

Subject heading: Information for new international & EU students registering in September 2012

Dear student

It's only a few weeks until you start your studies at Sussex so I am contacting you now with some further information aimed specifically at new international students, and to let you know where you can find out about some of the events and activities which are being organised by the University to help you adjust easily to living in the UK. (If you are already living in the UK or have arrived early to take a pre-sessional programme, some of this information will not be relevant to you.) You should also read the *International Students' Handbook*, which contains more detailed information. If you haven't already received a copy, please check the online version at:

<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/International/admissions/ishandbook.pdf>

You should aim to arrive at the University during the weekend of Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 September (unless your programme starts before that date). The **International Students' welcome team** will be based in the Fulton building from 10am until 6pm on both days.

Please do drop-in to pick up a copy of the induction handbook ***Starting with us*** and to find out more about the events and activities that we will be running. Staff and student helpers will be on hand to answer any questions you may have and free refreshments will be available in our welcome lounge. From Monday 17 September we will be back in our usual location in the International & Study Abroad Office in the Friston building and will be open from 9am until 5pm throughout induction week.

There is lots of useful information for new students on the University's induction website at <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/students/induction/index> including a section for international students at <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/students/induction/international>

This year the University is running a fully integrated induction programme to ensure that international and UK students have as many opportunities as possible to make friends and welcome each other. Alongside the academic induction programme which all students must attend (see <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/students/induction/academicevents>) the University is also running a series of *cultural and welfare sessions* (title tbc INSERT LINK) covering important information about life in the UK including how to open a bank account and register with the police; living in University housing or private accommodation; safety and security; campus life and support, health and well-being, and other issues. Please note that if you are a new visiting and exchange student, we will be emailing you again shortly with details about some separate academic induction meetings that you will need to attend.

In addition, the International & Study Abroad Office is running a programme of social events and trips (INSERT LINK) during induction and the first few weeks of term which we hope you will enjoy, including our ever-popular welcome reception at the historic Brighton Dome on Sunday 30 September

I hope that you have an enjoyable journey and we look forward to meeting you shortly. In the meantime, if you haven't already done so, don't forget to 'like' our facebook page (International and Study Abroad Office, University of Sussex) as we regularly post updates and information.

Best wishes

Sara Dyer
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