

Worcester

Centre Guide



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Worcester

Worcester (pronounced Wooster) is a beautiful Cathedral and University City with a fascinating history, located in the heart of the West Midlands on the banks of the River Severn. With its Tudor streets, famous Cathedral, unique shops and home of the famous Worcestershire Sauce, it is an attractive destination to explore.

Some of what Worcester and the area have to offer:

- Historic streets to explore, including the stunning Worcester Cathedral
- Beautiful surrounding countryside including the Malvern Hills
- Central sports complex
- Tudor House Museum, Art Galleries and Guildhall
- Peaceful parks and gardens and riverside to explore



University of Worcester

Our course takes place at The University of Worcester (City Campus), originally the home of the Bristol Medical Association, founded in 1832. The campus has been sensitively developed, providing on site accommodation and green spaces to relax in.

Location

City Campus is in the heart of Worcester, just a few minutes walk from the centre, the River Severn, the bus station and train station.

Facilities

SPORTS

Sports Hall (close to campus)
Large Rooms for Indoor Activities
Nearby Playing Fields

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

Spacious Classrooms
Flexible Learning Spaces

OTHER

Modern Dining Area
Starbucks Cafe



Residential Accommodation

Accommodation is in two halls of residence on site: Bishop Bosel Hall, and Chancellor Hall. Both are modern with bright, airy single en-suite rooms in blocks of 6, 7 and 8. There is a communal kitchen and lounge with TV. Some of the rooms have views over the River Severn.



Meals



Meals are provided at the Charles Hastings Building. There is a choice of food to cater for vegetarians, religious diets, etc. The dining hall is modern and the menu is buffet style.

Here is an example menu at Worcester.

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Breakfast	Tea, Coffee, Hot Milk, Fruit Juice, Chilled Water, Fresh Fruit		
	Cereals Pastries Yoghurt/Toast Fruit Compote Dried Fruit/Granola Honey and Nutella	Cereals Pastries Yoghurt/Toast Fruit Compote Dried Fruit/Granola Honey and Nutella	Cereals Pastries Yoghurt/Toast Fruit Compote Dried Fruit/Granola Honey and Nutella
	A Cooked Breakfast is available on Saturday		
Lunch	Chicken Wrap with Salsa Quorn Paella Corn on the Cob Potato Wedges	Beef Burger Veggie Burger Fries Garden Peas	Hot Dogs Vegetarian Frittata Potato Wedges Sweetcorn
	Daily Salad Bar, Individual Yoghurt and Fresh Fruit		
Dinner	Beef Pie Vegetable and Chickpea Tagine Herby Diced Potato Steamed Broccoli Chocolate Cake	Lemon and Herb Chicken Skewer Vegan Fillet and Tomato Salsa Steamed Rice Summer Greens Toffee Cake	BBQ Pulled Pork Herb and Garlic Mushrooms Seasonal Vegetables Carrot Cake
	Pasta Bar with Sauces, Salad Bar		

Medical Care & Wellbeing



Worcester has a Hospital, a 15 minute drive away, which includes Accident and Emergency.

There is a local pharmacy (Superdrug) 7 minutes' walk away, if students require medication or advice. Students must hand all medication to their group leader or the Elac Welfare Officer who will then administer it when required.

A First Aid box is kept in the Elac office and basic kits are taken on all excursions. There are First Aiders on site and Elac also has Mental Health First Aiders in Head Office if needed.

Safety & Security



- There is on site security 24/7.
- Halls are accessed via an access card (which gives access to the building and flat) and a physical key which gives access to individual bedrooms.
- Each member of staff will be given their own access card and key.
- There is currently a £5 charge for a lost card and £35 for a lost key.

Students must lock all windows on leaving their accommodation and follow security procedures explained on arrival.

When out and about, we will explain to students how they can keep themselves and their belongings safe.

What to bring



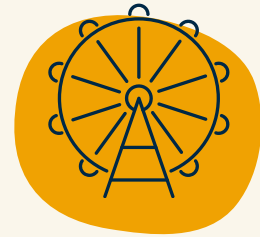
Documents

- **Passport** and copy of it
- Visa document and copy of it (if required)
- Insurance document (including GHIC card if from EU)
- A copy of any medication prescriptions or certificates
- UK currency - cash and on a pre-paid card



Clothing Essentials

- Casual clothing
- Trainers
- Sports clothes
- Swimwear
- Swim towel
- Costume for disco/talent show
- Bag for dirty laundry



For Excursions

- Small backpack/handbag
- Comfortable clothes
- Shoes for walking
- Umbrella
- Waterproof jacket
- Sunglasses & sunscreen



Toiletries & Medicines

- Toiletries, eg shampoo, soap, toothpaste
- Medicines, eg asthma inhaler, contact lens solution
- Please **DON'T** bring "disposable" toilet wipes
- Towel (if in residential accommodation)



Gadgets & Electronics

- Electronic devices (camera, mobile phone, ipad)
- Travel adaptor (UK 3 pin, 13A, 220V - 240V)
- Hairdryer



Other required items

- Pencil case
- Pen & Pencil
- Notepad
- Water bottle
- Hand sanitizer
- Any props, costumes or items needed for the Cultural Exchange (Voyagers and Trailblazers)

Please label all items, in case they get lost

General Information



Student ages

- Groups: 11 - 17 years



Airport Arrivals

Groups and individuals will be met by an Elac representative at the airport.

Travel to the centre will be by private coach or taxi.

Approximate Transfer times:

Birmingham (BHX) 1 hour

Heathrow (LHR) 2.5 hours

Manchester (MAN) 2.5 hours

*Individuals who have booked a shared transfer, may have to wait at the airport for up to 2.5 hours before being taken to the centre.

Day #1 Welcome & Testing

On the first full day of the programme students will:

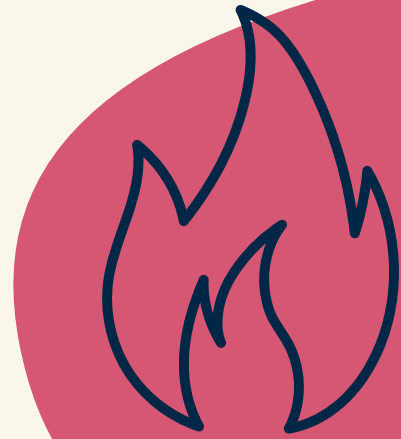
- have a welcome meeting with the Centre Manager,
- an orientation of the centre
- do an English language test (written and spoken)
- have a tour of the local town and some free time.

Students will receive an Elac lanyard with Emergency Contact Card



Fire Safety

- Fire safety procedures on first day
- Practice fire drill for students.
- Fire signage throughout building
- Group leaders explain safety procedures to students in their own language.



Mobile Phones

- All mobile phones must be put on silent and placed in the box provided at the front of the classroom at the start of every lesson.
- Mobile phones must not be used during activities unless required as part of the session.
- Staff may confiscate phones if rules are not followed.

Noise

- Students must keep noise to a minimum when returning to their accommodation
- Curfew is 10pm.



Damages & Replacements

- Fire alarm set off between 9.00 am and 5.30 pm: £75.00
- Fire alarm set off between 5.30 pm and 9.00 am: £100
- Replacing/refilling fire extinguishers: £100
- Replacement of lost fob/key: £100

The school imposes the above call-out charges for deliberate acts of misuse. Costs for other damages will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

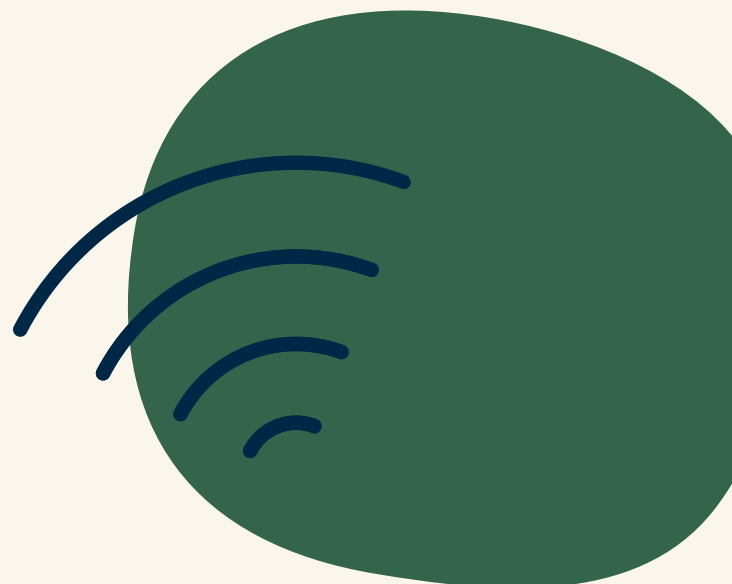


Smoking, Drugs, Alcohol & Vaping

- It is illegal to smoke in any indoor public places - this includes vaping.
- There is no smoking allowed on the campus.
- No alcohol or drugs are permitted in any of our junior vacation courses regardless of age.

Computer and WiFi Access

- Wifi available for over 18s only
- GLs can create an account and then choose to share details with students, if appropriate
- Student access to computer room during activities.



Shop

Vending Machine on site that sells:

- Hot and cold drinks
- Chocolate
- Snacks
- Sweets

Hastings Cafe is open from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm and serves Starbucks beverages, hot and cold snacks, and confectionery



Laundry

- A self-service laundry is site, costing £4 per wash/dry, accessed by Group Leaders after 4 pm.
- Bed linen is washed once a week. One large and one small towel is provided.

Bank & Post Office

- Selection of banks nearby (Worcester city centre)
- Post Office in Worcester
- Alternatively, currency exchange can be done whilst on excursions.



Hospital & Medical Care

Worcester Royal Hospital, Charles Hastings Way, Worcester, WR5 1DD, tel. 01905 763333.



Local Transport

- Cathedral Cars, tel. 01905 767400
- Worcester Cabs, tel. 01905 700750

Quiet/Multi Faith Room

- All students and Group Leaders can have access to a quiet room for religious observance.
- Please speak to the Elac management team for more information.



Places of Worship

- St Clement's: Church of England
- Our Lady Queen of Peace: Catholic
- Al Madian Jami Masjid: Muslim

Useful information

Contact numbers

- Elac Worcester Office: TBC
- Elac 24 hour duty mobile: TBC
- Police, Fire, Ambulance: 999 (emergencies only)
- Police – non emergencies: 101
- Elac Head Office (Bath): +44 1225 443261

School Address

Elac Study Vacations, c/o University of Worcester, City Campus,
Castle Street, Worcester, WR1 3AS

If sending post, please ensure the letter/package is clearly
labelled with the student's name and group.

Head office

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If you have any queries about this course, please get in touch with our head office.
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We hope you enjoy your course in Worcester.

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