



International Welcome Week

27-30 January 2026



Welcome!

We hope you enjoy International Welcome Week at De Montfort University (DMU), and find it both fun and informative.

Our week of activities is planned to fit around your in-person registration appointments for international students. The schedule will help you plan activities for your first week at DMU and by going to as many as you can, we hope that they


will help you settle into life in the UK, make new friends, and get to know our campus and the city of Leicester.

Please arrive on time for the start of information sessions, so that you don't miss anything important. We recommend that you attend the health centre session to find out how to register with a doctor.

There will also be sessions where you can find out about working in the UK, how to manage your money, and about academic expectations and requirements in a UK university.

You can book places online for Ten Pin Bowling and the day trip to Oxford. Check the descriptions in this schedule for booking links and more details.

You can find answers to frequently asked questions at the end of this brochure and there's lots more detailed information in the [International Student Guide](#) and at [DMU Welcome](#). If you need help with anything else, please contact our International Student Support team at iss@dmu.ac.uk.



Tuesday 27 January

Campus walking tour

9.30am

Campus Centre

DMU student ambassadors will show you around the university campus. Meet outside on the Campus Centre steps for a 9.30am tour start.

Welcome and registration information session

11am

**Hugh Aston Building
Room 2.09**

We'll be welcoming you to DMU and explaining what to expect during International Welcome Week. We'll also share important information about living and studying at DMU, including key support services and how to stay safe on campus.

The Immigration Compliance and Finance teams will be there with information about completing your registration and paying your fees. It's also an opportunity for you to ask any questions you might have.

English for academic success

2pm

**Hugh Aston Building
Room 2.09**


DMU offers free English language support throughout your studies. Staff from the Centre for English Language Learning (CELL) will explain how you can access this support to help you reach your full academic potential.

How to open a bank account and manage your money

2.30pm

**Hugh Aston Building
Room 2.09**

Find out how to open a bank account in the UK and what documents you'll need. Staff from the DMU Money Advice team will share advice on how to make your money go further with a limited budget.

A photograph of three students walking along a paved path on a university campus. On the left, a man with a beard and a blue cap wears a light yellow button-down shirt and dark trousers. In the middle, a man with short dark hair wears a white button-down shirt over a grey t-shirt and grey trousers. On the right, a woman with long dark hair wears a bright yellow trench coat over a dark patterned dress. They are walking towards the right. In the background, there is a red brick building with large windows, a black metal fence, and green bushes. The sky is blue with some clouds.

Wednesday 28 January

Learning and studying at a British university

10am

**Hugh Aston Building
Room 2.09**

Explore what it means to learn at a British University and what support is available to assist you with your studies. The workshop will be led by staff from the [Centre for Learning and Study Support \(CLaSS\)](#) and will include these topics:

- What is expected of you as a student - self-directed learning, participation in seminars, critical thinking, avoiding plagiarism
- What type of assignments you will write - essays, reports, blogs and presentations
- How you can make the most of your library

You should also leave the session with an understanding of how to develop your own effective approaches to learning.

Careers and employability

11am

**Hugh Aston Building
Room 2.09**

Join DMU's [Careers Team](#) to find out about job searching in the UK, part-time work, internships and placement opportunities. This session will introduce you to our services and show you how DMU can support you to build a successful career.

Culture Crawl and City Tour

2pm

Campus Centre

The Students' Union (DSU) officer team will show you around Leicester city centre. All of the officers are students too, so will be

able to point out some of the places that they think you will find most useful.

Meet outside the Campus Centre for a 2pm start.

An evening with DMU Sport

4-8pm

**Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee
Leisure Centre**

An opportunity to watch a British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) league game. Come along to spectate and support the DMU teams! The matches start at the following times:

- 4pm Volleyball
DMU Women's 1st vs
University of Lincoln
- 4pm Netball
DMU Women's 2nd vs
University of Lincoln

- 7pm Volleyball
DMU Women's 2nd vs University of
Derby

This evening is also a chance to visit the facilities at DMU's Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Leisure Centre. If you're looking for a great way to meet new people, try something new and have fun, check out the opportunities provided at [DMUSport](#), including DMUactive – a wide range of free weekly activities, including table tennis, zumba, basketball, badminton and more. You can [book activities online](#).

[Click here](#) to watch a short video on how to walk from the Campus Centre to the Leisure Centre.



Thursday 29 January

Healthcare

9am

Hugh Aston Building

Room 2.86 (second floor)

At this session you will learn how the UK healthcare system works and how to register with the National Health Service (NHS). It's also an opportunity to ask any questions you might have about accessing healthcare whilst you're a student.

Wellbeing

10am

Room HU2.86

Join our [Student Welfare team](#) as they introduce the wide range of services designed to help you thrive during your time at DMU. From Wellbeing and Counselling to Disability Support,

you'll learn how we can help you feel supported, and empowered.

Whether you're settling into a new country or just looking for ways to feel your best, this session is a great way to get connected and take care of yourself.

Chaplaincy drop-in

11am-12pm

**The Breathing Space, Portland Building
Room 00.09**

DMU's Chaplaincy provides [religious support and pastoral care](#) for students of all faiths and none. Drop in to meet some of the team and take a tour of the facilities, including the Chapel and Muslim Prayer Room. Student ambassadors will be outside the Portland Building to show you the way to The Breathing Space.

Samosa Sketch Social

1pm

Campus Centre Atrium

Come grab a free samosa and let your creativity shine! De Montfort Students' Union (DSU) are inviting you to design a mini postcard that celebrates your culture or identity.

Think flags, food, traditions, language, hobbies or anything that feels uniquely *you*. Share your story in art, enjoy delicious bites, and connect with others in a fun, vibrant atmosphere!

Evening activity

Ten-pin bowling

From 6pm

Bowling is great way to meet and interact with other new students – it doesn't matter if you're a former champion or if you've never bowled before! Book a free place through the [online store](#).

Booking is needed because there are limited spaces for this activity, due to the size of the venue.



Friday 30 January

Day trip to Oxford

8am-7pm

Booking required as places on the trip are limited to the number of seats on the bus.

Join us on an optional all-day trip to one of the most well-known cities in the UK and home to the oldest university in the English-speaking world!

You can find more information (including timings) and book your place through DMU's [online store](#).

We will return to campus at around 7pm.

There will also be a Spring Welcome drop-in event after the start of teaching (on Thursday 12 February). Look out for more details about this event, nearer the time.

There's lots more detailed information in the [International Student Guide](#) and at [DMU Welcome](#).

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Frequently asked questions

Are there any events that I need to pay for?

Most activities during the week are free. However, you'll need to book a place if you want to join the Oxford trip on Friday – check the [Online Store](#) for more details and to secure your place.

Where can I access the internet during International Welcome Week?

Wifi is available on campus throughout International Welcome Week. If you have already booked your place, you should have received an email about this before your arrival. If not, please ask for details at the Student Gateway. Internet access is also available in halls of residence and you can speak directly to hall staff if you have any questions about this.

Safety and security: what if I have to walk home after an evening activity?

Our campus is generally very safe and you should feel comfortable in your new surroundings. We'll provide a campus safety briefing at the welcome session on Tuesday and information is also [available online](#). If you are worried about getting home after an evening activity, please talk to a member of staff and we will be happy to advise you.

What happens if I miss any of the information sessions during International Welcome Week, or if I don't arrive on campus in time?

Together with your faculty we will also be running orientation sessions in the first few weeks of term for new international students. These will cover key topics such as healthcare registration, visa compliance and campus safety. If you haven't been able to attend International Welcome Week, we strongly recommend that you come to these sessions. We will send you further details by email once you've completed your registration.

What happens after International Welcome Week? When can I meet staff from my faculty?

International Welcome Week finishes on Friday 30 January. Your course induction will begin the following week; there'll also be a Spring Welcome event on 12 February where you can meet a range of support teams from across the university as well as external organisations such as the police and the health centre.

Further guidance for new students is available at [DMU Welcome](#), including information about [how to register](#) and [additional information](#) for international students.

Campus Map

- 1 Art Factory**
DMU International College
- 2 Bede Hall**
hall of residence
- 3 Bede House**
- 4 Campus Centre Building**
- 5 Castle Court**
private hall of residence
- 6 Chantry Building**
- 7 Clephan Building and Courtyard Studios**
- 8 DMU Museum**
based within Hawthorn Building
- 9 Edith Murphy House**
- 10 Eric Wood Building and Learning Zone**
- 11 Estates Development Building**
- 12 Estates Services Building, including Security Office**
- 13 Food Village**
- 14 Forensic Science Facility**
- 15 Gateway House**
Student Gateway
- 16 Hawthorn Building**
- 17 Heritage House**
- 18 Hugh Aston Building**
- 19 Innovation Centre**
- 20 John Whitehead Building**
- 21 Kimberlin Library**
- 22 Leicester Castle Business School**
- 23 Leicester Media School - Bede Island**
- 24 Liberty Park**
private hall of residence
- 25 Main campus car park - Staff & Visitors**
- 26 Mill Studios**
- 27 Newarke Point**
private hall of residence
- 28 The Grange**
private hall of residence

- 29 New Wharf Hall**
hall of residence
- 30 PACE Building**
Performance Arts Centre for Excellence
- 31 Portland Building**
- 32 Queen's Building**
- 33 Stephen Lawrence Research Centre**
- 34 The Gallery**
- 35 The Glassworks**
private hall of residence
- 36 The Greenhouse**
- 37 The Philip Tasker Building**
DMU International College
- 38 The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Leisure Centre**
- 39 The Venue@DMU**
- 40 The Watershed**
- 41 The Yard**
- 42 Trinity House**
- 43 Vijay Patel Building**
The Confucius Institute, The Centre for English Language Learning, The Gallery and SKVP at Riverside Cafe
- M The Magazine Gateway**
- Pedestrianised area**
- Catering Outlets**
- Safe routes**

The routes highlighted in green on the map are routes the security team suggests are safer when it starts to get dark. While no route can be guaranteed as 100 per cent safe, these routes have been suggested as safer than others because there is more lighting, more traffic and most of them are covered by CCTV.

Please keep yourself safe – be aware of your surroundings, let someone know where you're going and keep your phone charged.

We have a proactive 24/7 security team ready to respond to your concerns with a police officer dedicated to the campus. You can call DMU Security on 0116 257 7642 if you have any concerns while on campus.



Comprehensive information and support for international students is available in the Student Gateway.

- International student services
- Employability and careers
- Counselling and wellbeing
- Mental health inclusion
- Money management and advice
- Disability advice and support

**Student Gateway
Ground Floor
Gateway House
Leicester**

International Student Support

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