



Pre-Arrival Information for International Students

The Oxford College of Education (OCE) welcomes you to its campus. We are delighted that you have decided to study at one of the leading higher education institutions in the UK and we are sure that you will find your studies at OCE rewarding and interesting.

On arrival at the OCE campus you will have an opportunity to meet with OCE staff from diverse communities. We have experience in dealing with a range of matters that affect international students and you can obtain valuable advice and information from our office staff. The OCE staffs are committed to ensure that you make a successful transition and to provide you with support throughout your studies at OCE.

Once you have decided to study in the UK and have chosen a suitable course and institution, there are many practical arrangements you must make before leaving home. This briefing handout begins at the point where you will be starting your arrangement for entry clearance. However, there are several essential steps you must have undertaken before you think of applying for entry clearance.

Before leaving immigration control, check that the border force officer has put a date stamp (if you had a visa or entry clearance) in your passport.

After immigration control, you will be able to collect your baggage.

Covid -19 Test for Travel - Heathrow - Some countries may require proof of recent COVID-19 testing for entry. Please read carefully before you travel

<https://www.gov.uk/uk-border-control?priority-taxon=774cee22-d896-44c1-a611-e3109cce8eae>

<https://www.heathrow.com/at-the-airport/fly-safe/covid-19-test>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

Red, amber and green list rules for entering England

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england>



Booking and staying in a quarantine hotel if you've been in a red list country

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/booking-and-staying-in-a-quarantine-hotel-when-you-arrive-in-england>

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Arriving late

We strongly recommend that you arrive at the University no later than your course start date, as stated in your offer letter and Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS)

If you arrive after key times during this period, you will:

Miss induction and enrolment events to help you settle into your studies and make friends
potentially miss lectures and important events on your course.

If you arrive late, you may have missed the school induction/enrolment meetings where you might be required to select any optional modules available to you, receive course information, and meet your lecturers.

If you are unable to arrive by your course start date, you should inform your Academic School and the International Office, so they are aware of your situation and can advise on what you will miss and provide further guidance.

Entry into the UK refused

The UK Immigration Officers at all the UK airports will refuse you entry into the UK if you arrive after your 'latest start date' as detailed on your Visa Letter /late acceptance letter.

Induction

Many students take some time to become accustomed to the culture of the College and the town, and, in many cases, of the academic expectations of the UK education system.



Induction sessions should aim to:

- provide an overview of the institution and support services available,
- introduce appropriate academic staff.
- explain the way in which the course is organised, who to refer to in case of difficulty, and the arrangements for student representation.
- make certain that any specific health and safety requirements are made clear.
- Lesson plan
- Course modules
- Term time
- Holiday time
- Bank holiday
- Weekend
- Class allocation
- Building tour
- Introduce to other students
- Books
- Material
- Online log in details

Entry Clearance

The national of certain countries must obtain a visa before they travel to the UK. Apart from students from the European Economic Area (EEA), all other international students require valid visa to enter in the UK. Students from the EEA can enter in the UK by producing a valid passport or National Identity Card and do not need to obtain entry clearance.

Before applying for entry clearance, you must have evidence that

You have been accepted on to a course of study and have a letter from an education institution which includes Final Visa Letter confirming the duration of the course, fulfill the academic entry requirements for the course and details financial information.

You can meet the costs of fees, living and accommodation.

You have accepted an offer from an education institution to study a course and have completed and returned all Forms required by the institution, including accommodation forms (if requested) before the deadline.

You have completed medical screening as required by the UK visa regulations.

Students are advised to apply their student entry clearance at least 4 weeks prior to their course commencement date. All students, especially those without entry clearance, should travel with their letter of acceptance and other documents to show an immigration officer on arrival in the UK port of entry. For further information for student entry clearance please contact OCE Admissions office or email us.



Travel to the UK

If you have successfully obtained entry clearance from the British High Commission / Embassy from your residing country, you are fully prepared for your travel to the UK. Before you leave home, please check OCE prospectus and website on how to reach your destination. You should plan your travel from the point of entry in the UK to your destination. If you have not received the above information, you must contact OCE immediately so that you can be fully prepared for the journey.

The following documents are needed when you arrive at the UK airport, where you will be interviewed by immigration officials. It is therefore important that you bring with you:

- A valid passport, with a visa or UK entry clearance, if required
- An air tickets
- An x-ray report, if required (Health Charge)
- Final Visa Letter provided by the institute
- Documentary evidence that you have enough money to pay your tuition fees and living expenses.
- All original certificates and mark sheets or any other qualifications.

Please do not forget to bring the following items when you are travelling to the UK.

- warm clothing
- British currency preferably some coins
- Address and telephone number of your destination

Airport Pickup

OCE offers an airport pick up service for all newly enrolled International students arriving in UK for the first time. A payment of £120 will be made to meet up the cost. Students will be collected from the Airport terminal and transported directly to their accommodation destination. Additional family members or friends of the enrolled student may also use the service free of charge if they travel together. Students can be collected 24 hours per day, 7 days a week from Heathrow or Gatwick airport but pick-ups must be pre-arranged.

Late Arrivals

International students are warned not to arrive after the start date of the course. However, in exceptional circumstances, students may join the course within two weeks of the start date.

Health Care



You might need to pay a healthcare surcharge (called the 'immigration health surcharge' or IHS) as part of your immigration application.

For more information Please visit <https://www.gov.uk/healthcare-immigration-application>

Accommodation

Please explore all links and book your accommodation and if you need any further assistance please let college know.

Urban Student life

<http://www.urbanstudentlife.com/accommodation/high-wycombe/alexandra-house>

Homestay

<https://www.homestay.com/united-kingdom>

Host Family

<http://www.hosts-international.com/>

Student Accommodation High Wycombe

<https://sturents.com/student-accommodation/high-wycombe/>

Spare Room

https://student.spareroom.co.uk/accommodation/high_wycombe

Given that most of our full-time students come from outside of the UK and European Union, we recognize how important it is for the College to help students to find suitable accommodation. Our student welfare office is dedicated to this task.

Finding suitable accommodation while you study at OCE is relatively easy. Both extensive and competitively priced accommodation can be arranged for the student on request. All accommodation will be provided in self-catered houses, flats and marionettes. There is a range of



private housing and family accommodation in the Buckinghamshire or London. If you would prefer any of these accommodations, the College can help you find a suitable place by providing you with guidance notes and up to date listings of available properties.

Living Cost

The cost of living obviously depends on the lifestyle you choose to have. Typically, however, students need £ 1025 per months or more to cover food, accommodation, travel, books, etc. Please contact the College information desk at our opening hours if you need further information or help in this matter.

For more and updated information please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/study-visit-visa>

before you fly, we recommend visiting and explore below links:

Doctors in High Wycombe

<http://www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/li/doctors.in.High%20Wycombe/>

Status of EU nationals in the UK:

what you need to know

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/status-of-eu-nationals-in-the-uk-what-you-need-to-know>

International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

<https://www.ielts.org/>

Activities near High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/thingstodo/activities?search-for=51.6316,-0.747753>

Eden Shopping Centre, High Wycombe

<https://www.edenshopping.co.uk/>

Wycombe Hospital



<http://www.nhs.uk/Services/hospitals/Overview/DefaultView.aspx?id=RXQ50>

Train:

High Wycombe and London Marylebone is 34 minutes. On an average weekday, there are 120 trains per day travelling from London Marylebone to High Wycombe

<https://www.thetrainline.com/train-times/london-marylebone-to-high-wycombe>

10 Top Tourist Attractions in London

<http://www.touropia.com/tourist-attractions-in-london>

Mosques in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire (6) Many churches in High Wycombe

<https://www.yell.com/s/churches-high+wycombe.html>

Bicester Village Luxury village-style shopping area showcasing leading fashion brands at discounted prices.

<https://www.bicestervillage.com/en/home>

The Rye in High Wycombe (river, park and gym)

<http://www.wycomberyelido.com>

Largest book shop

<https://www.waterstones.com>

Police in High Wycombe



<https://www.police.uk/thames-valley/N409/>

Things to Know Before Visiting the UK

<https://www.thetalkingsuitcase.com/20-things-to-know-before-visiting-london/>

VISA

Apply Short-term study visa

<https://www.gov.uk/visa-to-study-english>

Health

Tuberculosis tests for visa applicants

<https://www.gov.uk/tb-test-visa>

Going through immigration control

If you arrive at an airport, you pass through immigration control first (before collecting your luggage).

There are usually two main queues: one for European Economic Area and Swiss nationals, and one for everyone else.

Make sure you join the correct queue. A border force officer will look at your passport and check your visa/entry clearance or assess you as a visitor if you are a non-visa national applying at the border.

Make sure you have the right documents, in your hand luggage, if a border force officer is assessing you as a visitor /student at the border and you are asked to provide them.

When you enter the UK with Student immigration permission, the border force officer must be satisfied that you speak English at the required level, without needing an interpreter.

You should also have documents relating to:



SN	ITEM	Please tick
1	Passport	
2	Visa	
3	College – Visa letter	
4	Course Fees paid evidence	
5	Course Start date and Finish date	
6	Course enrolment/induction date	
7	NHS surcharge fee paid evidence	
8	TB Certificate (Must be an authorised hospital) certificate	
9	Original Education Transcripts/Certificates,	
10	Education Transcripts/Certificates in English (if needed)	
11	IELTS or another authorised English Certificate (if any)	
12	Bank statement	
13	Bank manager latter	
14	Birth Certificate (if using parents' bank statements)	
15	Letter from Parents (if under 18, or using parents' bank statements)	
16	Any other documents you have	

The border force officer may ask you questions for example:

What is your name?

Show me your passport or can I have your passport?

Show me your visa or can I see your visa?

Date of birth?

Why did you come to the UK?

Where have you flown from?

Where are you staying?



What's the purpose of your visit?

How long will you be staying here?

What's your occupation?

Do you have anything to declare?

When were you born?

Did you know student/short term study rule about our country?

Do you know UK weather?

Do you know what you can do and what you cannot do?

How much money do you have?

Can I see your return ticket?

Did you pack your own bag?



Which airline did you use today?

Who is financing your studies?

What evidence of funding do you have?

What are the course fees?

How much did you pay?

When and how will pay rest of the fees if there is any due?

How much money are you personally planning to spend on your visit to the UK?

What is the total amount of money you spend each GBP month?

Do you have any family in the UK?

Do you know where you will be staying in the UK?

What is your father name? do you know his date of birth?



What is your mother name? do you remember her date of birth?

Why do you want to study in the UK?

How is the course relevant too your chosen career path?

What is your college name? where is it?

Why did you choose the college?

What is the principal's name?

Courses start date.

Course finish date?

What qualification will you receive?

Are you planning to stay in the UK upon completion your study?

Do you know about SHORT- TEARM STUDY?



When is the course induction date and day?

Do you know your timetable of classes?

Do you know what the college's attendance policy is?

Who is coming to pick you up?

Please contact us if you need any further assistance before or after arrival.

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