednesday 16 September 2026, 10:00 to 15:00
- 📍 In the Forum, John Henry Brookes Building (JHBB), 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

- 🕒 From Tuesday 8 September 2026
- 📍 Reception, John Henry Brookes Building (JHBB), 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 the Reception location and opening times, please visit this webpage.**



### Online support

In addition to our physical help desk 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 webpage.**

**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!

You can find **video tours** of some of the buildings across the Headington Campus on our website.

**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                                        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| International students introduction session                   | Sunday 13 September, 1.00pm to 2.00pm    | John Henry Brookes Building Lecture Theatre |
| UK academic culture                                           | Sunday 13 September, 2.30pm to 3.30pm    | JHBB 308                                    |
| Life as an international student                              | Monday 14 September, 4.30pm to 5.30pm    | JHBB 208                                    |
| British culture and tips for living in the UK: what to expect | Tuesday 15 September, 4.30pm to 5.30pm   | JHBB 203                                    |
| Money and employment in the UK                                | Wednesday 16 September, 4.30pm to 5.30pm | JHBB 308                                    |

### 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 John Henry Brookes Building (JHBB, Headington Campus).

## Social events

| Event title                               | Date/time                                                          | Location                                          |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| International Students' Meeting Point     | Saturday 12 September to Wednesday 16 September, 10.00am to 3.00pm | The Forum, JHBB)                                  |
| Campus tours                              | Saturday 12 September to Wednesday 16 September, 11.00am to 1.00pm | International Student Meeting Point (ISMP) – JHBB |
| City centre tours                         | Saturday 12 September to Wednesday 16 September, 1.30pm            | International Student Meeting Point (ISMP) – JHBB |
| Welcome Festival (for all new students)   | Saturday 12 September to Sunday 13 September, 3.00pm to 8.00pm     | Central Courtyard, Headington Campus              |
| International students' welcome breakfast | Sunday 13 September, 10.00am to 12 noon                            | JHB B08                                           |
| Historic walking tour of Oxford           | Friday 18 September, 2.00pm                                        | Martyr's Memorial, 13 Magdalen Street, Oxford     |
| Guided walking tour of London             | Saturday 26 September, 11.30am                                     | London (meeting point TBC upon booking)           |

To take part in and find out more about our workshops and social activities, go to the [ISAT arrivals activities webpage](#). In-person events have limited capacity.

## Semester 1 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 1, September to December 2026 can be found on [our website](#). We also post regular updates on our social media channels

 [@brookes isatsocial](#)

 [WhatsApp community](#)



### Highlights

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

- 📍 **Guided tours:** London, Stratford-upon-Avon and The Cotswolds, Cambridge, Bath and Wales.
- 📍 **Global Cafe:** Global Café is an event for international students to relax, connect and build friendships.
- 📍 **Send a postcard home:** Let your loved ones know how you are settling into life in Oxford with a postcard home!
- 📍 **Cream tea and crafts:** Discover the British tradition of eating scones with jam and clotted cream, served with tea, all whilst creating some craft masterpieces!
- 📍 **Movie night:** Join us for an evening of film and snacks! Film choice will be decided by student vote.
- 📍 **Halloween tour of Oxford:** Join a professional tour guide for a spooky Halloween tour of Oxford!
- 📍 **Diwali – fairy light giveaway:** We will be giving away battery powered fairy lights for anyone who wishes to decorate their rooms.
- 📍 **Christmas at Blenheim Palace**
- 📍 **Christmas celebration:** Let's celebrate Christmas together with food and gifts!
- 📍 **Winter Wonderland (London)**

### 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 **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!
- 📍 **Drop-in crafts**  
Come along to our relaxed drop-in craft sessions with all, or some of your group members, for free crafts and refreshments!
- 📍 **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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