



Existing activities to support International Students

An overview of cross-institutional activities to support and enhance international student experience

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Why Warwick – in students' own words

Positive takeaways

1. Strong reputation and Industry Connection
2. Global Ranking and department ranking
3. Prestige as part of Russel group
4. Academic Excellence, academics leading field
5. Scholarships
6. Community and Alumni Engagement
7. Career prospects
8. Course design

Neutral

1. Strong family influence
2. Location- Countryside location appeal to some, not others
3. Cultural appeal- not a universal driver for all students

Negative

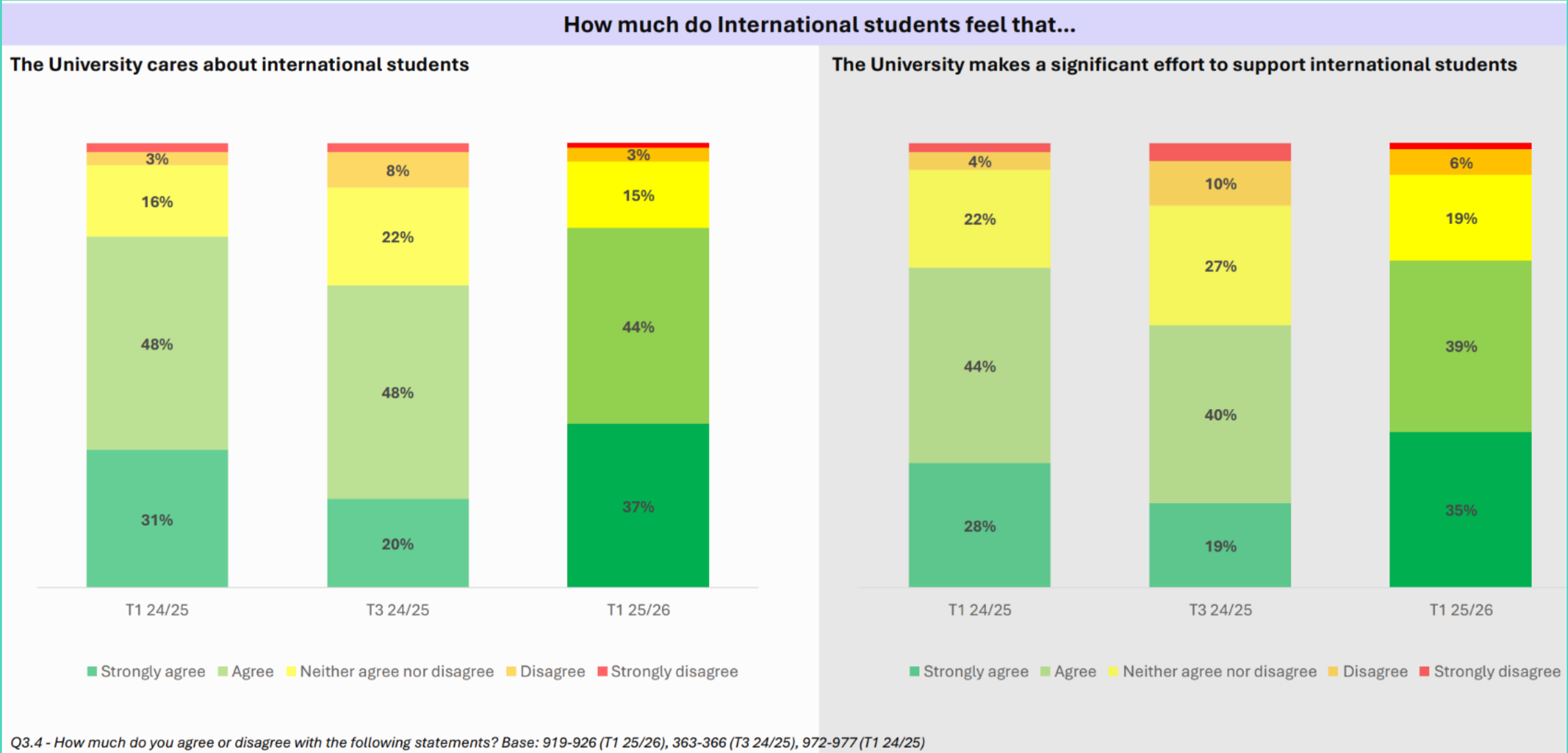
Perception that the university is getting worse in global ranking - this is concerning particularly for Asian community. Some students think ranking is too emphasised in marketing comms

What can we do better on

1. Highlight more innovative research and industry connections
2. Provide specific information on employability (course, department and nationality wise)
3. Enhance alumni involvement
4. Capitalise on scholarship availability- a key motivator
5. Improve rankings- Particularly important for Chinese students

Students would value more authentic content, e.g., student life, support systems etc.

International students generally feel positive about our support



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‘A good beginning is half done’

International Student Support webpage

(a one-stop support hub)

Targeted Newsletter and social media engagement

In July, August and September, providing tailored support;

Targeted social media content including WeChat;
RedNote for Chinese students

Studying and Living in the UK Preparation:

International Orientation Course (new for 2026)

Country-specific Pre-departure Briefings & Pre-arrival Careers Webinar

Unibuddy Chat – a platform to ask a current student any question

Unibuddy Community – a platform to connect with fellow offer holders and build belonging before arrival (from 2025)

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International Orientation course 2026

Formally launched in July 2026, available to all Offer Holders, completely free!

60-90 minutes self-paced course

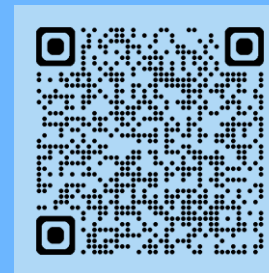
Co-created with international students

Includes practical advice, student stories and interactive activities

Eligible for 1 Warwick award platform

Supports your transition to life and study at Warwick

Scan for course:



<https://warwick.ac.uk/students/together/welcome/internationalstudents/internationalorientationcourse/>

Designed by international students, for international students.

Module 1: Preparing for Warwick

Get ready for your arrival with guidance on **visas**, **accommodation**, **finances**, **travel planning**, and essential digital services.

Module 2: Welcome to your First Weeks

Learn what to expect **when you arrive**, from registration and **healthcare** to finding your way around campus and **building a sense of belonging**.

Module 3: Studying at Warwick

Understand UK academic **culture**, **assessments**, **participation**, academic integrity, and the **skills** needed to **succeed in your studies**.

Module 4: Looking after yourself & building your future

Explore **wellbeing**, support services, **personal safety**, **healthy relationships**, and opportunities to develop **skills** and **experience** during your time at Warwick.

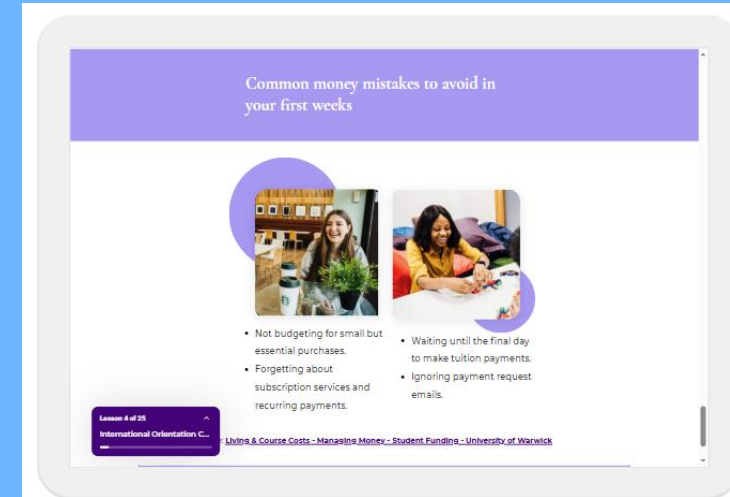
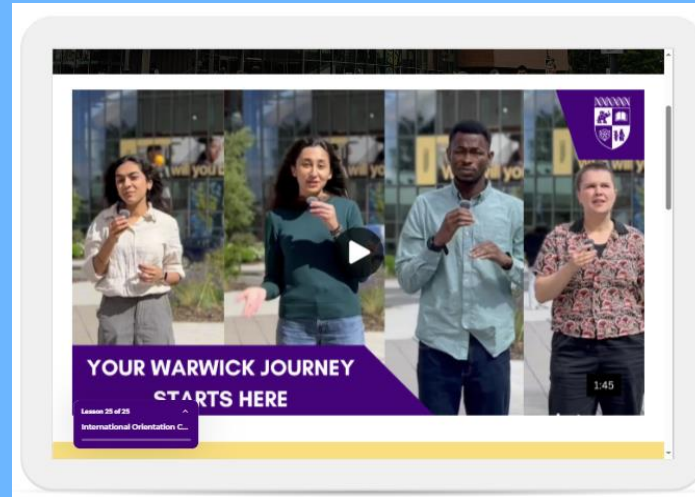
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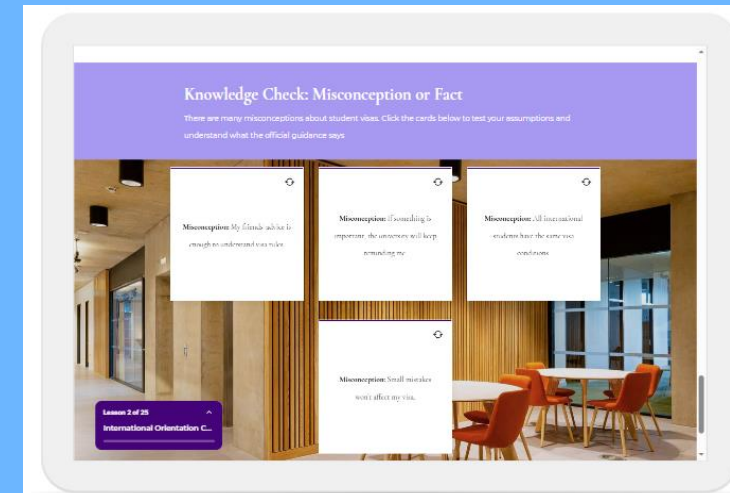
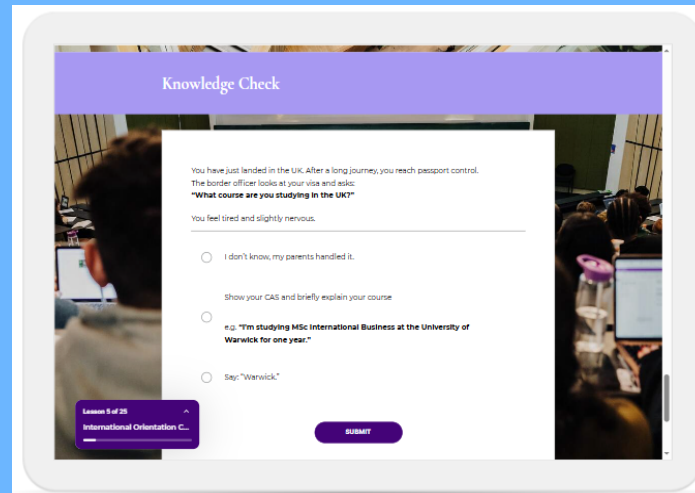
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International Student Video Guide

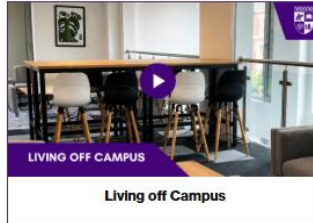


Accommodation



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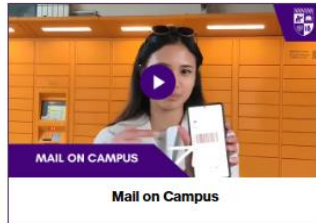
Living on Campus



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Getting Set Up on Campus



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LAUNDRY ON CAMPUS

Laundry on Campus



PHARMACY ON CAMPUS

Pharmacy on Campus



TRANSPORT

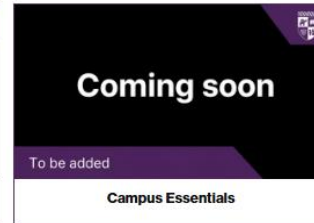
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Coming soon

To be added

Registering with a Doctor



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Campus Essentials

Hear directly from Warwick students through a series of short videos covering practical advice, personal experiences, and tips to help you prepare for life at Warwick.

Accommodation

Getting set up on campus

Health & Wellbeing

Transport and getting around

Student Life

Campus essentials

[Video guides](#) | [International Student Support](#)

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Arrival & Induction

Welcome Week - a purposely designed programme of events and activities to enable all new students to:

- Local 'Meet & Greet' (in partnership with National Express and with Meet & Greet in Coventry Pool Meadow Bus Station)
- Settle into university-life
- Make friends
- Understand what is expected of them on their programme
- Understand the breadth of Warwick's offer (both opportunities and support)
- Adapt to life in a new country and new environment



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Welcome Week Programme

At a Glance:

- **Welcome Week Timetable** - There are around 1,300 events each year. With personalisation, filters and tags, students only see which are relevant to their course and can easily find sessions that are of interest.
- **International Student Hub** – Delivering constant on-site peer support from team of International Student Ambassadors (including handing out free UK SIM card).
- **Flagship events** include:
 - The Games Hub @ Junction and Sober Socials
 - International Student Welcome event
 - Cultural Preparation - International Student 'Adapt to UK Life' Workshop
 - 7x tailored workshop/activity for international students (scams, banking/money tips, travel, careers, healthcare etc.)
 - Banks on campus (make it easier for students to open a UK bank account)
 - Academic Induction (via academic departments)
 - The Living at University Fair
 - The Students' Union Welcome Fair
 - The Sports Fair and Societies Fairs



Coming up in 2026:
Staff Event Guide Poster
to help signpost and raise
awareness!

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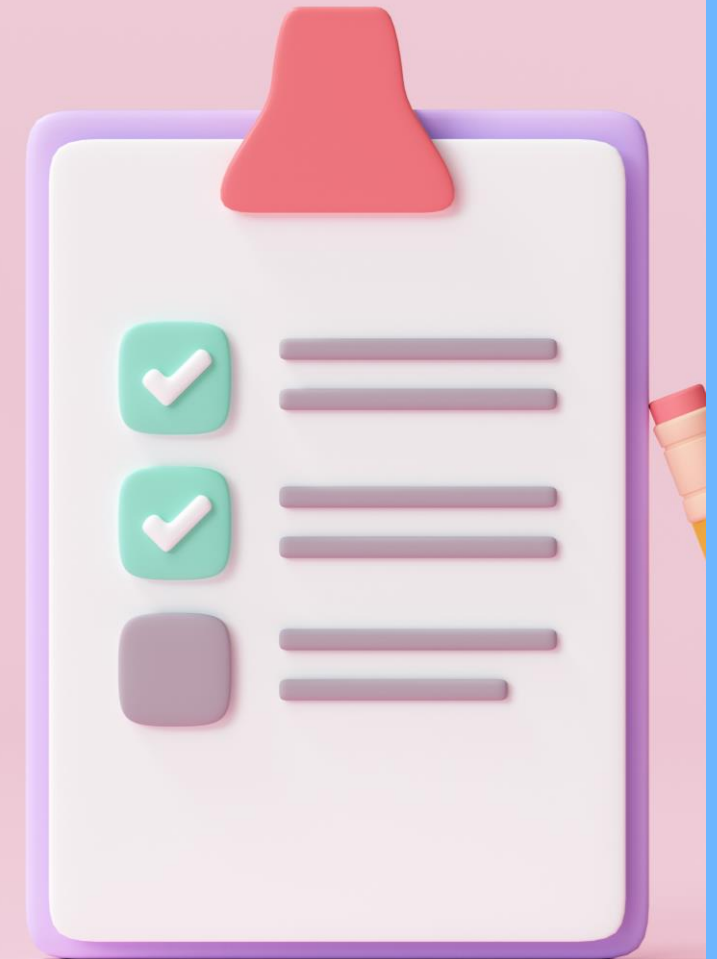
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Welcome Checklist

- Part of Welcome Week offering, a way to help students build confidence in feeling prepared for day one of term.
- Covering key tasks (Pre-arrival tasks + compulsory and optional Moodle courses)
- Option for academic departments to submit content specific to courses and cohorts
- Built into the Welcome Timetable & complements existing Enrolment Dashboard
- Planning to make more strategic use of this functionality by opening early in 2026 (from 24 August, TBC)
- Accessible when a student becomes UF, even before they receive their visa or enrol



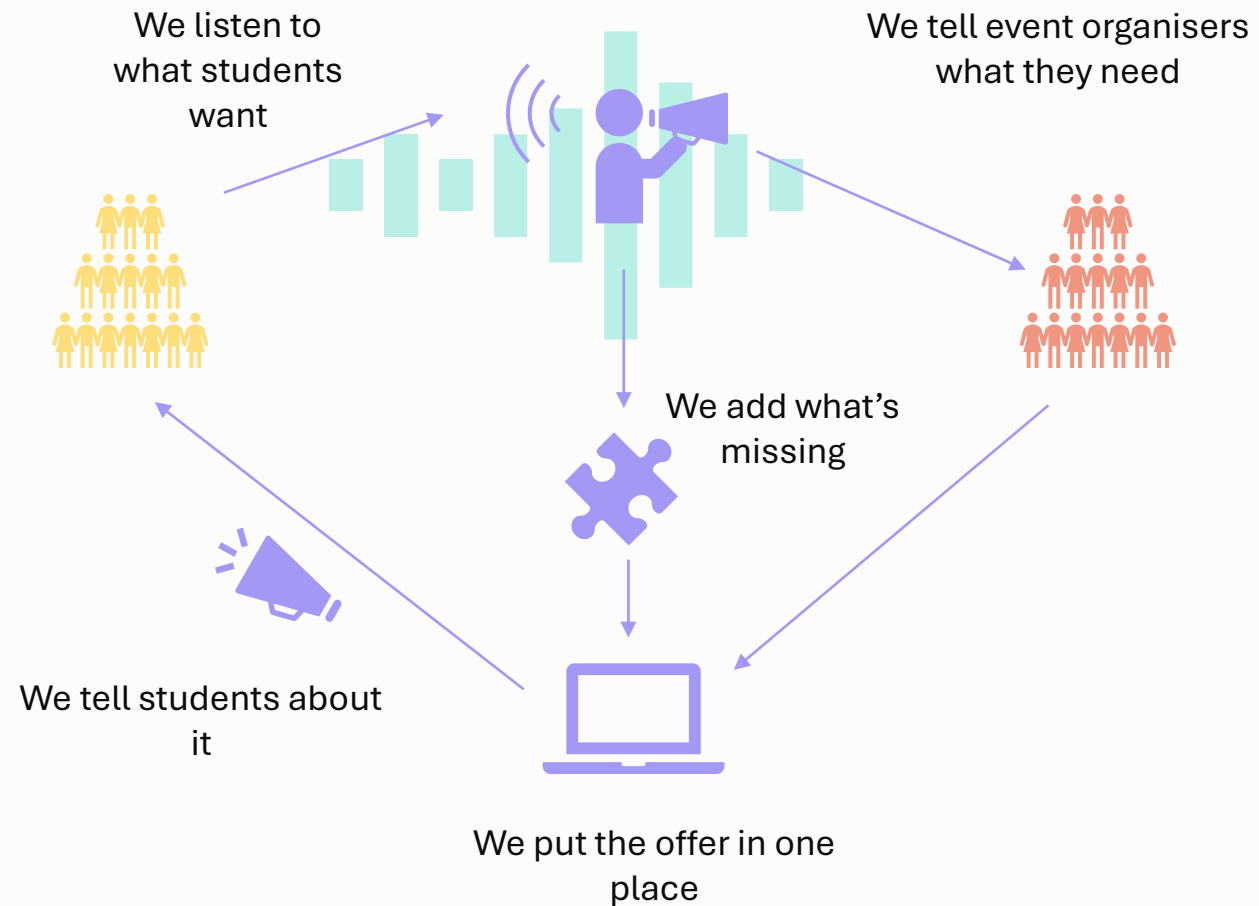
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Our Model for Building belonging & connection via extra-curricular programming



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Global Celebrations

Large-scale events to celebrate culture diversity, enhance international students' sense of belonging & mattering, and expose UK students to diverse international culture

Example annual calendar of events:

- **November** – One World Warwick (a festive week which often spills over the whole month, with large cultural celebration events such as Diwali, Langer and Christmas Light Switch On)
- **December** – Christmas on campus
- **February** – Lunar New Year
- **March** – Holi
- **May** – May Day Festival (new for 2026)
- **May to June** – Destresstival



Together at Warwick
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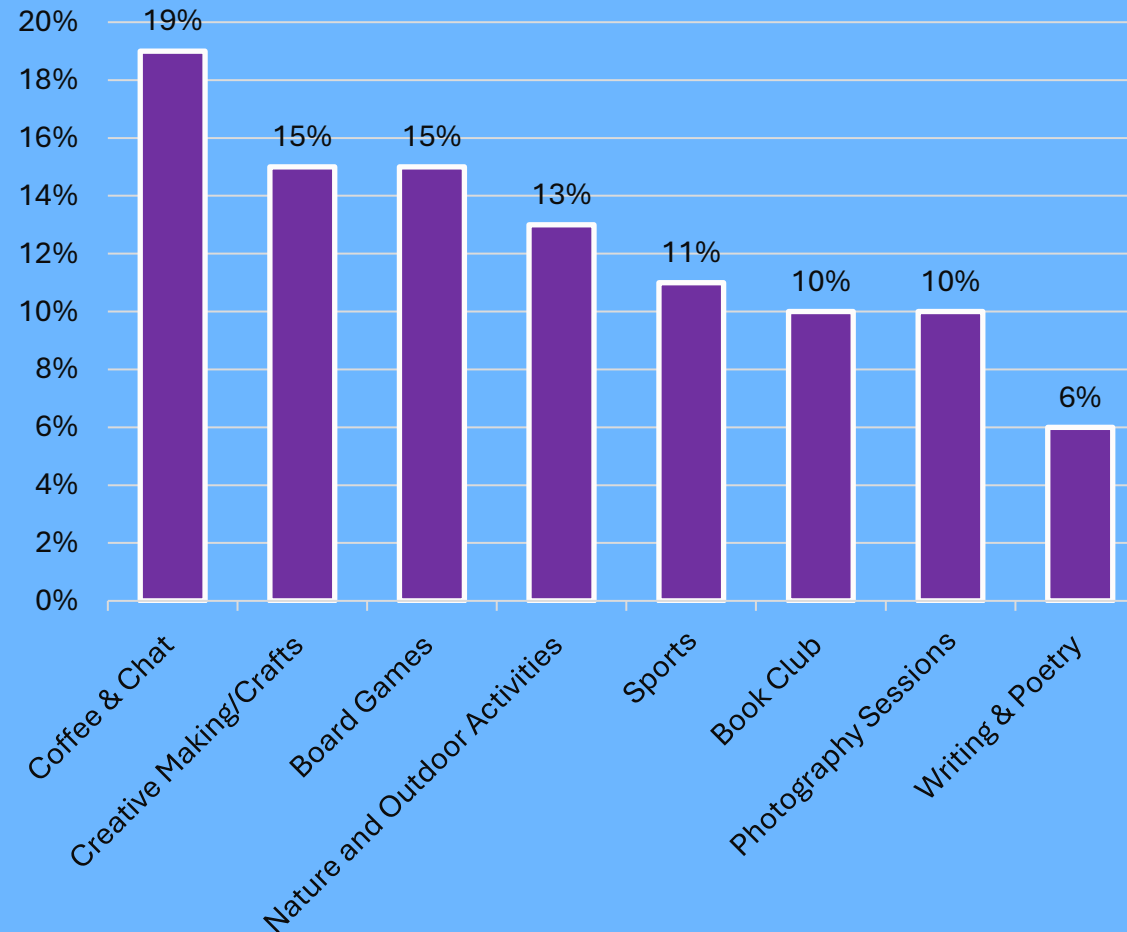
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BUT students also want... smaller, regular, low risk activity...

Student Activity Preferences



Survey Question: Which types of activities would appeal to you for smaller-scale, regular events? (Please add your own suggestions). (847 Respondents, 2,580 Total Votes)

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Weekly activities in the Nook

Drop in. Chill out. Feel part of something – term time only.

Tuesdays 3pm-5pm; Wednesday: 2-4pm; Thursdays 1pm-3pm

Tuesday - Games Night

- Board games

Wednesday - Global Lounge:

- Designed and led by students
- Aligned with academic calendar and student priorities
- Celebrate small culture, traditions and facilitate language exchange in low pressure environment
- Free snacks with activities and conversations

Thursday – rotating themes:

- Creative Corner – craft activities
- Student Take Overs – society takeovers
- Pizza and Project – dialogue between staff and students
- Cultural Exchange – learn about new culture through a hands-on activity

The Nook remains open year-round
(except university closure periods, weekends or bank holidays)



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One central platform to find all extra-curricular activities



- Generates feeds for events calendars in My Warwick app, digital signage and TaW webpages
- Instagram story with a roundup of what's happening that week in 'what's on' every Monday
- Central Student Comms newsletter under 'Dates for your diary' section (term time only)

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Help prepare PGT students towards the end of their studies

Your Futures Roadshow for PGT students running for 3 years now (July 2024; August 2025; July 2026).

Helping PGT students feel prepared for the next steps at the end of their degree.



Your Futures Roadshow 2026

CAREERS • AI • ALUMNI • GLOBAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

A two - day programme of events for PGT Students

15th and 16th July

Both in-person and online sessions to choose from

What is in Your Futures Roadshow?

- AI for Careers
- Post Study Visa Options
- Alumni & Student Panel
- Moving out Advice
- Job Navigation Strategies
- Global Job Opportunities
- Free Food & Freebies
- and a lot more...

SCAN TO VIEW THE FULL PROGRAMME & REGISTER



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Central webpage for all students

Prepare for life after studies

Below, we outline several UK post-study visa options most relevant to our graduates. A full list of visa options can be found on the [GOV webpage](#).

▼ Graduate Route Visa

▼ Skilled Worker Visa

▼ Global Talent Visa

▼ Innovator Founder Visa

Visa support after graduation

You can continue to get [visa advice and support](#) for up to 6 months after graduation.



Reverse cultural shock

Returning home after studying in the UK can be a really exciting time and you may have been looking forward to returning back to your friends and family after a long time. But when you are back, you might be feeling unsettled and like you don't fit in anymore. Don't worry – this is known as reverse culture shock. It is normal and to be expected!

Guidance for all students

