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First off—congrats! You're about to swap chai for Tesco meal deals, monsoons for Midlands drizzle, and home comfort for Warwick's vibrant buzz. And trust us—you'll thrive.

The first few days? A blur of new faces, accents, and a campus maze. Homesick? Totally normal. The trick: embrace it. Join societies (you can start with INSA!), push past your comfort zone, and remember - we're all figuring it out together. Confidence grows with every small step.

We've been there. That's why INSA's here: your go-to for community, support, and a good laugh. Need help? Just message us. From socials to career tips, we've got your back. We don't just think outside the box—we live outside it.

So here's to the growth, the wins, and those "I did it!" moments. Your story starts now—make it epic.

P.S. Captain Hindsight retired. We're the upgrade.

Cheerio,
Team INSA Warwick







TIPS BEFORE ARRIVING IN THE UK

DOCUMENTS AND IMMIGRATION

Important documents to carry (we advice to keep copies on google drive as well):

Passport (with temporary UK VISA)

Flight Tickets

University Offer letter

Scholarship Letter (if any)

CAS Letter

Cash (including 1 GBP coins for luggage trolley) / Forex + Sim

Accommodation contract copy (proof of stay)

University Fee Payment Confirmation

Reports of Immunisation (Measles)

VISA Decision Successful Print-out (received from VFS)

At least 1 attested ID proof

All educational transcripts & certificates

TB test

IELTS TRF report (results)

Bank statement proof (that was provided for VISA application)

Resume print-out

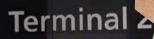
Statement of purpose print-out

Medications prescription (if carrying any)

Passport and VISA xerox copies









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TRANSPORT & ACCOMMODATION TIPS

Airports

- Birmingham (BHX): 25-30 min taxi (£30-40), close, fewer flights.
- Heathrow (LHR): 2-2.5 hrs, more flights, cheaper fares.

Getting to Campus

- Free LHR transfer during Freshers' Week.
- Taxis (better than Uber): Akmal +44 7973 868889, Cedric +44 7851 356994.
- Other: Train / Bus / Uber / Pre-book taxi.

Nearby Hotels

- On Campus: Radcliffe, Scarman (book early they sell out soon!).
- Coventry (10-20 min): Ibis, Britannia, Ramada, Holiday Inn.
- Leamington: Days Inn, The Grove, Ramada.

Tip: Stay central for easy shopping + transport



BANK ACCOUNTS

About Bank Accounts:

Open ASAP after arrival. (Cards are more preferred than cash)
Use:

- Traditional: Barclays, HSBC, Lloyds (full-service)
- Digital: Starling, Revolut, Monzo, Chase (app-based) Visit branch for faster setup (online takes longer).



How to open an account:

Compare banks → book appointment → bring: Passport, E-Visa, Warwick ID, Student Status Letter (from enrolment dashboard).

Card + online banking arrives by courier.

Sending Money Home:

- Less than £6000 → Remitly (Low trasaction cost)
- > £6000 \rightarrow Smallworld
- Also: WorldRemit

Receiving from India:

- Best rates: Wise, Instarem
- Use for urgent transactions only (high fees): Skrill

ATM Withdrawals:

Use locator apps to avoid fees — some UK ATMs charge extra.

SIM CARD & NETWORK

Most preferred Networks:

- Lebara, Lyca, SMARTY, Giffgaff, Voxi.
- Available FOR FREE at WH Smith, Tesco, airport, train stations, or Post Office inside Rootes Grocery (campus) free here (Indian airports often charge).
- During Freshers' Week, the Warwick SU has stalls that provide a limited number of free SIM cards.
- Some VFS offices provide free Lebara SIM at visa appointment. Free SIMs also given during Freshers' Week
 — plan options may vary.

CARRYING CASH AND FOREX CARD

- Carry a little cash (£1/£2 coins handy for trolleys).
- UK is mostly contactless—no need for large amounts.
- Before you leave: Get a multi-currency forex card (HDFC, ICICI, SBI, Axis)—good for first few weeks as the primary payment method.
- After arrival: Open a UK bank account ASAP (Book an apppointment) and keep forex card for emergencies

Note: Some places may not accept forex cards; debit cards work but can have fees.







FRESHERS PARTY CULTURE ADVICE

Freshers' Week & Parties

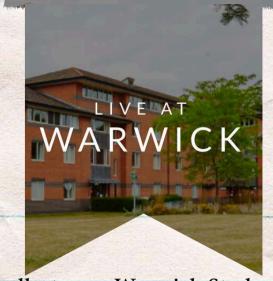
- Day events: free, but pre-book (some fill fast).
- Copper Rooms (paid): Ice-breaker, Loud & Proud, Foam Party, Bollywood Night — book early! Skip full pass (most don't go nightly).
- Follow @warwickfreshers25 (official). Avoid Fatsoma scams — buy via SU.
- Off-campus: Kasbah, Smack, Neon, Altoria (Leamington & Coventry).
- Circling → pre-drinks & games → POP! (Wed). No pressure to drink.

Tip: Expect Freshers' Flu, stay safe, watch out for spikingstay with your friends.



Once You're Here

IMPORTANT COLLECTIONS



Collect Accommodation Key & ID: First thing — collect your Warwick Student ID + room key (address and time to collect sent via email from uni-Book a slot). Then head to your room to drop your luggage.

• Handling Your E-Visa: Generate a share code via the UK Visa website and link it to your passport.

OTHER IMPORTANT TASKS

NHS Registration and Completion of Enrolment Dashboard:

Once you arrive on campus, Register online for NHS access (NHS Guide)

Complete all tasks on your Enrolment Dashboard







What's the healthcare system on campus like?

- GP, prescriptions, vaccinations & referrals at University Health Centre (near Oculus).
- Register online (QR code or Evision after IT setup).
- · Book appointments by phone or walk-in (weekdays).
- Mental health: Free counselling & workshops via Warwick Wellbeing.
- No dental care use local clinics., (Canley Dental, J H Dental). Plan major dental treatments at home as UK dental costs can be high.



Warwick Health Centre

What is the parcel / courier system?

- When ordering: include name + Warwick Student ID + full accommodation address.
- · Parcels go to your accommodation's Post Room.
- Collect by showing your Student ID.
- Check Warwick's <u>website</u>. for post room details (varies by accommodation)



What is the Laundry System like?

- Some accommodations (e.g., Bluebell) have laundrettes inside the building (£5.50 per wash-dry cycle ~1.5 hrs).
- Others (e.g., Cryfield) use shared laundry buildings.

Pro tip: Mornings are quieter — evenings (esp. Wed/Sat/Sun) get crowded.

What are the transportation services to go off campus?

- Leamington (clubs, bars, restaurants) buses 11 Electric, U1/U2
- Coventry 12X
- London Trainline
- Uber/Bolt from campus (Bolt usually cheaper). Transport reliable.

Can I work part-time as a student?

Yes — on a Tier 4 visa, you can work up to 20 hrs/week during term time, and 40 hrs/week during official breaks. Jobs are listed on <u>Unitemps</u>.





P5 PLUS



How to deal with homesickness in the initial days?

It's normal—some feel homesick, others embrace the new freedom. If you're feeling low:

- Visit the Games Hub at the Junction
 - Attend society taster sessions
 - Explore campus with flatmates
 - · Cook a favourite meal or watch a show
 - · Chill at Curiositea or Learning Grid

Being around people really helps—soon, campus will start to feel like home.

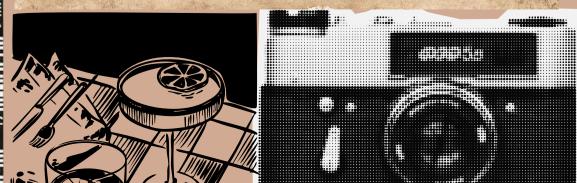
Hobbies you can continue doing on campus

Photography, debating, dance, yoga, fitness and more. Attend Societies and Sports Fairs, try free taster sessions, then join. The Societies Federation Fee is worth it. The Sports & Wellness Hub offers various classes too.

You can join INSA Warwick on Instagram: @warwickinsa

Explore societies: Societies

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How to manage food, groceries and other essentials?

Lidl, Aldi, Asda, Baking section of Rootes Grocery Store

= most affordable; Morrisons, M&S, Waitrose, Sainsbury's = pricier.

Aldi at Cannon Park is 15 min walk from campus. Many flats order Tesco online and split £3 delivery.

For essentials, Rootes Grocery Store sells daily items & Indian meals (e.g. Biryani, Chole).

Campus Dining:

- · Dirty Duck: comfort food
- District: Asian dishes
- Pret: snacks & coffee
- Curiositea: cakes & teas
- Terrace Bar: drinks
- Panda Mami: buffet
- Piazza: street food market (term time)

More options: cafes, food trucks, restaurants—full list on Warwick's <u>website</u>

Cultural Tips

Self-service life: You'll use self-checkouts at shops, kiosks & library — and most accommodations are self-catered (you cook your own meals).

Tap to pay: UK is almost cash-free set up a student bank account (Lloyds, HSBC, Santander) during Welcome Week.



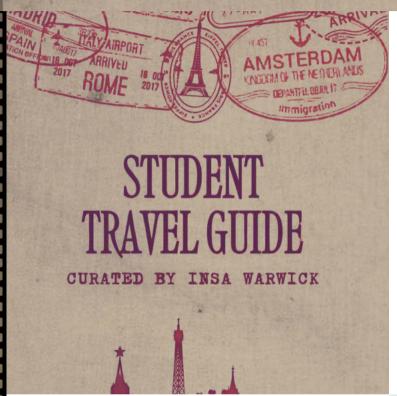
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Any scholarships I can apply for?

Yes — Warwick offers:

- Undergraduate Global Excellence Scholarships (high-achieving international students)
- Chancellor's International Scholarships (top academic profiles)
- Departmental Scholarships (merit or financial need)
- Sport Scholarships (county/national level athletes; Sport England approved)

Off-Campus Fun

Nightlife: Kasbah, Smack, Neon, Altoria (Leamington & Coventry)
Day trips: Chesterton Windmill, Stratford-upon-Avon, Bath
Shopping: Primark & H&M in Coventry, Bullring (Birmingham), Bicester Village for outlet shopping Weekend getaways: Easy flights from Birmingham Airport (think Spain, Italy!)

Find a scholarship

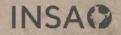
Use our search and filtering tool to find the different scholarship opportunities available for Undergraduate and Postgraduate study.

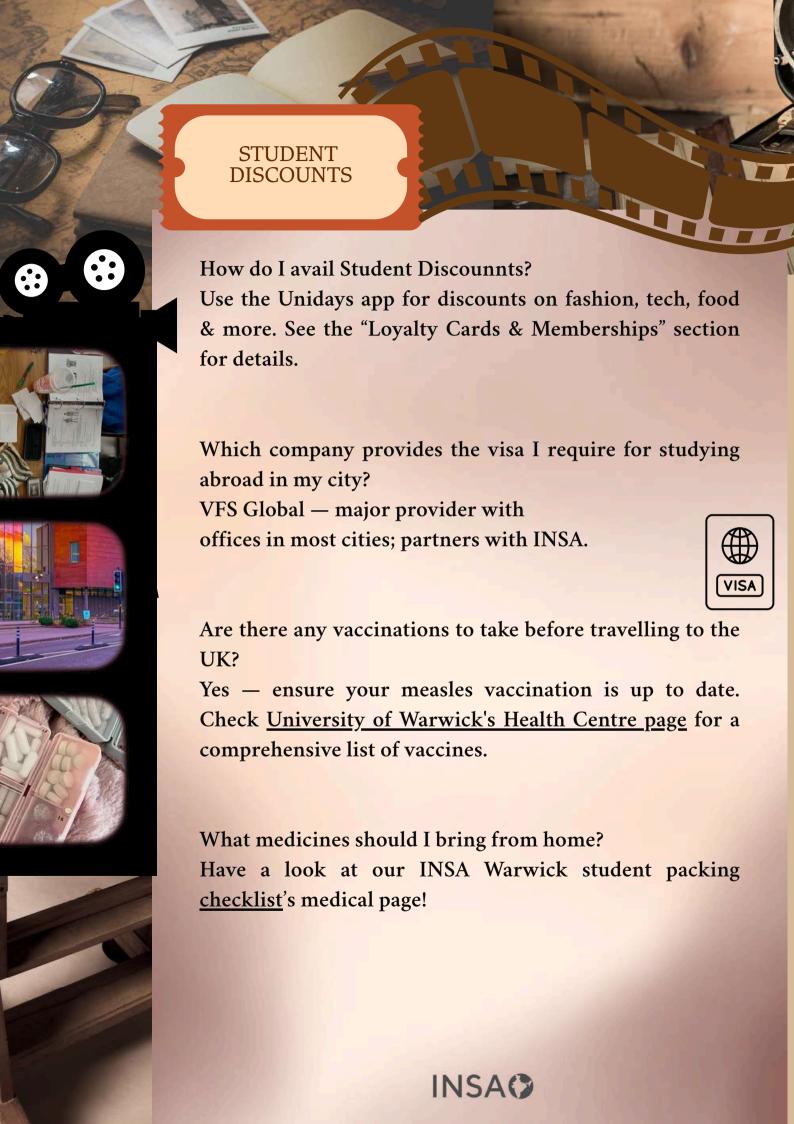
Find a Scholarship

Frequently asked questions

What is the difference between a scholarship and a bursary? See our FAQs pages if you have a question.

Scholarships FAQs





University Apps:

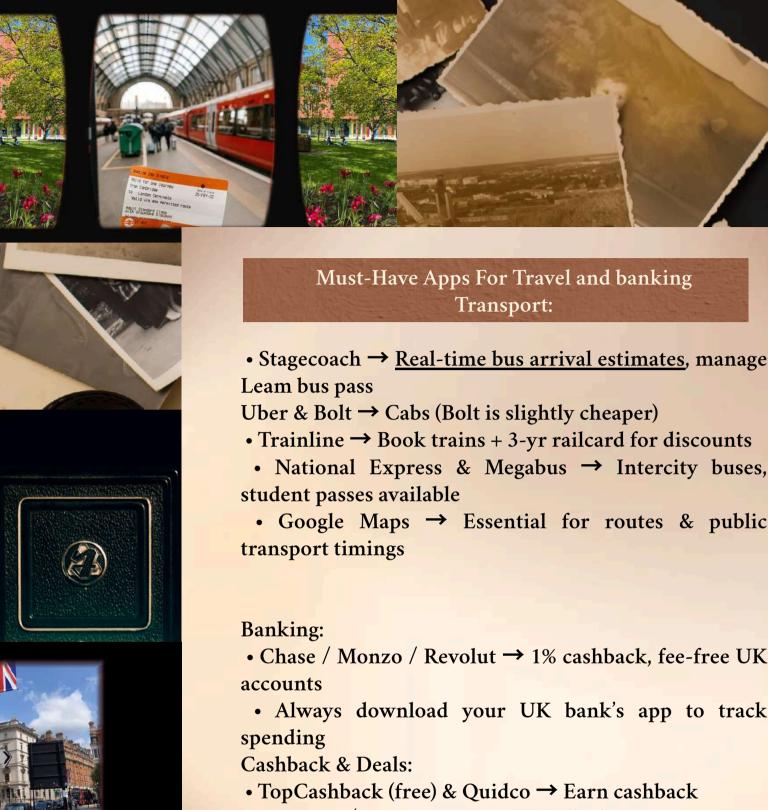
- Moodle → Lecture notes, readings, assignment submission
- MyWarwick App → Timetable, deadlines, campus map, student info
- EchoVideo → Recorded lectures & interactive content
- Tabula → Assignments, feedback, attendance, teaching groups
- BOSS (Comp Sci only) → Submit coding assignments, get feedback
- Registration Info:
- Course registration opens 4–6 weeks before start date → complete within 5 weeks of email notice
- Exact Term dates for the year can be viewed on Warwick's website.

Note: Remember to change your App store / Play store location to the UK to be able to download all the applications.









- Chase / Monzo / Revolut → 1% cashback, fee-free UK
- Always download your UK bank's app to track
- Groupon / LivingSocial → Daily deals
- CheckoutSmart → Grocery discounts
- Vouchercloud / Foursquare → Dining & discount offers





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Food & Groceries:

- Uber Eats / Deliveroo / Just Eat → Food delivery
- Too Good To Go → Surplus food at discounts
- Tesco / Asda / Sainsbury's apps → Grocery delivery
 & click + collect
- MySupermarketCompare / LatestDealsUK →
 Compare UK supermarket prices

Food & Groceries Applications:

Uber Eats, Deliveroo, and Just Eat – Popular platforms to order food from local restaurants, delivered directly to your accommodation.

Too Good To Go – Offers surplus food from cafés and stores at discounted rates.

MySupermarketCompare and LatestDealsUK - Useful for comparing prices across UK supermarkets to find the best deals.

Tesco, Asda, and Sainsbury's apps – Order groceries online with home delivery or click-and-collect options









Useful Apps & Discounts

- Office 365 → Free for all Warwick students (Word, Excel, PPT, OneNote)
- UNiDAYS & Student Beans → Student discounts on fashion, tech & more (use Warwick email to sign up)
- Netflix & Prime Video UK → Indian Prime won't work; get UK Prime (UNiDAYS: free 6-month trial)
- Money Manager / Emma / Snoop → Track & manage spending
- Tricount / Splitwise → Split group expenses easily (Tricount is free & simple)

Odeon (Coventry) & Vue (Leamington Spa) → Studentpriced movie tickets

Gumtree / Vinted / Depop / Facebook Marketplace → Buy/sell second-hand furniture, clothes, essentials





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LOYALTY CARDS & MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNTS:

Discount & Membership Cards

•Tesco Club Card \rightarrow Free. 1 point = £1 spent; 150 pts = £1.50 off

Oyster Card → For London public transport (not needed for Coventry/Leam)

Railcard → £70 for 3 years → 1/3 off trains (free if Santander student account)

Amazon Prime UK → Free 6-month trial with Warwick email (Indian

Prime won't work)

NUS Extra Card \rightarrow £12/year \rightarrow Discounts (Boots, brands, up to

£500/year)

Taste Card \rightarrow £34.99 \rightarrow Up to 60% off entertainment & dining

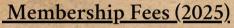
Avail student discounts on fashion, tech & more via apps like UNIDAYS, StudentBeans (use Warwick email to sign up)



Societies at Warwick

There are 300+ societies across:

- · Academic & Departmental: LawSoc, EconSoc, MedSoc
- Cultural & International:
- Afro-Caribbean Soc, Islamic Soc, Erasmus Network
- Regional & Identity-Based: Northern Soc, LGBTQ+ Association
- Performance & Arts: Drama, A Cappella, Photography
- Social & Unique: Cheese Soc, Quidditch, Gin Appreciation ...and more!



- Undergraduates: £16/year
- Postgraduates: £8/year
- Erasmus/Exchange: £6/year

Society Fee: varies by society — some free!

Get Involved

- Freshers' Rep: Apply Term 1 (October)
- Committee Elections: Term 2 run for President, VP, etc.

How it works:

- ✓ Give a quick pitch (usually with free pizza!)
- ✓ Campaign (posters, Insta, stories)
- **✓** Voting managed by SU

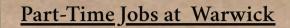


Join INSA Warwick by following us on Instagram: @warwickinsa Explore societies: societies



Find Your Vibe!





- Unitemps: Warwick's official portal flexible on/off-campus jobs.
- Indeed: Great for part-time roles use filters.
- Local boards & SU listings: Check shops, cafes & SU site.

Top Career Tools

- GraduatesFirst: Practice tests & coaching.
- CaseCoach: Case interview prep.
- Shortlist.me: For grads & job seekers.
- VMock: AI CV review.
- MyAdvantage: Warwick's hub for jobs & workshops.



Pro Tip: Attend Warwick's Career Fairs and Employer Events to connect with recruiters, gain application insights, and explore internship or graduate opportunities.

Before You Apply

- CV = UK format, 1 page, clear & tailored.
- Book 1:1 advice with Student Opportunity team.
- · Attend skills workshops on campus.

JOB APPLICATION TIMELINE

3-Year Courses

Year 1: Apply for Spring Weeks (career insight)

Year 2: Apply for Summer Internships

Year 3: Apply for Graduate Roles

4-Year Courses

Year 2: Apply for Spring Weeks

Year 3: Apply for Placement Year

Year 4: Apply for Summer Internships, then Graduate Roles



RESUME







finance & budgeting

Groceries

Weekly Tesco/Aldi trip: ~£25-35
Monthly groceries: ~£100-140

Meals

Cooking at home: £3-5/day
Eating out (on-campus/off-campus): ~£7-12 per meal

Events & Social

Campus events, casual outings: ~£20-40/month
Club nights/tickets: ~£5-10 per event (optional)

Transport

- Bus Day Pass: £4.50 (used a few times weekly or bi-weekly)
- Approx. £15-25/month depending on travel needs

Utilities

~£20-40/month (varies by accommodation type)

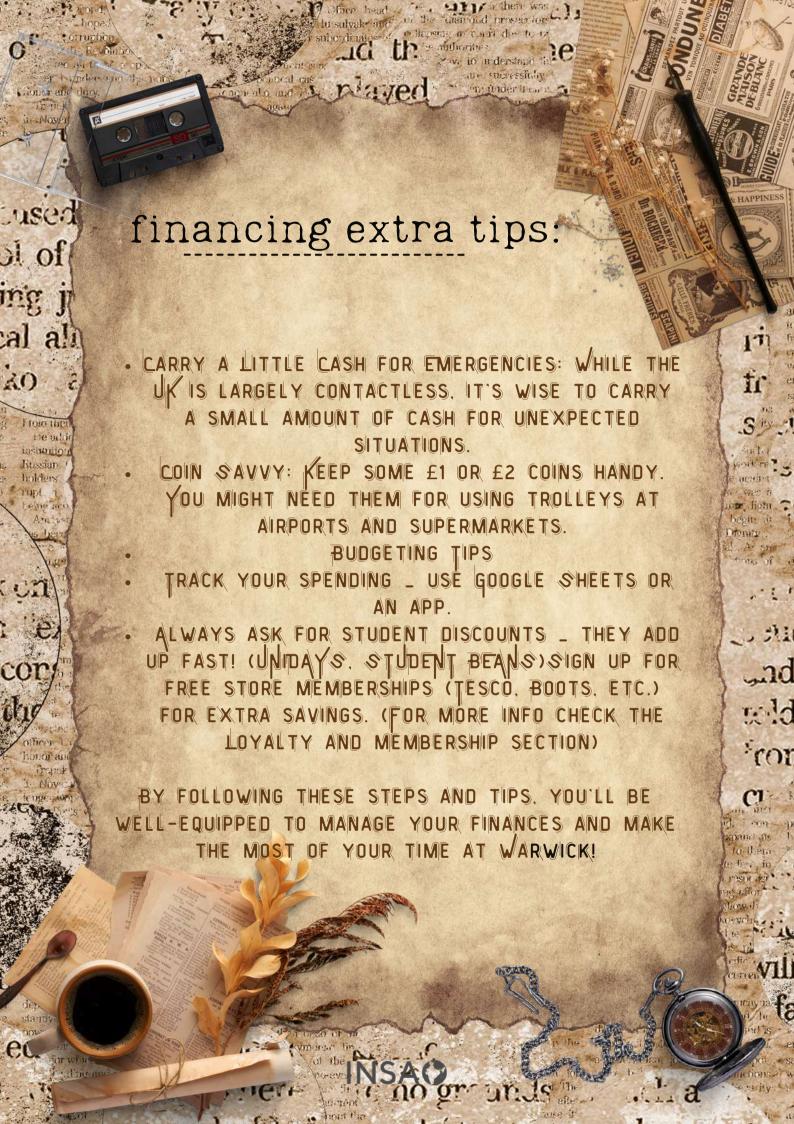
Shopping/misc

· Personal shopping, clothes, home items: varies (£20-50/month)

Typical Monthly Spend

- Essentials (food, transport, events): ~£200-300
- With extras (shopping, trips, nights out): ~£300-450





IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS AND EMAIL ID'S TO KEEP HANDY

Admissions & Administrative Help:

Undergraduate Department

Email ID: ugadmissions@warwick.ac.uk

Postgraduate Department

Email ID: <u>Postgraduate Enquiries Form</u> Contact Number: +44 (0)24 7652 3523

Student Administrative Services

Student Records: studentrecords@warwick.ac.uk

Phone: +44 (0)24 7657 4333

Enrolment: enrolment@warwick.ac.uk

Phone: +44 (0)2476522519

Examinations / Module Registration: aoexams@warwick.ac.uk

Phone: +44 (0)24 7652 3633

Student Fees: Student fees and collections Enquiries

Phone: + 44 (0) 24 7652 8471

Student Immigration and Compliance: <u>Email enquiries via online contact form</u>
// <u>Emergency contact</u>

Transport & Mobility: <u>TransportMobility@warwick.ac.uk</u>

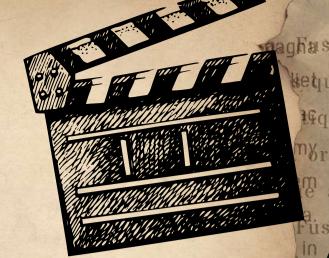
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IT Services Helpdesk: helpdesk@warwick.ac.uk



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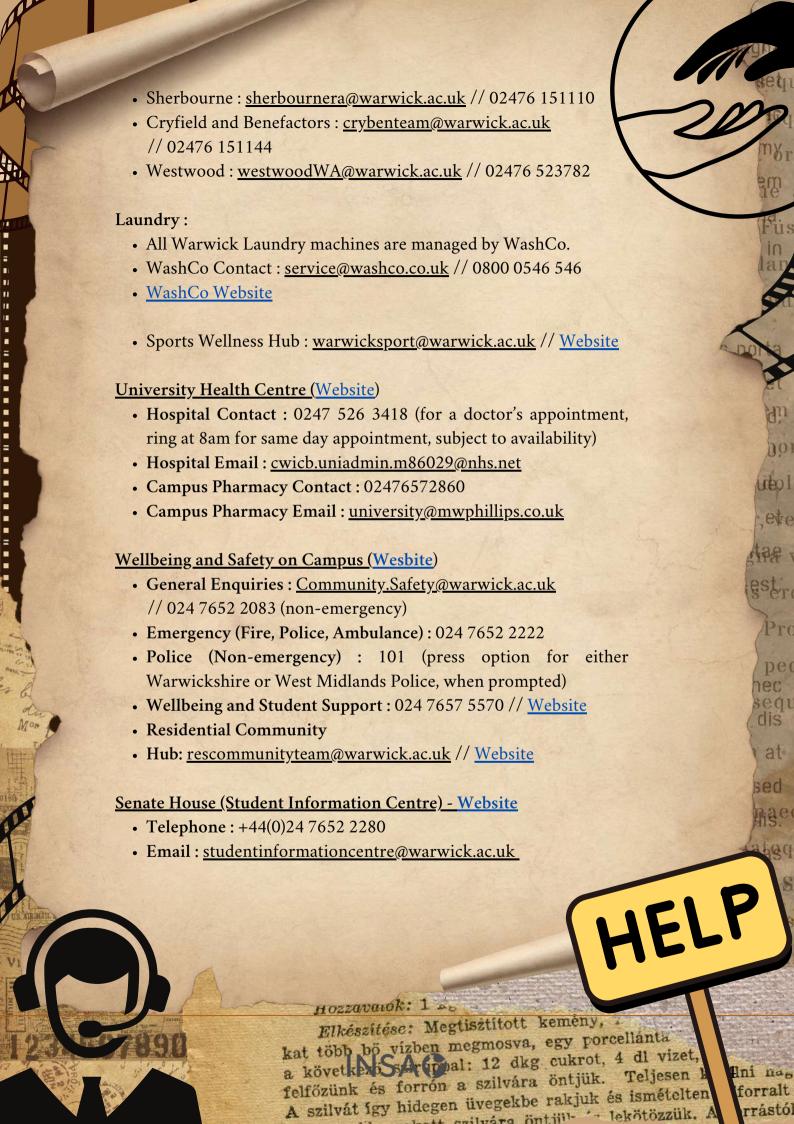
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Warwick Student Union

• Website

Personal Tutor

• It is suggested to keep your respective Personal Tutor and department contact details handy as they will be your primary contact with the teaching staff at Warwick. These details can be found on your Warwick Moodle Page or WBS page (if you are a WBS student).

Contact Us!!

- Email ID: insawarwick@gmail.com
- Instagram: @warwickinsa

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OUR OTHER GUIDES:

Here are links to some other guides we have formed to help you out:

1.The Ultimate Checklist before leaving for UK (by INSA Warwick):

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1e_Z66Ftm4abGuf_6VAqV1HHJgDvalqhvn-rOkHonc4/edit?usp=sharing

This document has some guidance in terms of a shopping list, medicines to carry, on campus accommodations tips, documents to carry, etc.

2. The Ultimate Student Travel Guide (by INSA Warwick):

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1e-ZWzvlBkRvPEbBLbAKgbHnLKe8x2rvJ/view?usp=sharing

Not going back home during your break and wish to travel on a budget? We've made the perfect guide for you, with tips on places to visit, things to do there and how to travel within a budget!

Phew! Well, that's it from us. Remember, we're always here for you, and we've always got your back. Looking forward to seeing you soon - do pop by our stall during Welcome Week!



