

# WELCOME WEEK CHESTER 2022

Saturday 17th September to Friday 23rd September

# WHAT'S ON WHEN

GET UNIVERSITY-READY

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# WHAT TO DO BEFORE ARRIVING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHESTER

## PRE-ARRIVAL CHECKLIST

- ✓ Explore our Pre-Arrival Student Site (PASS) to enrol and arrange payment of tuition fees online (if you're not supported by the student loans company).
- ✓ Download the University of Chester Mobile App
- ✓ Submit a photo for your University ID Card on PASS
- ✓ Read the Information on PASS and make note of what you'll be doing during welcome week.
- ✓ Read your Student Contract
- ✓ Access your timetable when it is available from 1st September 2022 – you can access your year-long and/or week-by-week timetable via Portal a week before you start with us. Not all weeks will be the same, so please check that you understand your timetable and make sure you are registered for enough modules. You can also get timetable information via the University App.
- ✓ Select your modules choices when you enrol (if asked).
- ✓ Download your free copy of Microsoft Office for Windows or Mac and iPad apps.
- ✓ Student Shout Out is the University's dedicated student communications channel. From events and news to the latest updates and opportunities, Student Shout Out brings you everything you need to know about being a student at UoC. Follow them on social to get a taste of what life at the University of Chester is really like and to keep up to date with the latest events and news **Instagram, Facebook, Twitter**
- ✓ If you have any questions about Welcome Week, visit our Pre-Student Site (PASS) or email the Induction Team at **induction@chester.ac.uk**

## WELCOME WEEK CHECKLIST

- ✓ Register with a GP (If you don't already live locally).
- ✓ Attend your PAT meeting, academic department induction activities and social events.
- ✓ Keep checking PASS for further details and to see updates to the welcome week timetable as more activities are added regularly!
- ✓ Register for the Chester Difference Award (CDA)
- ✓ Log in to CareerHub to view vacancies, book onto events, book an appointment to talk to us, access careers resources and much more.
- ✓ Sign up to the Vacancies Mailing List to receive alerts about UniJob, part time work and graduate jobs.
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Please note that this programme may be subject to change and more detailed information (including details of social and academic events) will be available on our Pre Arrival Student Site (PASS). Please visit **pass.chester.ac.uk** for the most up to date information.

# WELCOME

## Congratulations on gaining your place at the University of Chester!

Our Welcome Week aims to help you understand your course, get to know more about Chester, make new friends and have some fun! University can seem daunting at first, but by the end of Welcome Week we hope that you are settled in and feeling at home. The University of Chester is a friendly community, and we are here to help you every step of the way.

Research shows that those who get involved from the outset are more likely to succeed at University – they become more engaged students - but this involvement will be different for everyone. Not everyone socialises in the same way and you will all have different interests so our advice is look carefully at what is on offer and find something to be involved in sooner rather than later!

We have prepared this summary of events to let you know what you'll be doing during Welcome Week. There's also a checklist of tasks for you to complete before you arrive. You can also find out lots of information about student life at the University of Chester, as well as more detailed information on what you will be doing during Welcome Week, including a range of social and academic events designed to help ease you in to university life, on our Pre-Arrival Student Site (PASS) [pass.chester.ac.uk](https://pass.chester.ac.uk)

**If you have any questions about Welcome Week, visit our Pre-Arrival Student Site (PASS) or email the Induction Team at [induction@chester.ac.uk](mailto:induction@chester.ac.uk) we're always happy to help.**

We look forward to meeting you!

The Induction Team

### **Arrivals and New Student Registration/ Confirming Attendance – September 2022**

Please note there have been changes to the new student registration/confirmation of attendance process for non-residential students, in light of the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II and bank holiday on Monday 19th September. Please visit **PASS** for details.

# WELCOME WEEK TIMETABLE 2022

## KEY



ACTIVE



SOCIAL



CHILL



IMPORTANT



SOMETHING DIFFERENT



FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



HANDY

## PEER MENTORING SCHEME

Before you join the University of Chester, you will have the opportunity to be matched with one of our Peer Mentors, who can help welcome you to the University; share their experiences and answer queries about University life during your first year, email [peermentoring@chester.ac.uk](mailto:peermentoring@chester.ac.uk) for more information on this!

## STUDENTS' UNION



@chesterstudentsunion



@ChesterSU

Your Students' Union is the place for societies, representation, student campaigning and your Elected Officer Team. For further info and plans for 22/23, keep up to date with all things Chester Students' Union via our website [www.chestersu.com](http://www.chestersu.com) or by following us on social media.



## GET MONEY SMART

Your University years are a time to get to grips with living independently and that includes looking after your money! University of Chester have partnered with Blackbullion, an online learning tool, to help. Covering topics from savings and investments to budgeting and extra funding, Blackbullion has the resources you need to get money smart. Sign up at: <http://www.moneyreadyforuni.com/>



## STUDENT SHOUT OUT

Student Shout Out is the University's dedicated student communications channel which brings you the latest UoC news, events, info and opportunities in a weekly newsletter and on their Instagram, Facebook and Twitter accounts.


Follow them to keep up to date with what's going on at the University. <https://twitter.com/uocshoutout>  
<https://www.facebook.com/uocshoutout>  
<https://www.instagram.com/uocshoutout>

# SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

Click the hyperlinks to take you directly to online sessions!

TITLE	TIME OF DAY	VENUE	DESCRIPTION	OTHER INFO
Key Collection and New Undergraduate Student Registration for Residential Students 	Please arrive at your timeslot. Timeslots are available between 9am – 4 pm.	Seaborne Library – Exton Park	Collect the keys to your new home and student ID card. If you are living in University Owned Accommodation, you must attend this session to register your attendance.	Our Accommodation team will contact you with information on how to book your timeslot.
Chill & Choc 	7.30 pm – 9 pm	Chaplaincy Community Hub – Exton Park	Relax in the Community Hub with a chance to meet people, play board games and have a hot chocolate.	Just drop in!

# SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

TITLE	TIME OF DAY	VENUE	DESCRIPTION	OTHER INFO
Key Collection and New Undergraduate Student Registration for Residential Students and Non-Residential Students	9am – 4 pm	 Seaborne Library – Exton Park	Collect your accommodation keys and student ID card.	New residential and non-residential undergraduate students must register their attendance. Residential students will be contacted by the Accommodation team to book a time slot. Please arrive at your booked time slot. Non-residential students can arrive between 9 am - 4pm on Sunday 18th September or later during Welcome Week from Tuesday 20th September.
Residential Flat Chats 	From 5 pm	Your Halls of Residence	Get to know your new flat mates and the Residential Life Team.	The Residential Life team will be in touch with more information. Flat Chats will take place during your first week and beyond!

# MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

TITLE	TIME OF DAY	VENUE	DESCRIPTION	OTHER INFO
Soul Space	8.30 am – 9.15 am	Chaplaincy Community Hub - Exton Park	Start your week well with a short 10-minute meditation followed by breakfast.	Just drop in! 
Careers and Employability Pop - Up 	10 am – 4 pm	Outside Grosvenor House – Exton Park	Pop by to meet the Careers and Employability team – we're here to discuss part-time jobs, work experience, career planning, skill development, further study or talk about starting your own business or going freelance. We can give you advice and guidance to help you achieve your goals throughout your time at university.	Just drop in!
Erasmus Student Induction 	10am – 12 noon	Westminster Building Room CWE019 – Exton Park	This is an optional session for students to drop in and say hello! Feel free to stop by at any time during the session.	If you would like to pop by and say hello before the induction session, we'd love to meet you! We are happy to sign your arrival documents if you bring them with you.
Introduction and Guidance to Life in the UK 	2 pm – 3 pm	Online	Guidance on what you need to before your arrival and tasks to be completed once you have arrived in the UK.	Just drop in! <b>Click here to join</b>
Disability and Inclusion Quick Session	2 pm – 4 pm	Binks Building Room CBK106/1 – Exton Park	Bookable Quick Queries for student to enquire about Disability and Inclusion Support.	<b>Click here to book</b>

# MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

TITLE	TIME OF DAY	VENUE	DESCRIPTION	OTHER INFO
Shop Smart in the UK!	3.30 pm – 4 pm	Online	Tips and Advice on saving money, shopping in the local area, where to buy international food and the best places to buy household items.	Just drop in! <b>Click here to join</b>
Speed Friending Badminton	5 pm – 6 pm	Downes Sports Hall – Exton Park	Get yourself to the Sports Hall, grab a racket and make friends! Everyone will move between the courts, so this is the perfect event to meet new people. All equipment provided and no prior badminton skills needed.	Just drop in!
Sport for All	6.30 pm – 7.30 pm	Downes Sports Hall – Exton Park	Fancy trying Wheelchair Basketball, Table Tennis or Badminton? Try activities in a relaxed environment and meet new people. All abilities welcome.	Just drop in!



# TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

TITLE	TIME OF DAY	VENUE	DESCRIPTION	OTHER INFO
Non-Residential Student Registration	9 am - 4 pm	Seaborne Library, Exton Park	New non-residential students can register and confirm their attendance on Sunday 18th or during Welcome Week from Tuesday 20th September.	Check PASS for regular updates.
Academic Department Induction	Various Times	Various locations. Check your Timetable via the APP to find out your meeting place and time.	Academic Department Induction and Activities – Day 1  Some departments are running more than two academic days. Check your APP.	This is a mandatory session for new undergraduate students.
Study Abroad and Exchange Student Induction 	10 am – 5 pm	Bridge House CBH109, Queen's Park Campus	Study Abroad and Exchange students will be contacted directed by the Study Abroad Team. Keep an eye on your emails.	Study Abroad and Exchange students will be contacted directed by the Study Abroad Team. Keep an eye on your emails.
Pool Hang Out 	12 noon – 4 pm	Swimming Pool	A laid-back introduction to the Swimming Pool. Lounge around on inflatables and relax! Strictly no alcohol, booking required via Eventbrite.	<b>Click here to book</b>
Cultural Heritage Network Mixer 	12 noon – 1.30 pm	Chester Students' Union (CSU) Building – Exton Park	Come and enjoy some snacks on us whilst meeting other international students! Food and soft drinks will be provided whilst you get to know your peers and returning students who can share their experiences of studying at Chester! Food is provided for free whilst supplies last.	<b>Visit CSU website for more information</b>
Travelling Gym 	12 noon – 2 pm	Bridge House Foyer – Queen's Park Campus	Come say Hi to the Sport and Active Lifestyle team, try out some activities and find out about the gym, swimming, classes, sports clubs and Active Campus. Also try out our brand-new Active Zone at Queen's Park!	Just drop in!
Crafternoon 	2.30 pm – 4.30 pm	Chester Students' Union (CSU) Building – Exton Park	Join CSU for our first Crafternoon! Come along and create your own plant pot and take home a flower friend to decorate your new home! All supplies provided by CSU.	Just drop in! <b>Visit CSU website for more information</b>
Zorb Football 	5 pm – 7 pm	Outdoor Muga – Exton Park	That's right - play Football wearing an inflatable zorb! Join us on our outdoor MUGA pitch for lots of laughs and a kick about.	Just drop in!
Quiz Night	6pm – 7 pm	Seaborne Library – Exton Park	Join us in Seaborne Library for quiz night - outsmart your friends and win prizes!	Just drop in!
UV Fitness 	6pm – 7 pm	Downes Sports Hall – Exton Park	A circuits fitness class with a twist! Glow in dark UV lights and loud music. Arrive ready to exercise.	Just drop in!



# WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

TITLE	TIME OF DAY	VENUE	DESCRIPTION	OTHER INFO
Gym Taster Day	7 am – 10 pm	Fitness Suite – Exton Park	Try before you buy! Find out if our gym is for you. Drop in at any time during the day for a work-out.	Just drop in!
New and Returning Student GP Registration	9 am – 5 pm	Binks Building Room CBK013 1&2 – Exton Park	We advise all new students to register with a GP practice in Chester. Come along to quickly register.	Just drop in!
Welly Wednesday Allotment Taster Session	10 am – 11.30 am	Allotment	Meet us at the University Allotment to help us with general activities such as weeding, watering and tidying up. If we're lucky there may be fruit and veg ready to be harvested and taken home. All tools and equipment provided - just wear clothing you are happy to get a bit muddy!	Just drop in! Not sure where the allotment is? Meet outside Binks Building at 9:45am where we will walk over to the allotment together.
Erasmus Student Induction	10am – 12 noon	Binks Building Room CBK107 – Exton Park	This session is an opportunity to meet Jess and Marta and provide you with the chance to ask any questions about studying at Chester, finalise your study programme, and sign any paperwork for your mobility.	Mandatory session for all incoming Erasmus students.
Chester Students' Union (CSU) Welcome Fair	11 am – 4 pm	Downes Sports Hall – Exton Park	This year, Welcome Fair is coming home! After breaking records at Carriage Shed in 2021, CSU is teaming up with the University to bring Welcome Fair back to Exton Park campus. Alongside all the freebies you'd expect from us we're bringing together Uni services, charities, local businesses and national brands (like Foodhub and Dominos!) to show you the best and brightest that Chester has to offer.	Just drop in! Don't study in Chester? No worries! We're going to bus you in from UC Warrington, UC Shrewsbury and UC Birkenhead to make sure everyone can join the party!
Walk & Chester Tour	11 am – 12 noon	Binks Building – Exton Park	Get acquainted with the city of Chester. If you are new to Chester a whistle stop tour of places you may need for your university life.	<b>Click here to book</b> For students with Autism or Social Communication differences.
Disability and Inclusion Quick Query Session	11 am – 1 pm	Binks Building Room CBK106/1 – Exton Park	Bookable Quick Queries for student to enquire about Disability and Inclusion support.	<b>Click here to book</b>

# WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

TITLE	TIME OF DAY	VENUE	DESCRIPTION	OTHER INFO
Chester Difference Award (CDA) Induction 	<b>Click here for more information</b>	Online	The Chester Difference Award (CDA) is the University's skills award designed to provide you with recognition for extra-curricular activities and help you to develop techniques to showcase your skills and experiences to future employers. Join this induction session to find out more about the CDA and how you can start your own CDA journey.	<b>Click here to book</b>
Study Abroad during your studies!	11 am – 11.30 am	Westminster Building Room CWE0124 /1&/2 – Exton Park	Everyone can study abroad during their studies! Come along to find out where you can go and the funding available.	Just drop in!
Student Visa Compliance Q&A 	Westminster Building Room CWE0124	Online	New international students studying on a Student Visa must attend one of these sessions. You will also have the opportunity to ask to ask any questions you have on your Student Visa/Biometric Residence Permit card (BRP). This is a mandatory session for new international students studying on a Student VISA.	No booking required. <b>Click here to join</b>
Top Tips for Looking after Your Wellbeing 	/1&/2	Online	Top Tips for Looking after Your Wellbeing Delivered by a member of the Wellbeing & Mental Health team this session will cover top tips for looking after your wellbeing at the University as an International Student.	Just drop in! <b>Click here to join</b>
Be alert! International Student Scams 	– Exton Park	Online	Delivered by a member of the Wellbeing & Mental Health team this session will give you information about how to spot and stay safe from international student scams during your induction.	Just drop in! <b>Click here to join</b>
Colour Run 	Everyone can study abroad during their studies! Come along to find out where you can go and the funding available.	Outside Grosvenor House – Exton Park	Come and take part in our campus colour run! Wear an old t-shirt and get ready for paint. Goggles or sunglasses strongly advised. Walk or run the 1km route.	Just drop in!
Soul Space: Pause for Prayer	Just drop in!	Chapel – Exton Park	A short time of prayer at the end of the day, followed by light refreshments.	Just drop in!
FIFA Tournament	From 6 pm	Study Space 2 Seaborne Library – Exton Park	Join our FIFA tournament to play in a relaxed environment and meet other students.	Just drop in!
Film night 	From 6 pm	Seaborne Library – Exton Park	Join us for the first of the film night of the new academic year.	Just drop in!





# THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

TITLE	TIME OF DAY	VENUE	DESCRIPTION	OTHER INFO
Academic Department Induction 	Various Times	Various locations	Academic Department Activities - Day 2. Some departments are running more than two academic days. Check your APP.	This is a mandatory session for new undergraduate students.
New Student Breakfast 	9 am	Queen's Park Campus	For International Students based at Queen's Park. Meet the Induction and Transition Team over breakfast. Come along to find out what we do and how we can support you during your time at Chester!	Just drop in! <b>Contact the Induction and Transition Team for more information</b>
Dog Therapy Visit 	11 am – 1 pm	Chester Students' Union (CSU) Building – Exton Park	Come and meet CSU's furry friends! The therapy dogs will be in the CSU building ready to meet everyone! Bring your friends or come and meet new ones whilst you get to know Lottie, Ralphie and the rest of the team! The UoC Wellbeing team will also be on site to talk to you about their services and how they can support you at university!	<b>Visit CSU website for more information</b>
Travelling Gym 	12 noon – 2 pm	Outdoor Performance Space – Creative Campus, Kingsway	Come say Hi to the Sport and Active Lifestyle team, try out some activities and find out about the gym, swimming, classes, sports clubs and Active Campus.	Just drop in!
Community Crafts	2pm – 3pm	Community Hub – Exton Park	A relaxing afternoon to be creative, chat and enjoy cake!	Just drop in!
Conflict Resolution Workshop 	3pm – 4pm	Binks Building – Exton Park	For students with diagnosed with Autism or Social Communication differences.	<b>Click here to book</b>
7 a-side Football Tournament 	5 pm – 7.30 pm	Outdoor MUGA – Exton Park	Interested in a kick about and finding out about our 7 a-side Active Campus League? Join our open 7 a-side Football tournament. Join with friends or as an individual.	Just drop in!
Faith Matters	6 pm – 7.30 pm	Community Hub – Exton Park	Come and share food together while discussing important topics on life, faith and beliefs & values.	Just drop in!



# THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

TITLE	TIME OF DAY	VENUE	DESCRIPTION	OTHER INFO
Games Galore 	6 pm	Seaborne Library – Exton Park	Board Games Night	Just drop in!
Silent Roller Disco – Round 1 	6 pm – 7pm	Small Hall Building – Exton Park	A silent disco with a twist! Try Roller Skating whilst listening to some tunes or just come along for a dance. Skates, knee/elbow pads and silent disco headphones provided. Booking required via Eventbrite.	<b>Click here to book</b>
Silent Roller Disco – Round 2	7 pm – 8 pm	Small Hall Building – Exton Park	A silent disco with a twist! Try Roller Skating whilst listening to some tunes or just come along for a dance. Skates, knee/elbow pads and silent disco headphones provided. Booking required via Eventbrite.	<b>Click here to book</b>
SOUL SPACE: Night Peace 	8.30 pm – 8.30 pm	Chapel – Exton Park	A beautiful candlelit service in our historic University chapel built in the 1840s. Come and find a bit of quiet and rest for your soul.	Just drop in!

# FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

TITLE	TIME OF DAY	VENUE	DESCRIPTION	OTHER INFO
Academic Department Re-Induction 	Various Times	Various locations. Check your Timetable via the APP to find out your meeting place and time.	A chance for returning undergraduate students to re-familiarise yourself with your department and course. For combined honours students, you may have a second session in the afternoon. Ensure you check your timetable and attend both sessions.	Check your Timetable via the APP to find out your meeting place and time.
Change of Programme HelpDesk	10 am – 2 pm	Binks Building Information Point – Exton Park	Do you have a question about changing your programme of study? Come and talk to our experts to discuss your options and find out more about the process.	Just drop in!
Sports and Societies Fair 	10 am – 3 pm	Downes Sports Hall – Exton Park	CSU and the Athletics Union come together to bring all of our Societies and Sports under one roof. Join us in the Sports Hall to get yourself signed up for any one of our 60+ sports and societies!	Just drop in!
Send a Smile 	11.30 am – 1.30 pm	Outside Binks Building – Exton Park	Meet the Volunteering and Mentoring Team and other university volunteers at this micro-volunteering session. Colour in one of our postcards and write a positive message on the back. We will then send these to a local care home to spread some positivity!	Just drop in!
Erasmus Student Induction Q&A	12 noon – 1 pm	Best Building Room CBB017 – Exton Park	This session is aimed at incoming Erasmus students, to provide you with an opportunity to ask any questions that weren't covered in the general welcome and induction session on Wednesday and help support you with anything you're still unsure of.	Just drop in!
Postgrad Mixer 	12 noon – 1.30 pm	Chester Students' Union (CSU) Building	Come and enjoy a lunch on us whilst meeting other postgrad students! Pizza and soft drinks will be provided whilst you get to know your peers and returning postgrad students who can share their experiences of studying at Chester! Free lunch is provided whilst supplies last. Visit <a href="https://www.chestersu.com/">https://www.chestersu.com/</a>	<b>Visit CSU Website for more information</b>

# FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

TITLE	TIME OF DAY	VENUE	DESCRIPTION	OTHER INFO
Disability and Inclusion Quick Query session	1 pm – 3 pm	Binks Building Room CBK106/1 Exton Park	Bookable Quick Queries for student to enquire about Disability and Inclusion support.	Just drop in!
Student Visa and Compliance Q&A 	1 pm – 2 pm	Online	New international students studying on a Student Visa must attend one of these sessions. You will also have the opportunity to ask to ask any questions you have on your Student Visa/Biometric Residence Permit card (BRP).	Just drop in! <b>Click here to join</b>
Climate Café 	1 pm – 2 pm	Binks Building Room CBK106/2 – Exton Park	Find out more about sustainability at the university, opportunities to get involved and meet the team.	Just drop in! <b>Click here for information</b>
English for Academic Purposes 	3 pm – 4 pm	Online	International students who do not speak English as their first language should attend. Find out how the English for Academic Purposes Team (EAP) can help you with high-quality free language teaching, to support you throughout your academic programme at all levels.	Just drop in! <b>Click here to join</b>
Secret Garden Party 	3 pm – 5 pm	Chester Students' Union (CSU)	Join us for one of the final events of the week! Bring your friends and enjoy acoustic music and food in the CSU secret garden! Tickets must be purchased from the CSU website. Limited tickets will be available to purchase on the day.	<b>Visit CSU website to buy tickets</b>
Guided Walking Tours 	5 pm – 7 pm	From Binks Building, Exton Park	Join History Lecturer Sam Chadwick on a guided walking tour around the city to learn about Chester's rich history. A great chance to visit some cultural spots in the centre of Chester that are within walking distance of the University!	Booking is essential. <b>Click here to book</b>

## Contact Details

Induction and Transition

Email: [induction@chester.ac.uk](mailto:induction@chester.ac.uk)

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