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Warwick Pre-University Summer School

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Your university  
adventure  
starts here



# 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
- // Three courses to choose from: Economics and Finance, Social Sciences or 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 London, including a choice of activities, as well as a visit to the famous city of Oxford
- // A great mix of academic and personal development sessions, as well as social and cultural activities



The University of Warwick is a top Russell Group University widely recognised as a world leader in research and education and is ranked in the top ten in major UK league tables.

We are delighted to offer this opportunity for students to study at the University of Warwick for an exciting ten-night, Summer School.

From day one of the Summer School, you'll be part of our culturally diverse and connected community along with students from over 30 different countries. You'll have Warwick Summer School Ambassadors on-hand to guide you through the programme and share their experiences of life at university.

You can choose from one of our three academic courses, allowing you to further develop your subject knowledge, whilst also enhancing the team-working and communication skills that will be vital for your future undergraduate study.

The programme is open to students aged 16-17 years old thinking about university.



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# Pre-University Summer School 2024 Course Options

Taught by Warwick staff, our courses are packed with 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 Economics and Finance

The programme covers exciting and important topics that lie at the heart of economics and finance. In addition to learning about core economic principles, you will also be introduced to areas such as game theory and behavioural economics, issues concerning the world of money and banking, core ideas of finance and stock markets, as well as political and social contexts, drawing on topical examples from the world around us. Topics covered will include finance in the 21st Century, with time to consider the impact of cryptocurrency, the global climate crises and financial stability, as well as artificial intelligence and the impact of machine learning on stock exchanges and financial institutions. This course will show you how to think like an economist and provide a perspective about the way economics is taught at university level in the UK.



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more

## A Taste of Social Sciences

This course will give you an introduction to five of our top subjects at Warwick; Law, Philosophy, Sociology, Politics and Education Studies. In Law you will learn about how laws are made, who makes them and why they look the way they do. Philosophy will impart important skills and abilities in critical reasoning and reflection to help you progress in answering big questions about what kind of rights there are and when someone does or doesn't have a right - for instance, whether children have a right to be loved.

The Politics session will look at the ethics and political theory of climate change, thinking about how future generations should be involved in decision-making about climate change. In the Education Studies lectures, you will consider education as an instrument for social mobility, and why education is so important to a global society. And with the wide scope of sociology encompassing the main markers of social difference in modern society - class, gender, 'race', ethnicity, age and (dis)ability - your lecture from the Sociology Department will be focused on one of our lecturer's areas of research and teaching interests.

## A Taste of Science and Engineering

On our Science and Engineering course, you will sample a range of disciplines at the centre of Warwick's science and engineering undergraduate offer; Engineering, Computer Science, Life Sciences, Psychology, and Mathematics. The Engineering session will focus on the subdiscipline of materials and those materials which form the backbone of automotive and civil engineering. In Computer Science, you will cover basic concepts about digital and embedded systems and how they can be used to automate processes - you'll be introduced to microcontrollers, electronic devices and software programming, and how they interact.

The Life Sciences introduction will look at the events that led to the entry of plague into Europe, the complex epidemiology of the bacterium that gave such a high death rate, before looking at recent developments. You'll have the opportunity to uncover the secrets of the human mind in the Psychology taster, discovering the techniques used by psychological scientists, and looking at the brain and body structures that make us act the way we do. In the Mathematics and Statistics elements, you'll look at how these subjects have evolved over time, and consider their importance and relevance today, thanks to the influence of various mathematicians.



## 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.



# 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

Accommodation is in our Sherbourne residences, along with 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 they also have an opportunity to enjoy their time on campus and experience many of the UK's cultural highlights with their new friends.

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

## Oxford

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

We'll spend the day there, and you will take part in a walking tour which will include a look inside an Oxford college, 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!

## London

You will spend a day in the UK's capital.

We will travel there early to maximise the day and have an exciting programme of sightseeing\* with the opportunity to see some world-famous landmarks including:

- // A tour of the Houses of Parliament
- // Free time in Covent Garden to see the architecture and street performers, and a chance for shopping and to get some lunch
- // A spin on the London Eye and River Cruise or a West End Show Matinee (previously we've seen The Lion King, Wicked and Matilda)
- // Dinner in a West End restaurant

All travel to and from London including travel in the city is included in the programme, along with listed activities entrance fees, and breakfast and dinner. Students are accompanied on the trip by our Summer School Ambassadors.

\*All academic sessions and activities listed are subject to change.





# 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 safeguarding 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 safeguarding, 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 Ciara, Warwick Summer School Ambassador

Ciara worked as part of the team in 2019 whilst she was in the final year of her Politics, Philosophy and Economics degree. She had previously taken a year abroad in Lyon, had participated in the Warwick in Africa programme and was part of Warwick's Student Fundraising Team. After graduating from Warwick in 2020, she took a position with Teach First, teaching maths.

"I applied to be an ambassador as I loved the international element of my course at Warwick, sitting in a seminar sharing ideas and perspectives from every corner of the world was great. The Pre-University Summer School brings together the next generation of Warwick students from all over the world. I felt excited by introducing new students to my university, and giving them their first taste of university life. The campus life is so unique at Warwick, and it allows students to have such an authentic feel of what university life would be like. They will meet and share ideas with fellow-students and also academics from all over the world. It's an incredible place for an aspirational student to spend their Summer."

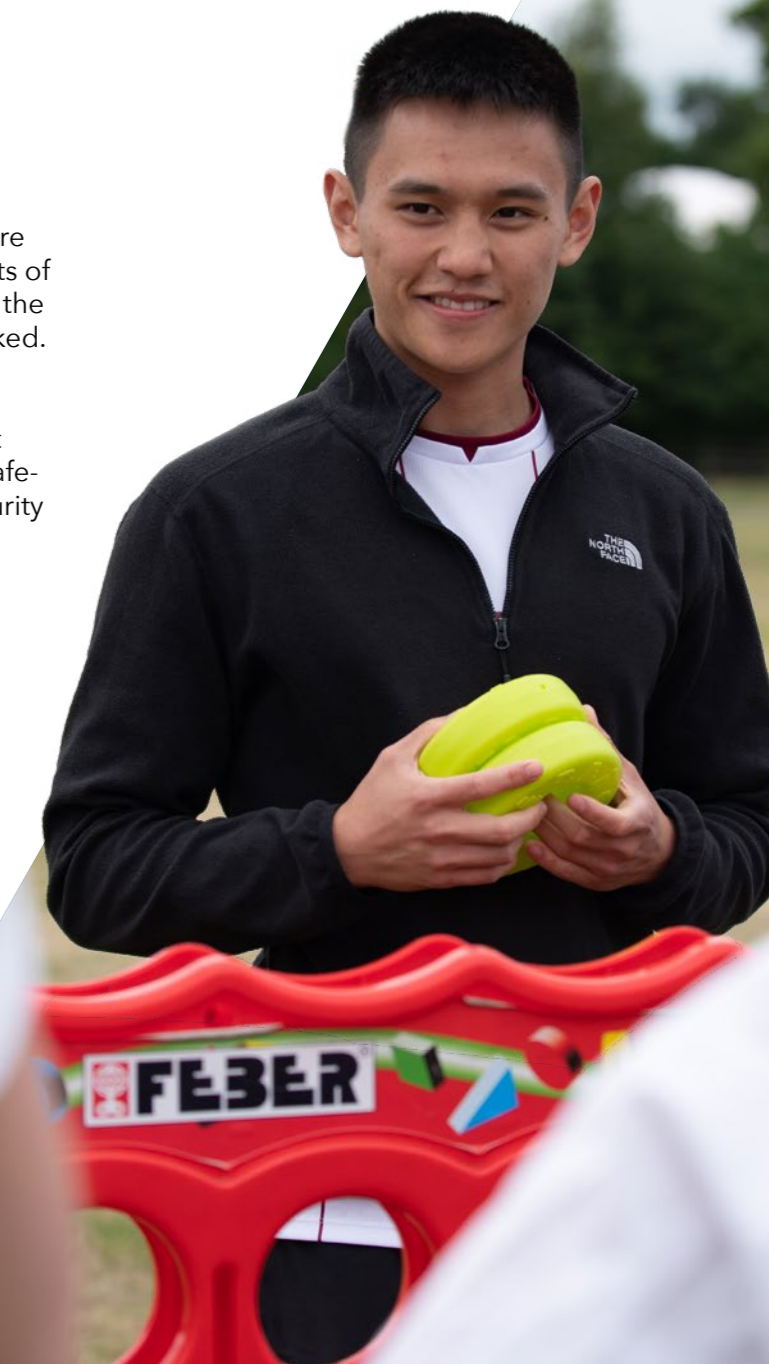
## Safety, Security and Wellbeing

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





# Why Warwick?

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.



Find out more

## A global experience

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.

*“If you are not sure about your future, this is what you are looking for. Only if you try living for 10 days in a university world, you can understand your passions and be responsible for your future choices! ”*

**Nasser Hussien, UAE**



## What do our students say?

“My experience at Warwick would have been incomplete without the friendships I made. The diversity that the summer school had was wonderful. I had friends from Russia, Hong Kong, Mainland China, Cambodia, Japan, Italy, Spain and even Slovenia! All of us were so quick to look past each other's nationalities and just bond on the basis of our personalities and interests. That's what the programme taught us, to respect and celebrate diversity. It's been a year now, but all of us still talk to each other and joke around, just like we did in Warwick.”

**Haneen Farid, India**

“The friendships I made during the summer school are still very alive, as we are about 4 or 5 summer school students that have become Warwick students. I am now studying Management with Finance at the Warwick Business School. During my first year at Warwick, I managed to get a number of spring internships at RBC Capital Markets, Deloitte and Google, as well as a summer internship in private equity. These experiences helped me a lot to understand what career I would like to pursue.”

**Tudor Popovici**

“I was undecided on what courses I wanted to study and afraid of being unfamiliar with university life. But this all changed after the Summer School. Choosing the Taste of Social Sciences course, I was exposed to different subjects and I was beyond satisfied with the lessons. Having the opportunity to learn from brilliant professors I was able to put myself in the shoes of a university student.”

**Chaney Lau, Hong Kong**

“I was on the Economics and Finance programme, and looking back, it was a very good way to start my summer. In two short weeks I had an opportunity to visit one of the finest universities in UK, meet amazing staff and students to share and develop our interests. I also loved small bits like the different trips - I really enjoyed the programme from the beginning till the end”

**Gyohsuke Hamada, Japan**

“To start with, being around students from very different backgrounds who had the same academic interests as mine was a great feeling, especially because it gave me the chance to be part of discussions where I learnt to look at things from different perspectives. Also, having such enthusiastic professors teach us concepts of game theory, along with group activities, was so enjoyable! Furthermore, special lectures on subjects such as democracy made me enjoy topics I didn't realise I was interested in. Time spent outside class was just as fun, thanks to the Student Ambassadors who were there for us throughout the 10-day programme. To summarize it all, this course was exciting from start to finish! From the welcome barbecue at Warwick's beautiful campus the graduation event, it felt extremely well put together and I couldn't have asked for a better experience.”

**Sanat Daga, Thailand**



Student Testimonials



# Admissions

## Entry Criteria

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



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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