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adventure starts here



Warwick Pre-University Summer School



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Warwick Global Academy

Welcome to just the start

If you are an enthusiastic and motivated 16-17 year old student, looking for a summer experience to inspire and enlighten you, our Pre-University Summer School is for you.

- Experience a taste of university life, with like-minded peers from around the world
- Taught by top faculty from one of the UK's highest ranked universities
- Five courses to choose from: Arts and Humanities, Business, Economics and Finance, Health, Medical and Life Sciences, Social Sciences, and Science and Engineering
- Enjoy ten nights on Warwick's beautiful self-contained campus
- Live alongside Summer School ambassadors (current Warwick students)
- Spend the day in Oxford, including a choice of activities, as well as a visit to the famous Warwick Castle
- A great mix of academic and personal development sessions, as well as social and cultural activities



Why Warwick?

The University of Warwick is a top Russell Group University widely recognised as a world leader in research and education.

We are delighted to offer this opportunity for students to study at the University of Warwick for an exciting ten-night Summer School which will encompass quality Warwick teaching, guest lectures and a fun social and cultural programme.

All five of our courses are taught by top Warwick faculty, who are passionate about their subjects and sharing their knowledge with our Summer School students.

The University of Warwick is ranked in the top ten in major league tables in the UK, including 7th in the Guardian UK University Guide 2026. We are ranked 18th in Europe and 74th in the world (QS World Ranking 2026).

Warwick has also been awarded Gold in all categories in the government's latest Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) rankings.

We have a world-class campus with outstanding teaching and learning spaces, a 24-hour library, Arts centre and cinema, brand new sports centre, restaurants and cafes, and many green spaces including lakes, woodland, open fields - all of which you will be able to explore and enjoy during our Pre-University Summer School.



Find out more

Pre-University Summer School 2026 course options



Taught by Warwick staff, our courses are packed with 29 hours of contact time, including: lectures and seminars, a guest speaker, sessions on applying to study in the UK and personal development skills workshops.

No matter which course you choose, they have all been designed to include personal development sessions to enhance your skills and lots of experiences which will help you to prepare for studying in the UK. You should go away feeling more confident and more prepared having gained invaluable insights.

There are no subject specific requirements for the courses, but you should be enthusiastic about the academic content and considering applying to (or have already applied to) university. At the end of the course, all students will receive a certificate of attendance from The University of Warwick.

A Taste of Business, Economics and Finance

The Taste of Business, Economics and Finance course offers an engaging introduction to the key disciplines that shape organisations, markets, and the global economy. You will explore core economic ideas, concepts in modern finance, and the fundamentals of accounting and financial decision-making.

Business and Management sessions introduce you to how organisations operate, make strategic choices, and adapt in a rapidly changing world, while Entrepreneurship encourages innovative thinking and problem-solving. Drawing on real-world examples - from digital finance and cryptocurrency to global sustainability and AI-driven markets, this course helps you think analytically, understand economic behaviour, and gain insight into what studying these subjects at university is really like.

A Taste of Social Sciences

The Taste of Social Sciences course introduces students to six of Warwick's leading subjects: Law, Philosophy, Sociology, Politics, Education Studies, and International Studies. You will explore how laws are created and reshaped over time; develop critical reasoning through philosophical questions about rights; and examine the ethics and political theory behind global challenges such as climate change.

Education sessions consider how learning systems influence social mobility, while Sociology provides insight into key markers of social difference. International Studies broadens your global perspective by exploring how nations interact and how international issues shape societies. This multidisciplinary experience offers an engaging foundation for understanding people, power, and the world around us.

A Taste of Science and Engineering

The Science and Engineering course offers a rich introduction to key STEM disciplines taught at Warwick. Students will explore Engineering through an interactive session on materials, discovering how atomic structures shape the properties used across automotive, civil, and electrical engineering.

In Computer Science, you will learn how digital and embedded systems communicate, build basic microcontroller-based systems in simulation, and explore the world of the Internet of Things. Mathematics and Statistics sessions highlight the evolution, relevance and elegance of these fields through engaging problem-solving. You will also gain introductory insights into Chemistry, Physics, and Artificial Intelligence, completing a dynamic and multidisciplinary STEM experience.



Find out more

A Taste of Arts and Humanities

The Taste of Arts and Humanities course introduces students to an exciting selection of subjects at Warwick, including English, Film and Television Studies, Theatre and Performance, Liberal Arts, Cultural and Media Policy Studies, and more. Through lectures, seminars, and interactive workshops, you'll explore pressing global issues, creativity, storytelling, and the power of culture.

Sessions range from analysing moving images and world events through literature, to transforming texts into performance, understanding the creative industries, and tackling complex problems through Liberal Arts. Along the way, you'll develop valuable skills in critical thinking, communication, and problem-solving, preparing you to make meaningful contributions in whichever path you pursue.

A Taste of Health, Medical and Life Sciences

The Taste of Health, Medical and Life Sciences course offers students an inspiring introduction to key disciplines taught across Warwick Medical School, Life Sciences, and Psychology. You will explore how scientists investigate human behaviour, from the workings of the brain to complex emotional and social processes.

In Health and Medical Sciences, you will examine real-world cases through a holistic biopsychosocial lens, uncovering how biological, psychological and societal factors shape health outcomes. Additional tasters in Biomedical and Neuroscience, Biochemistry, Biological Sciences and Integrated Natural Sciences introduce you to the scientific principles underpinning human health. This multidisciplinary experience builds scientific curiosity, critical thinking and a deeper understanding of how we study life, health, and the human mind.

*Please note all academic sessions listed are subject to change.

Personal Development

Our Personal Development sessions will allow you to focus on important skills such as effective listening, note-making, research skills and delivering presentations – all of which will be required for you to get the most out of university learning. The sessions will complement your academic learning so you will get an opportunity to apply some of the new knowledge you have learnt in an interactive way. On the final day of the academic course, you will work in small teams to deliver a presentation to the wider group.

Preparing for University in the UK

Each course also includes two practical sessions which will help you in preparing for further study in the UK. There will be a session on applying to university in the UK and how the admissions process works, as well as a useful workshop on writing a Personal Statement. We will help you to consider what universities are looking for in your application, and how you can showcase yourself effectively through a personal statement.

Guest Lecture

On the Pre-University Summer School, you'll also benefit from an exciting guest lecture, designed to broaden your education, insights and views as well as offering you a chance to engage with the speaker, ask questions and debate the topics they discuss.

In previous years, speakers have included Kare Adenegan, Team GB Paralympian and public speaker, and Krisi Smith 'Chief Mixologist', Author, Creative Director and Co-founder of tea company, Bird and Blend Tea Co.



Experience university life

With our programme, you will not only gain further understanding and new academic perspectives, but you will also get a real taste of university life by living on the beautiful and self-contained Warwick campus.

Our induction programme includes a full campus tour for you to get acquainted with your surroundings. The Warwick campus has everything you need to make you feel at home.

Accommodation

During your time on campus, you will live in our Sherbourne residences, alongside your Summer School Ambassadors. Sherbourne offers large en-suite rooms, modern kitchens, and comfortable communal areas for you to relax in. Single-sex or mixed-sex flat options are available.

Outdoor spaces

Warwick has a huge amount of green space including lakes, woodlands and open fields, an outdoor activity zone and lots of wildlife too (including our famous campus cat!). There will be plenty of spare time in the evenings for you to explore.

Sports facilities

Warwick's Sports and Wellness Hub is an incredible space for all abilities. Facilities include a 230-station gym, a 25-meter, 12-lane swimming pool, squash courts, climbing wall and a full timetable of fitness classes! As a Pre-University Summer School student, you will have swim and gym access included in your fee.

Food and drink

Our social programme events include a variety of menus from BBQs and Street Food, to Indian-inspired food to keep things exciting and varied. As part of your tuition fee, all breakfasts and evening meals are provided, but there will be some occasions where you'll need to purchase your own lunches. Warwick has a variety of cafes, restaurants, as well as a small supermarket for you to buy lunches and any additional snacks and treats.



Social and cultural activities



The course will keep students busy academically but we want to ensure that you also have an opportunity to enjoy your time on campus and experience many of the UK's cultural highlights with your new friends.

The programme includes a number of evening socials, including a welcome event incorporating fun team building activities, a curry and karaoke night and an evening of games and entertainment off-campus at a local fun and unique venue.



Find out more

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Oxford

We will be visiting the historic and beautiful city of Oxford, home to the world-famous University of Oxford, stunning architecture, the Bodleian Library, Ashmolean Museum and much more.

We'll spend the day there, and you will take part in a walking tour which will take you past some of the most famous colleges and monuments in Oxford, and a peek at some of the various locations used in the Harry Potter films.

You'll also enjoy a guided punt (boat ride) along the River Cherwell taking in sights such as Christ Church College Meadows where Lewis Carroll wrote the famous Alice Through the Looking Glass, St Hilda's College, the Magdalen School Rose Gardens and the Botanic Gardens.

There will also be some free time for you to get lunch, explore at your own pace and do a little shopping!



Warwick Castle

Spend a day stepping back in time with a visit to Warwick Castle, one of England's most iconic medieval fortresses.

From grand towers and ancient battlements to immersive historical displays, students can experience the rich heritage of over 1,100 years of history.

Summer School Ambassadors

A key part of the programme is our fantastic team of Summer School Ambassadors, who are all existing Warwick students.

Our previous summer school students have told us that one of the main highlights of the programme was the opportunity to spend time with their ambassadors and learn from them about life as a student at Warwick.

What do our ambassadors do?

We select our ambassadors from across the University faculties to give you a true insight into Warwick life. We have had ambassadors from many different departments including Warwick Business School, Politics and International Studies, Engineering, and Chemistry. Our mentors are selected through a rigorous process and can offer you informal advice on university subject choices, extracurricular activities, internships, volunteering and taking a year abroad.

Each student on the Pre-University Summer School is allocated an ambassador (one Summer School Ambassador per group of 12 students). A key part of the ambassadors' role is safe guarding and well-being, and making sure that you are happy on our campus. They'll live alongside you in halls of residence offering 24-hour support; they are trained in safe guarding, emergency first aid and are also fully DBS* checked. They also contribute to the social programme, and as well as accompanying you on the off-campus trips and to the formal social events, they arrange lots of informal entertainment and activities outside of the lecture room too, to help you relax and feel at home on campus.

In the past these activities have included scavenger hunts across campus, board and card game evenings, sports tournaments, as well as group projects aimed at helping pre-university students develop their soft skills.



Meet Reuben, Warwick Summer School Ambassador

Reuben worked as part of the team in 2025 whilst he was in his third year of his BA, Economics and Modern Languages degree.

“During the summer school, I utilised my degree by helping students engage with relevant economic affairs. I enjoyed supporting the group project the students had to do, which was creating an app which could solve one of the major current Economic problems.

Some of my favourite moments of the Summer School were organising the sports events in the evenings and picking up the students from Heathrow.

I have enjoyed every moment of being a Student Ambassador and I hope to have inspired the students!”

Safety, security and wellbeing

During the Warwick Pre-University Summer School, students will be looked after by a core team of staff trained in safeguarding students of this age. Key staff involved in the delivery of the Summer School will also be fully DBS* checked. Students will be provided with emergency contact details of Warwick staff and support services who will be contactable throughout the programme. The Warwick campus is a safe-space, and the University takes campus security very seriously with our Community Safety team working 24 hours a day, 7 days a week protecting the wellbeing of students.

*DBS stands for Disclosure and Barring Service, the organisation which undertake criminal records checks.



Find out more

A global experience

This programme is specially designed to introduce you to all aspects of university life and gives a holistic insight into what to expect from a UK university.

As well as being academically rigorous, our courses will demonstrate to you how subjects are taught at University level. By having a blend of both lectures and seminars you'll be exposed to new knowledge, yet also encouraged to think independently, ask questions and challenge one another and yourself! The University experience isn't just about academic learning, and this programme gives an insight into other aspects of university life such as independent living, managing a schedule, and how to effectively communicate with people from different backgrounds.

We are a truly international Summer School and the opportunity to make new friends from around the world is another key feature that our previous students have thoroughly enjoyed.

Students joined the 2025 course from more than

40

different countries

“I met many new people from around the world and had a great time learning about their cultures and how their school life is different from mine!”

Camryn, United States of America



Student testimonials

“It was honestly such a blessing to be surrounded by such a lovely and inclusive environment for 10 days, and experience life living on campus. Overall, being able to learn new things, meet new people, develop new skills, make memories, and have fun, all in the span of 10 unforgettable days, was truly the highlight of my summer. I am forever grateful to have been a part of this summer school, and I highly recommend it to anyone that wants to make the most of their summer.”

Mina, Abu Dhabi

“Initially, I was unsure of what kind of studies I wanted to pursue in college, but the lectures helped me realise what I was actually interested in and gain a clearer vision of what I wanted to study/do in the future. Each lecture broadened my perspectives, deepening my understanding of the topic and sparking new interests.”

Rayna, Japan

“The most memorable parts of the Summer school were all the activities with my new friends, like visiting London, playing football in the evening or just having fun conversations with my flatmates in the kitchen in the evening.”

Maxime, Belgium

“I built many new friendships during my time on the summer school, all from various and intriguing backgrounds who I have actively kept in contact with since the summer school.”

Guy, England





Admissions

Entry criteria

Students applying for this programme must be aged 16-17 at the time of the Summer School. There are no subject-specific criteria, but you should be a passionate and enthusiastic learner.

Fees

£5,250 (inclusive of a £1,000 deposit, required to secure place)

The fee includes accommodation for 10 nights, breakfasts, dinners (evening meals), refreshments, the social programme, all academic and skills teaching, the guest lectures, travel to Warwick Castle and Oxford, and all the activities on trips.

*Students will be required to pay for flights, visa and some lunches on campus and during day trips

Key dates

Application Deadline: 31 May 2026
 Programme Dates: 14 - 24 July 2026



**Dates
and Fees**

English language requirements

All teaching is conducted in English so students must be able to demonstrate a good level of English language and comprehension. We assess students' English ability through their application and correspondence.

Visas

You may require a visa to study in the UK for the Pre-University Summer School - if you do, you will need to apply via the Standard Visitor Route. Full guidance is available on our website, and we'll also issue eligible students with visa invitation letters as part of the admissions process.

Applications

You can apply online, using our short application form. We'll ask for some of your details and education information and which course you'd like to apply for. We try to make decisions within 3-5 working days and all correspondence will be via email. A £50 application fee applies.

We'll also host webinars between November and June, if you'd like to find out more.

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