

**UNIVERSITY OF
WESTMINSTER** 



**NEW TO THE UK
September 2024**

35 MARYLEBONE ROAD, LONDON NW1 5LS

Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 September 2024



WELCOME

NEW TO THE UK

I am delighted that you are joining us for the **NEW TO THE UK** sessions on **Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 September 2024**. This Programme is designed to help International students settle into the UK and to the University of Westminster.

Over the two days there will be a wide range of sessions on all aspects of being an international student. The sessions include healthcare in the UK, safety in London and important information about your student visa. You will learn about living in London, and you will meet our [Vice Chancellor](#), [Deputy Vice Chancellor \(Global Engagement and Employability\)](#) and the [Students' Union](#).

On **Tuesday afternoon**, the Mind the Gap sessions will enable you to meet other students and discuss your hopes and concerns in a smaller group run by facilitators. This will be followed by a guided walk around the Marylebone area by professional tour guides.

On **Wednesday afternoon**, there will be a number of pick and mix sessions on a range of topics for you to choose from, followed by [International High Tea](#) in the Hideaway at the Regent Street Campus. There you will be able to enjoy tea and cake whilst meeting other international students, staff and student leaders. Please don't forget to [book your free ticket](#).

Marylebone Campus is a great venue and is located near to [Baker Street Tube station](#). You will be in the heart of London, very close to popular attractions such as [Madame Tussauds](#), [Sherlock Holmes Museum](#) and [Regent's Park](#). There are many cafes and shops nearby.

My team and I look forward to meeting you and I hope you enjoy the Programme!

JESS STRIBBLING

Student Welcome Senior Officer

Student Lifecycle Team



MEET US

Arrival and Registration

Once you arrive at the Marylebone Campus, pass through the barriers, turn left, and go to room MG14 on the Ground Floor. Here you will be able to register your attendance on the programme and enjoy some light refreshments before the programme starts.

New to the UK Help Desk

Come and meet us at the help desk to ask any questions you may have. The desk is located on the Learning Platform, close to the main entrance and Reception at the Marylebone Campus.

Student Helpers in yellow T-shirts

If you are lost or unsure where to go, you can speak to one of our Student Helpers wearing a yellow T-shirt. They are also students at the University and will be able to help you or direct you to someone else who can help.

Computer and Wi-Fi Access

You will be able to access free Wi-Fi during the New to the UK programme. Navigate to the settings on your mobile phone, select Wi-Fi and then 'Enrolment'. A Visitor Wi-Fi page will appear and you will need to check the box to accept the 'Terms of use'. The University of Westminster website will appear which confirms your successful connection to the network. Once you are enrolled as a student you will then be able to access the university's [Eduroam Wi-Fi](#).

Information about the NTTUK Programme

For information about the Programme, see the timetable on the next page. You can also visit our website: <https://www.westminster.ac.uk/international/visas-and-advice/when-you-arrive/new-to-the-uk-programme>

TIMETABLE

TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2024

University of Westminster
Marylebone Campus, 35 Marylebone Road

Room MG14

9.30 – 10.00am Arrivals Tea and Coffee + registration

The Hogg Lecture Theatre

10.00 – 10.10am Introduction and announcements, [Jess Stribbling](#) / [John Peck](#)
10.10 – 10.20am Welcome from the Head of Transnational Education, [Stephen Wallis](#)
10.20 – 10.35am Living in London, [James Drew](#)
10.35 – 10.50am Meet the Students' Union, [Chris Rolfe](#)
10.50 – 11.00am Find out about [International Students House](#), [Abigail Osei](#) / [Kayla Jackson](#)

Room MG14

11.00 – 11.40am Drinks Break

The Hogg Lecture Theatre

11.40 – 11.55am The [Student Centre](#) and where to get help, [Alice Soares](#)
11.55 – 12.10pm Culture Shock and Culture Difference, [Kirsty Mcphee](#)
12.10 – 12.30pm Finding Work, Employability and Preparing your CV, [Celina Deren](#)

MG14 and the Learning Platform

12.30 – 1.30pm Sandwich Lunch provided by the University

Please start making your way to your Mind the Gap rooms at 1:20pm

1.30 – 2.30pm **Mind the Gap:** Group Workshops to help Students bridge the gap between home and London. See next page to find your room number.

1.30 – 2.30pm

Mind the Gap: Group workshops

You will find your Group Name confirmed in the Joining instructions email which you recently received. Group names are based on different London Tube stations, but you won't be leaving the building for this session. Each Group has an allocated room number, and all rooms are in the Chiltern Building, accessible directly from the Learning Platform. The room floor is indicated by the first digit of the room number (i.e. M212 is on the second floor).

Group Name	Room	Group Lead 1	Group Lead 2
Baker Street	L195	Alasdair Chisholm	Carina Cain
Bond Street	M212	Caroline Lloyd	Anthony Mullins
Covent Garden	M303	Eshan Dauhoo	Emma Jervis
Euston	M306	Ewa Zielinska-Martinez	Gemma Creary
King's Cross	M307	Janet Ewers	Mary Davoudi
Leicester Square	M321	Janice Cleary	Trishna Patki
Oxford Circus	M322	Joanna Modrzewska	Lena Tran
Piccadilly Circus	M323	Kim Hastilow	James Drew
Victoria	M324	Kirsty McPhee	Usha Dahyabhai
Waterloo	C282	Monika Parzych-Mirabella	Laura Hughes
Westminster	MG23	Sarah Gaines	Priscilla Moura

The Learning Platform

2.40 – 4.00pm

Guided Walk of Marylebone

Blue badge tour guides will take you on a guided walk of Marylebone. You will meet your guide on the Learning platform and the walk will end back at Marylebone Campus around 4.00pm.

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WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2024

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The Hogg Lecture Theatre

10.15 – 10.25am	General announcements, Jess Stribbling / John Peck
10.25 – 10.30am	Welcome from the Vice Chancellor, Professor Peter Bonfield
10.30 – 10.45am	Healthcare in the UK, Kirsty Mcphee
10.45 – 11.10am	Safety in London, PC Ben Wiltshire , The Metropolitan Police
11.10 – 11.35am	How to protect your Student Visa, John Kayan

Room MG14

11.35 – 12.00pm **Drinks Break**

The Hogg Lecture Theatre

12.05 – 12.25pm	Working in the UK with a Student Visa, John Kayan
12.25 – 12.50pm	Working after your studies, Joanna Modrzewska
12.50 – 1.00pm	Enrolment Advice, Emma Jervis

1.00 – 1.50pm **Lunch Break. Lunch is not provided by the University**

2.00 – 3.30pm **Pick and Mix (please pick 2 sessions from A & B OR pick Session C)**

2.00 – 2.40pm **Session A – pick one session**

Session	Title	Lead	Room
A1	How to join an Academic English module	Katherine Mansfield	MG14
A2	Learning Support: Academic Skills	Laura Niada	M303
A3	Playing Sport and how you can get involved	Chris Weeden & Benjamin McDonald	Wood LT
A4	Exhibitions, Theatre and Cheap Eats	Barbara Kelhar	Hogg LT
A5	Travel Clinic: Top Tips and advice for group and independent student travel around the UK and Beyond	Victoria Hedges, from Somewhere New	Cayley LT

2.50 – 3.30pm

Session B – pick one session

Session	Title	Lead	Room
B1	How to join an Academic English module	Katherine Mansfield	MG14
B2	Learning Support: Academic Skills	Laura Niada	M303
B3	Playing Sport and how you can get involved	Chris Weeden & Benjamin McDonald	Wood LT
B4	Exhibitions, Theatre and Cheap Eats	Barbara Kelhar	Hogg LT
B5	Travel Clinic: Top Tips and advice for group and independent student travel around the UK and Beyond	Victoria Hedges, from Somewhere New	Cayley LT

2.00 – 3.30pm

Session C – pick this session instead of sessions in A and B

Session	Title	Lead	Room
C	Draw or Collage Your Library: A relaxed, creative session to explore and share what you know about university libraries and yet to discover.	Aimee Andersen	M323

3.30 – 4.00pm

Walk to Regent Campus for those who have booked to attend the International High Tea

The Hideaway

Regent Campus

4.00 – 6.30pm

[International High Tea](#)

You are invited by the Students' Union to a tea party at our Regent Street Campus in the [Hideaway](#). This event is exclusively for international students and provides an opportunity to enjoy delicious cakes and tea while mingling with fellow international students. You'll even have a chance to meet your student leaders & university staff who are here to support you throughout your time at Westminster. Plus, test your knowledge of British culture with our fun quiz! By then we hope that you will feel more settled and confident about the course you are about to start and the time you will be with us at the University of Westminster. Here are the details:

Venue: The Hideaway, 309 Regents Street, London W1B 2HW.

We look forward to seeing you there!
