UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER#



NEW TO THE UK January 2025

35 MARYLEBONE ROAD, LONDON NW1 5LS

Monday 13 January 2025



NEW TO THE UK

I am delighted that you are joining us for the **NEW TO THE UK** sessions on **Monday 13 January 2025**. This programme is designed to help international students settle into the UK and the University of Westminster.

During the programme there will be a wide range of sessions on all aspects of being an international student. The sessions include Living in London, healthcare in the UK and important information about student visas. You will also meet our Vice Chancellor and the Students' Union.

In the **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. Your group name and number will be in the joining instructions that were emailed to you. This will be followed by a guided walk around the Marylebone area ending at the Regent Campus where there will be an <u>International High Tea</u> in the Hideaway. 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 <u>Baker Street Tube station</u>. You will be in the heart of London, very close to popular attractions such as <u>Madame Tussauds</u>, <u>Sherlock Holmes Museum</u> and <u>Regent's Park</u>. 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, 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 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 Ambassadors 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 <u>Eduroam Wi-Fi</u>.

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

New to the UK Programme MONDAY 13 JANUARY 2025

University of Westminster Marylebone Campus, 35 Marylebone Road

MG14

9.15 – 10.00am Arrivals Tea and Coffee + Registration

The Cayley Lecture Theatre

10.00 – 10.15am	Introduction and announcements, Jess Stribbling / John Peck
10.15 – 10.30am	Welcome from the Vice Chancellor, Professor Peter Bonfield

10.30 – 10.45am Living in London, James Drew

10.45 – 11.00am Meet the Students' Union, Chris Rolfe

MG14

11.00 – 11.35am Drinks Break

The Cayley Lecture Theatre

11.40 – 11.50pm	Finding Work and Employability, Celina Deren
11.50 – 12.10pm	Working in the UK: Student and Graduate Route Visas, Joanna Modrzewska
12.10 – 12.20pm	Healthcare in the UK, Kirsty McPhee
12.20 – 12.40pm	Safety in London, The Metropolitan Police
12.40 – 12.55pm	Protecting your Student Visa, John Kayan
12.55 – 1.00pm	End of morning session wrap-up, John Peck

MG14

1.00 – 2.00pm Sandwich Lunch provided by the University

Wood Lecture Theatre

2.15 – 2.30pm English for Academic Purposes, **Katherine Mansfield**

2.45 – 4.00pm Mind the Gap: Group workshops to help students bridge the gap between

home and London. See next page to find your room number.

2.45 – 4.00pm

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 lines, 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 from the Learning Platform. The room floor is indicated by the first digit of the room number (i.e. C178 is on the first floor).

Group Name	Room	Group Lead 1	Group Lead 2
Bakerloo	C176	Kim Hastilow	Louise Mulcahy
Central	C178	James Drew	Laura Grindon
District	C179	Sophie Millward-Sadler	Alaisdair Chisholm
Jubilee	C180	Emma Jervis	Teegan Rose
Metropolitan	C181	Caroline Lloyd	Ewa Zielinska-Martinez
Piccadilly	C279	Kirsty McPhee	Steven Walters
Victoria	C280	Gemma Creary	Trishna Patki

MG14

4.00 - 4.45pm

Guided Walk to Regent Street

Tour guides will take you on a guided walk from Marylebone Campus to our Regent Street Campus for the International High Tea. You will meet your guide in MG14.

The Hideaway Regent Campus

4.45 - 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 also 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!