

Your University adventure starts here



Warwick
Pre-University
Summer School
Tuesday 18 –
Friday 28 July 2023

Unlock your true potential this summer



97%
OF 2022 STUDENTS
WOULD RECOMMEND
THE PROGRAMME*

*from the 2022 feedback survey

The University of Warwick is a top Russell Group University widely recognised as a world leader in research and education and ranked in the top ten in major UK league tables. We have recently been recognised as the best university in the UK for teaching quality and as runner up University of the Year by The Good University Guide, the internationally respected British university rankings guide published by The Sunday Times. We are delighted to offer this opportunity for students to study at the University of Warwick for an exciting ten-night, fully-inclusive residential Summer School. The programme is open to students aged 15-17 years old thinking about university.

Students will be able to experience:

- ▶ Engaging with like-minded peers from around the world
- ▶ Living alongside Warwick student ambassadors
- ▶ Undergraduate teaching from top Warwick faculty
- ▶ Hearing from an industry guest speaker and Warwick Alumnus
- ▶ Undertaking personal effectiveness training, including leadership and communication skills
- ▶ Living on the beautiful and self-contained Warwick campus for ten nights
- ▶ Preparing for University in the UK
- ▶ Visiting the dreaming spires of Oxford and the Capital City of London

**WARWICK ECONOMICS
RANKED 10TH**

UK Good University Guide 2023

**WARWICK
RANKED 64TH**

QS World Rankings 2023



Taught by top faculty members, the courses will reflect the highest standards of Warwick learning.

The Courses

Taught by Warwick staff, our courses are packed with lectures, seminars and personal effectiveness workshops. This programme is designed to give students the chance to test-drive University-style teaching, expand their knowledge and skills and enthuse them about future study.

We offer three courses as part of the summer school:

A Taste of Economics and Finance

The programme covers a number of exciting and important topics that lie at the heart of economics and finance. In addition to learning about core economic principles, our pre-university students will also be introduced to some exciting areas such as game theory and behavioural economics, issues concerning the world of finance and cryptocurrencies and core ideas of micro and macroeconomics, core ideas of finance and stock markets as well as political and social contexts drawing on topical examples from the world around us. Overall, the academic sessions will help them to think like an economist and will provide a useful insight into the way economics is taught at university level in the UK.

"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 university in UK, meet amazing staff and students to share and develop our interests. I also loved small bits like the visit to the Turing Institute, different trips and of course the world cup atmosphere which certainly added something to the entire programme! I really enjoyed the programme from the beginning till the end."

Gyohsuke Hamada, Japan



A Taste of Social Sciences

This course will give students an introduction to some of our top subjects at Warwick and includes Education, Law, Philosophy, Politics and Sociology.

In Law the students 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 students to progress in answering big questions about the conscious mind, ethical principles, free will and political justice. In the Education Studies lectures, the group will consider education as an instrument for social mobility, in addition to providing an insight of what it is like to engage in Education Studies at university level.

A Taste of Science and Engineering

Students on our Taste of Science and Engineering course will sample a range of disciplines at the centre of Warwick's science and engineering undergraduate offer. Each of these subjects are delivered by academics from the relevant academic department, with each department boasting top rankings, internationally recognised academics and cutting-edge research. Students will be introduced to and explore ideas beyond the typical school curriculum.

In Engineering we will be focussing on the subdiscipline of Water and Environmental Engineering with particular emphasis on sustainability. The Psychology taster will introduce you to the way that the study of psychology uncovers the secrets behind human behaviour. Computing Science will look at digital and embedded systems and how they can be used to automate processes and you will be introduced to microcontrollers, electronic devices, and software programming and how they interact. In Life Sciences we will explore the events that led to the entry of plague into Europe, the complex epidemiology of the bacterium that gave such a high death rate and recent developments.

Personal Development

In these sessions, students will focus on important skills such as effective listening and delivering presentations. The sessions will complement the academic learning so students will get an opportunity to apply some of the new knowledge that they have learnt in an interactive way. On the final day of the academic course, students will work in small teams to deliver a presentation to the wider group.

Guest Lectures

The Pre-University Summer School students also benefit from two guest lectures, one from an industry professional and one from a Warwick Alumni and able to engage with the speakers, ask questions and debate the topics they discuss.

Preparing for University in the UK

The Summer School includes sessions which will help students to prepare for studying in the UK. There will be a session on applying to University in the UK and a useful workshop on writing a personal statement. Living and studying on the Warwick campus alongside Warwick students and experiencing teaching from a top UK university will also give our pre-university students an insight into life and undergraduate study in the UK.

All students will receive a certificate of attendance from the University of Warwick.



Our ambassadors

A key part of the programme are our fantastic team of student 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 our Warwick students.

What do our ambassadors do?

Each pre-university summer school will be allocated an ambassador (one student ambassador per group of 12 students). A key part of their role is safeguarding and well-being, and making sure that our students are happy on our campus. They live alongside the students in halls of residence offering 24 hour support.

Another key part of their role is providing a real insight into life as a student at Warwick. Our ambassadors are selected through a vigorous process and can therefore offer pre-university students informal advice on university subject choices, extracurricular activities, internships, volunteering and taking a year abroad.

They also contribute to the social programme, and as well as accompanying the pre-university students 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 students to relax and feel at home on campus. In the past these have included scavenger hunts across campus, board and card game evenings, sports tournaments as well as group projects aimed to helping the pre-university students develop their softskills.

Our ambassadors are trained in safe-guarding, emergency first aid and are also fully DBS checked.

Meet Ciara: Student Ambassador

Ciara worked as part of the team. Ciara was a final year Politics, Philosophy and Economics student and 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, she took a position with Teach First, teaching maths.

"I applied to be a student 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. I 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."



"I can only say that this is the perfect culmination of a well cultured university experience which introduces you to new people and is most importantly, fun."

Kanishk Gupta, India

We select ambassadors from across the University faculties to give students a true insight into Warwick life. We have worked with mentors from the following departments:

- ▶ POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS
- ▶ LIFE SCIENCES
- ▶ HISTORY
- ▶ WARWICK BUSINESS SCHOOL
- ▶ ENGINEERING
- ▶ CHEMISTRY
- ▶ POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
- ▶ STATISTICS

Experience life on a campus university

With our programme our students will not only gain further understanding and new academic perspectives, but they 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 the students to get acquainted with their surroundings. The Warwick campus really does have everything to make students feel at home.

1. Accommodation

Students will be accommodated in our Sherbourne residences in single-sex flats along with their student ambassador. Sherbourne boasts large en-suite rooms, modern kitchens and comfortable communal areas for students to relax in.



2. 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 a famous campus cat). There will be plenty of spare time in the evenings for students to explore.



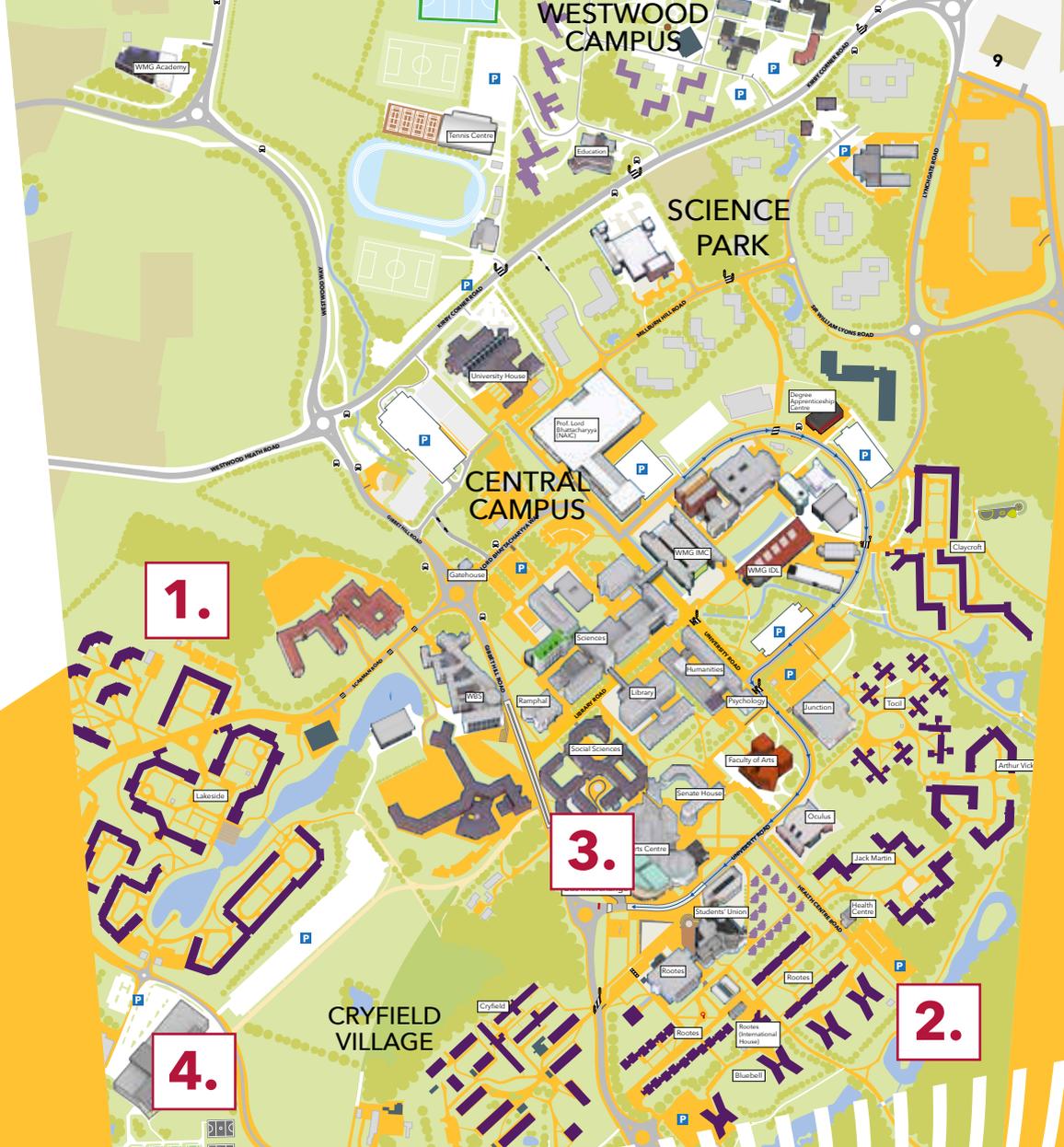
3. Food and drink

The programme is fully catered and our social programme events include a variety of menus from BBQs to Street Food to Indian-inspired food to keep things exciting and varied. When social events are not taking place students will eat in the campus restaurant. Warwick also has a variety of cafes, restaurants and a small supermarket for students to buy additional snacks and treats.



4. 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! Our Pre-University Summer School students have swim and gym access to this fantastic facility.



Safety, security and well-being

During their time at the Warwick Pre-University Summer School, the 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 also be provided with emergency contact details of Warwick staff and support services who will be contactable throughout the programme. Warwick campus is a safe-space, and the University takes campus security very seriously with the 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.

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 fully inclusive 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 tenpin bowling.

Oxford:

Students will also visit the historic and beautiful town of Oxford, home to the world-famous Oxford University, stunning architecture, the Bodleian Library, Ashmolean Museum and much else besides.

We will spend the day there, and students will take part in a walking tour in the morning which will include a look inside an Oxford college, and a peak at some of the various locations used in the Harry Potter films. After a two-course lunch, the group will enjoy a guided punt 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 the students to spend with their student mentors to explore at their own pace and do a little shopping if they like.

London:

Students 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* including the opportunity to see some world-famous landmarks including:

- ▶ A tour of the Houses of Parliament
- ▶ A spin on the London Eye
- ▶ Free time in Covent Garden to see the architecture, street performers and a chance for shopping
- ▶ Dinner in a West End restaurants
- ▶ A West End Show

The West End show is usually a highlight, the show will be announced nearer the time but previous students have enjoyed Aladdin, Wicked and Matilda.

All travel to and from London including travel in the City is included in the programme along with entrance fees and breakfast, lunch and dinner. Students are accompanied on the trip by student ambassadors.

**All activities listed are subject to change depending on weather and availability*



"To be a part of Warwick's inaugural summer programme for Pre-University Students was an opportunity I simply could not have missed. 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 made 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



Why Warwick?

This programme is specially designed to introduce students to all aspects of University life and gives a holistic insight into what they should expect from a UK University.

As well as being academically rigorous, our courses are specially designed to demonstrate to our students how subjects are taught at University level. By having a blend of both lectures and seminars our pre-university students are exposed to new knowledge, yet also encouraged to think independently, ask questions and challenge one another and themselves.

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.

A global experience

We are a truly international Summer School with 36 nationalities visiting us from across the globe since we started the programme in 2018. Check some of them out below.



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RANKED
6TH
IN THE UK
THE GUARDIAN 2022 LEAGUE TABLE

RANKED
19TH
IN EUROPE
QS WORLD RANKINGS 2022

RANKED
78TH
IN THE WORLD
THE 2022 TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION WORLD



"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!"

Carlo Novello, Italy



"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 over a year now, but all of us still talk to each other and joke around, just like we did in Warwick. In reality, words are meaningless to describe what those friendships mean to me."

Haneen Farid, India

Where are they now?

Some of our Pre-University Summer School Alumni have also been involved in social development projects, worked on Model United Nations projects and have interned with NGOs after taking part in our programme.

Tudor Popovici

Pre-University Summer School

"I attended the Pre-University Summer School and this helped me to understand the study options at Warwick and to explore the campus and its resources. 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 about to start my second year of 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. I am also actively involved in student societies, which are a great way of socializing and developing new skills. There are so many options to get involved on campus!"



Timea Pestic

Pre-University Summer School

"Since graduating from the programme, I was selected to be a part of my school's team attending Euroscola in Strasbourg, which is a scheme which allows high-school students from the EU member states to become members of the European Parliament for one day. I also published some of my poems in my school's literary collection, thanks to some amazing people that I have met at the summer school, who encouraged me to do so.

I decided to take this particular course because of the international opportunities that it offers (such as Erasmus exchanges and travels), and I will also be able to take two foreign languages as courses during the study. I also hope that this will all enable me to do a masters degree at some of the best universities in Europe, such as Warwick."



Some of our students have gone on to study...

- ▶ Economics
- ▶ Business Administration
- ▶ Accounting and Finance
- ▶ Management
- ▶ International Management



"I was undecided on what courses I wanted to study and afraid of being unfamiliar with university life. But this all changed after the Warwick 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

ADMISSIONS

ENTRY CRITERIA

Students applying for this programme must be aged 15-17. There are no subject-specific criteria but you should be a passionate and enthusiastic learner.

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.

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