



UKLC

University of Chester, Parkgate

Centre Handbook

2023

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Thank you very much for your interest in our centre at The University of Chester, Parkgate campus. We hope you find everything you need in the following pages but if you have any questions or specific requests then please get in touch with us at Head Office on 0044 1244 577995.

We look forward to a successful summer 2023 at the University of Chester.

Summary



Amazing city centre location



College or University



Homestay available



Ensuite accommodation



Swimming Pool



Intensive English



Drama



Dance



Life Skills



Football



Short Transfers

The Centre

The University of Chester is a closed, urban campus just a short walk away from the vibrant city centre with its mix of cafés, shops, ancient walls, rows, an amphitheatre, and many interesting architectural features. It is a new university (2005) but it has a history dating back to 1839. The mix of historical and modern buildings combine to create an attractive campus.

The university is a closed site with high security and CCTV on campus. Houses have swipe card access and there is a 24-hour security lodge.

There are approximately 480 beds in 6 houses on site.

In this centre, we accept students travelling as part of a group from 13- 17 years old.



Location

University of Chester, Parkgate Road, Chester, CH1 4BJ

Telephone Number: 0044 1244 511000

Population: 120,622

It is a short distance to the city centre from the University of Chester - approximately 0.4 Miles (10 minutes' walk).

Chester is located in the north west of England and was founded as a Roman fort 2000 years ago. It is now becoming a must-see European destination. Its history is visible in the Roman city walls that surround the city and the medieval half-timbered buildings on display in its streets.

Chester's cathedral is a major tourist attraction and the students will have the chance to visit this popular place of interest as well as the Grosvenor Museum, housing collections of art and history.

Airport Transfers:

Manchester: 35 minutes

Liverpool: 40 minutes

London Heathrow: 3 hours 20 minutes





- Building Name**

- ### Accommodation

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|----|------------------------------------|----|-------------------------|
| 2 | 26-27 Brook Lane | 24 | Chichester Court |
| 3 | 28 Brook Lane | 27 | Church College Close |
| 4 | 31 Parkgate Road (Scotia) | 73 | De Bunsen Hall |
| 5 | 33 Parkgate Road (St Oswald's) | 31 | Eversley House |
| 6 | 35 Parkgate Road (The Whitehouse) | 33 | Fisher House |
| 7 | 37 Liverpool Road | 83 | Gateway House |
| 9 | 91 Parkgate Road (Meadow Bank) | 35 | Gladstone Accommodation |
| 10 | 91 Parkgate Road (The Coach House) | 80 | Grosvenor House |
| 11 | 91 Parkgate Road (The Stables) | 39 | Hayes Park |
| 77 | 93 Parkgate Road (Glensk) | 41 | Hollybank Court |
| 78 | 99 Parkgate Road (Sandiacre) | 42 | John Douglas Court |
| 58 | Accommodation Offices | 68 | John Milton Hall |
| 12 | Alexandra House | 43 | Kingsley Lodge |
| 14 | Astbury House | 46 | Margaret House |
| 69 | Arden Court | 51 | Old College |
| 15 | Bache Hall | 53 | Parkgate Road Houses |
| 72 | Bridge Street | 54 | Powys Court |
| 21 | Catherine House | 59 | Rockmount |
| 23 | Cheynsey Road Houses | 85 | Sunmer House |

Local Amenities

Post Office

122 Northgate Street, Chester, CH1 2HT (0.5 miles / 10 minutes' walk)

Supermarket

Costcutter – At the University

Aldi

Address: Aldi, Parkgate Road, Chester, CH1 4BE

ATM

FREE ATM at local *Tesco express*

Address: Delamere St, Chester CH1 4DS (0.4 miles / 7 minutes' walk)

Chemist

Well Centre, Fountains MC, Fountains Health

Address: Delamere Street, Chester, CH1 4DS (0.4 miles / 7 minutes' walk)

Hospital

Countess of Chester Hospital

Address: NHS Foundation Trust Countess of Chester Health Park, Liverpool Road Chester, CH2 1UL (0.8 miles / 17 minutes' walk)

Doctors

City Walls Medical Centre

Address: St Martins Way Chester, CH1 2NR (0.7 miles / 13 minutes' walk)

N.B. If a student is ill and requires a doctor, then a Group Leader and a UKLC staff member will take the student to the NHS medical centre at Countess of Chester Hospital. The student will be required to fill out a temporary patient form and will be seen on the same day.

Dentist

Deva Dental Surgery, 4 Liverpool Road, Chester, CH2 1AE (0.2 miles / 4 minutes' walk)

Bus Stops

Buses depart every few minutes from outside the main campus to Chester city centre. It's only a 5-minute ride. Look out for Service 1, 2 and X2 on Liverpool Road, or the 1, 15, 15A or X22 on Parkgate Road.

Train Stations

Chester Railway Station

Address: City Road, Chester, CH1 3NS (1.0 mile / 20 minutes' walk) There are frequent, fast rail links to London and major cities in the UK.

Taxi Companies

King Kabs 0044 1244 311551

Coffee Shops

Marmalade

An intimate café on Northgate Street in the heart of Chester's independent scene. Offering a gluten free menu of full breakfast and lunch service as well as delicious homemade cakes and hot drinks.

Address: 67 Northgate Street, Chester, CH1 2HQ

Walking distance from University of Chester: 0.4 miles (10 minutes' walk)

The Chester Grosvenor

Served daily at The Chester Grosvenor since 1882, the tradition of 'taking tea' has been enjoyed by many since its launch and is long established as being the finest afternoon tea in Chester. First created by the Duchess of Bedford in 1830 to stave off her mid-afternoon hunger pangs, afternoon tea was firmly established as a British staple in Victorian England, a light meal of tea (usually Darjeeling) and cakes or sandwiches was the perfect balance.

Address: Eastgate, Chester, Cheshire, England, CH1 1LT

Walking distance from University of Chester: 0.8 miles (16 minutes' walk)

Restaurants

Telford's Warehouse

A canal side bar and restaurant hosting live music and arts venue, serving real ales and pub grub.

Address: Tower Wharf, Chester, CH1 4EZ

Walking distance from University of Chester: 0.4 miles (8 minutes' walk)

The Boat House

A unique pub situated right on the River Dee in Chester. The view and atmosphere are only half the experience, accompanied by a great menu of British pub food.

Address: 21 The Groves, Chester, CH1 1SD

Walking distance from University of Chester: 1.1 miles (23 minutes' walk)

La Fattoria

This restaurant offers an authentic, mouth-watering traditional Italian menu serving pasta, pizza, fresh fish and meat dishes.

Address: 25 Lower Bridge Street, Chester, CH1 1RS

Walking distance from University of Chester: 0.9 miles (18 minutes' walk)

Accommodation

There are 5 residential blocks on-site with single ensuite rooms (Astbury, Grosvenor, Gladstone, Hollybank and Fisher) and one block with standard accommodation (Church College Close).

- Astbury has a total of 82 beds made up of single ensuite rooms. There is a kitchen area on each floor in this house and 1 common room.
- Grosvenor has a total of up to 174 beds made up of single ensuite rooms. Each room has a kitchenette and there is 1 common room in this house.
- Fisher has a total of 75 beds made up of single ensuite rooms. Each floor has a kitchenette and common room.
- Gladstone has a total of 24 beds made up of single ensuite rooms. Each floor has a kitchenette, and this house has 1 common room.
- Hollybank has a total of 50 beds made up of single ensuite rooms. Each floor has a kitchenette.
- Church College Close has a total of 84 beds divided between smaller houses and made up of single rooms with a shared bathroom ratio of 1:3. There is 1 kitchen and 1 common room in this house.

All bedding and towels are provided.

Room Allocation

We divide the students up according to their age, gender and group where possible. We take into consideration any specific requests, i.e. friends who want to be close to each other. Group Leaders will stay in the same house as their students. Room allocation is normally done on arrival. If you would like any further information on this, please contact us.

Housekeeping

Towels and bedding are changed once a week. Bedrooms and bathrooms are deep cleaned once a week. Bins are emptied and rooms checked daily; Monday- Friday.

There are washing machine and tumble dry facilities located on the main campus that are circuit laundry card operated. It costs £2.40 per wash and £1.20 per dry. Students must provide their own washing powder.

Key Loss

If any key or key card is lost during the stay, there will be a £25 fee for a replacement.

Deposits

We will ask each student for a deposit of €25/£25 on arrival. We will check their rooms before they arrive and before they leave and return the money if everything is in order. If there is damage to the houses and nobody admits fault, we will ask everyone in the house to share the cost.

Homestay in Chester

We offer homestay accommodation in Chester, which is provided through an independent local organisation, Deva English. Our homestay provision is available for students aged 11 – 17 years old, although we believe it is better suited to students aged 13+.

Deva offers all types of homestay provision; families with young children or teenagers, young couples with no children, older couples and single people. All the hosts speak English as their first language and are experienced in welcoming international guests. Importantly, the homestay hosts are sensitive to the needs of different nationalities and cultures, and guarantee a warm welcome into a clean, comfortable and relaxing home.

Please note – there is an additional cost for students with special dietary requirements staying in homestay.

Meals

When the students are on campus, they will eat their meals in the dining hall on site. When they are out on full day excursions, they will be provided with packed lunches.

Cooked breakfast is supplied once a week.

Meal times

Breakfast: 08:00 – 09:00

Lunch: 12:30 - 13:30

Dinner: 18:30 - 19:30

If we are aware in advance, we can advise the catering staff of any dietary requirements or allergies and the canteen staff can cater to these.

*Meal times are subject to change

University Of Chester, Parkgate Campus - Sample Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Breakfast	Continental breakfast including a selection of Cereals, Pastries & Yoghurts Toast	Continental breakfast including a selection of Cereals, Pastries & Yoghurts Toast	Continental breakfast including a selection of Cereals, Pastries & Yoghurts Toast	Continental breakfast including a selection of Cereals, Pastries & Yoghurts Toast	Continental breakfast including a selection of Cereals, Pastries & Yoghurts Toast	Cooked English Breakfast Selection of Cereals	Continental breakfast including a selection of Cereals, Pastries & Yoghurts Toast
Lunch *(V) Vegetarian option available	Cajun Chicken Wraps or Jumbo Fish Finger or Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread Selection of Vegetables, Potatoes & Plain Pasta Salad	Scampi or Pepperoni Pizza or Veggie Canneloni Selection of Vegetables, Potatoes & Plain Pasta Salad	Chicken Nuggets or Pasta with Roasted Vegetables & Spicy Pepperoni or Veggie Burger Selection of Vegetables, Potatoes & Plain Pasta Salad	Fishcakes or Sausage Rolls or Cheese and Tomato Pizza Selection of Vegetables, Potatoes & Plain Pasta Salad	Spaghetti Bolognese or Chinese Chicken & Pitta Bread or Roasted Pepper and Tomato Tagliatelle Selection of Vegetables, Potatoes & Plain Pasta Salad	Chicken Goujons or S/M Joe Burger or Veggie Risotto Selection of Vegetables, Potatoes & Plain Pasta Salad	Canneloni or Breaded Plaice Goujons or Cheese & Onion Pastie Selection of Vegetables, Potatoes & Plain Pasta Salad
Pudding	Cold Sweet Fresh Fruit	Cold Sweet Fresh Fruit	Cold Sweet Fresh Fruit	Cold Sweet Fresh Fruit	Cold Sweet Fresh Fruit	Cold Sweet Fresh Fruit	Cold Sweet Fresh Fruit
Dinner *(V) Vegetarian option available	Soup of the Day Chicken Zigger Burgers Sundried Tomato Mayo or Pork Rib Steaks with B.B.Q Sauce or Vegetable Ravioli Selection of Vegetables, Potatoes, Plain Pasta, & Rice Salad	Soup of the Day Minted Lamb Burgers or Chicken Fajitas or Macaroni Cheese Selection of Vegetables, Potatoes, Plain Pasta, & Rice Salad	Soup of the Day Battered Fish with Tartare Sauce or Spicy Bean Burger or Meat Balls in Tomato Sauce Selection of Vegetables, Potatoes, Plain Pasta, & Rice Salad	Soup of the Day Lemon Pepper Chicken Baguette or Pasta Carbonara or Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese Selection of Vegetables, Potatoes, Plain Pasta, & Rice Salad	Soup of the Day Roast Chicken Portions or Omelettes or Veggie Hot Dog & Onions with Sweetcorn Relish Selection of Vegetables, Potatoes, Plain Pasta, & Rice Salad	Soup of the Day Southern Fried Chicken or Pasta with Italian Sauce or Scampi Selection of Vegetables, Potatoes, Plain Pasta, & Rice Salad	Soup of the Day Roast Pork or Hot Dog Sausage or Pasta in a Cream and Mushroom Sauce Selection of Vegetables, Potatoes, Plain Pasta, & Rice Salad
Pudding	Cold Sweet Fresh Fruit	Cold Sweet Fresh Fruit	Cold Sweet Fresh Fruit	Cold Sweet Fresh Fruit	Cold Sweet Fresh Fruit	Cold Sweet Fresh Fruit	Cold Sweet Fresh Fruit

Technology

Wifi is available campus wide and is password protected. We normally only give this password out to Group Leaders / adults. Being a university, there are limited firewalls and it is at the Group Leader's discretion whether they give these details to their students. There is an IT Suite on campus and you will have access to this on a timetabled basis.

There are no public phones on site. The nearest are in Chester city centre.

Security

There is CCTV coverage on campus and 24/7 duty security/wardens. The main gate is locked at midnight.

Emergency contacts: Each student will be given a wristband when they arrive, and this will have the following emergency telephone number printed on it: 00 44 1244 567695. If you need to contact the centre in the event of an emergency please call this number and follow the options for the relevant centre, this will then put you through to the person on duty.

Certain basic guidelines are common to all centres and students. Students should:

- Never walk away alone!
- Never leave the residence without permission in the evening!
- Always make sure they have understood when and where the meeting point is whilst out on excursions!
- Always wear their identification lanyard and their UKLC wristband! *

*students found not wearing their lanyard or wristband will be fined £1

Safety

- Remember that there is a 24-hour emergency telephone number on the wristband (**0044 1244 567695**) and that the number for the emergency services (Ambulance/Police/Fire) in England is **999**, or the single emergency number for the EU including the UK is **112** or you can call **101** to report a crime where you do not need an emergency response
- The police are there to help and protect and can be asked for assistance!
- Never respond to someone if you feel threatened, simply walk away!
- Always give your money to the UKLC management team to put in the safe and never to carry large amounts of cash around!
- Be careful crossing the road. Remember that in the UK we drive on the left!
- If you are ill or need a doctor, tell a member of UKLC staff immediately!
- Keep all windows closed when not in your bedrooms!

Insurance and valuables

Although all houses will be accessed via swipe cards, it is suggested that students try to avoid bringing very expensive items with them. If they are bringing valuables with them, it is essential that they have sufficient insurance to cover any loss of damage as neither the centre nor the company can be held responsible if anything goes missing. The Centre Manager will have access to a safe if it is required.

Teaching

We know how important it is for each individual student to find their own path in language learning. We use a wide range of methods to engage and stimulate our students. This is why we have created a programme based on the students' age, level and need. It is called 'You Can Learn 4', or as we like to call it: 'UKL4', and it includes:

UKL4 FUN (Ages 8-11): Highly engaging lessons that offer a wide range of tailored material and activities for our young learners. It makes games into lessons and lessons into games.

UKL4 CONNECTION (Ages 11-14): Highly dynamic lessons that include a variety of topics and media, especially designed to reflect the quick-paced, interactive world our young students are growing up in. Available in levels A1-C1.

UKL4 ACTION (Ages 14-17): Lessons especially designed to engage our older students through more abstract tasks, topics and contemporary issues. Available in levels A1-C1.

UKL4 CONNECTION and UKL4 ACTION programmes consist of three different lessons a day:

1. TBL (Task Based Learning):

During these lessons, students are encouraged to complete a task. Language is therefore acquired through the task as it emerges naturally as the result of the students' communicative needs.

2. S&S (Skills & Systems):

These lessons aim at empowering our students' linguistic awareness and capabilities by working on all language skills (reading, writing, listening, speaking) and systems (grammar, phonology, lexis, discourse) as well as using materials relevant to exam preparation (KET, PET, FCE, CAE, TOEFL, IELTS, GESE).

3. CLIL: (Content and Language Integrated Learning):

These lessons merge CLIL and British culture. Students learn about art, literature and science, or about the history and geography of the UK, while activating their linguistic knowledge.

Placement tests

We offer classes at four levels, from elementary to upper intermediate. Students take a placement test on their first day of classes to ensure they are placed at the correct level.

Once the tests have been marked, students won't be told their score unless they specifically ask for it but will be placed into a class based on these results.

If students are not happy with their level, they can speak with the Course Director who can decide if it is necessary for the student to change levels.

We always try to split groups into different classes to mix nationalities, but this does depend on their levels and the numbers of students that we have on site.

We will provide all course materials including a student journal and a pen.

Students are taught in class sizes up to 16.

Programme

All UKLC summer programmes include:

- 15 hours of English lessons
- Full board accommodation in residence or homestay
- Full programme of excursions, activities and evening entertainment
- Evening Conversation Clubs (optional)
- 1 free leader for 15 students
- Placement test on arrival and End of Course Certificate

These are summaries of UKLC English Plus programmes** for Summer 2023 at University of Chester:

English Plus Multi-Activity

The “typical” summer programme consisting of a wide variety of activities and sports. Sessions are structured and are coached by specialist staff. Sessions can include tennis, basketball, volleyball, swimming, photography workshops, dance, football, and drama etc. Students are moved through two or three activities on rotation in each session.

English Plus Dance*

For students with a passion for dance. Sessions take place with a specialist dance teacher and the programme works towards an end-of-course performance to the whole school. Sessions begin with a warmup before learning new steps and techniques needed to put together a dance routine. The second part of the sessions allows students to practise what they have learnt and rehearse any routines for the final performance. Styles covered include street dance, modern jazz, contemporary and West End musical.

English Plus Drama*

For students with an interest in drama and a desire to improve their English through confidence building performances. Sessions take place with a teacher who will guide the students through a programme exploring various elements of acting, including improvisation, mime and role play. They will perform at the end of the course either a part of a well-known play or something they have written themselves.

English Plus Football*

For students who love football and want to play it every waking minute! Coaching sessions are led by qualified staff and aim to improve each student’s technical skills and abilities. It also aims to build on their understanding of match tactics and playing systems. There are regular matches and a weekly showpiece game.

English Plus Intensive English*

Additional English lessons for those who really want to maximise their language learning during their stay in the UK. Students will build on their lessons through additional taught classes at a level appropriate to their achievement in the placement test. The lesson content will be a continuation of the UKL4 programmes as outlined in the accompanying Academic Summary (see section on “Academic Tuition”).

English Plus Life Skills*

For students aged 14-17 who want more from their summer school experience. The purpose is to develop students in a way that is going to be useful to them as they go on to become young adults. They will undertake seminars and workshops on topics such as “CV writing”, “interview skills”, “presentation skills”, “writing for academic purposes”, “projecting confidence, competence and credibility” etc. Elements of this will be incorporated into project work that will be presented at the end of the course.

*Students aged between 11 and 17 who are enrolled on Multi-Activity or English Plus courses will be divided by age for activities where numbers allow. Students can choose whether to enrol on the Multi-Activity or an English Plus course.

**These programmes vary at each centre. A minimum of 10 students applies to each programme and each student will be asked to select a 1st and 2nd option before arrival which they will join for the duration for their stay. Students who do not choose in advance will join the standard English Plus Multi-Activity.

A typical day for students

08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:00	Lesson 1
10:00 – 10:15	Break
10:15 – 11:15	Lesson 2
11:15 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 12:30	Lesson 3
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
14:00 – 17:30	Afternoon Activities
18:30 – 19:30	Dinner
20:00 – 22:00	Evening Activities
22:00	Bedtime

This centre runs on a 'zig-zag', meaning the order of lessons and multi-option activities/excursions will change after a week. See example below.

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Sample Programme - Summer 2023

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Week 1	Monday	English Test	Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme
	Tuesday	Lessons	Message Disco
	Wednesday	Lessons	Paparazzi or Conversation Club
	Thursday	Lessons	Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme
	Friday	Lessons	Quiz Night
	Saturday	Lessons	Mini-Olympics or Conversation Club
	Sunday	Lessons	Karaoke
Week 2	Monday	Manchester with City of Manchester Stadium Tour	Attractions
	Tuesday	Free Time, Activities or Optional Excursion	Film Night
	Monday	Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme	Lessons
	Tuesday	Chester with Cheshire Military Museum & Roman Tour	Lessons
	Wednesday	Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme	Lessons
	Thursday	Shrewsbury with Shrewsbury Castle	Lessons
	Friday	Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme	Lessons
	Saturday	Liverpool with Beatles Story	Leaving Disco
	Sunday	Departures	

Please note: This is a sample programme and may be subject to change.

Facilities

Sports facilities on site:

- Large sports hall
- Heated indoor swimming pool
- 2 x tennis courts
- 1 x athletic track
- 2 x marked 3G Astro-turf football pitches including moveable goals
- Dance studio

Drama lessons will be held in the theatre and dance lessons in the dance studio.

Sports available at this centre can include: football, handball, basketball, rounders, volleyball, cricket, indoor hockey, badminton, lacrosse, tag rugby and tennis.

Evening entertainment

The UK Language Courses staff plan fantastic activities to make sure the students enjoy their evenings. For example: discos, quizzes, fashion shows, blind date, sports tournaments etc. We ask Group Leaders to encourage students to participate as much as possible and to communicate any special ideas or requests from students.

Here are a few brief descriptions of just some of our activities for students to join in on:

Around the World

Consists of a number of different stations based on activities from different countries. One staff member will be placed at each activity station. They will each represent a country and have to create an activity related to that country (for example: New Zealand – The Haka). Students will be divided into groups and given a time for each station. Students will visit each station.

Oscars Night

Involves students watching a number of scenes from selected films. They will have the chance to re-enact a famous selected scene. Creating their own script, which must be in English and costumes (out of various given equipment). Scenes will be shown on a big screen for everyone to watch. Awards will be given by UKLC staff for the best reproduction.

Speed Dating

Enables students from mixed nationalities to socialise and get to know each other whilst improving their spoken English. Students will have a short period of time to have a conversation on their interests, hobbies etc. Once the given time finishes they will move to another student and begin the same process again.

Talent Show

Gives students the opportunity to perform talents such as singing, dancing and acting in front of the whole centre! Sign-up sheets will be available in the centre a few days before the event. There will be judges who will score the performances and give positive feedback to each student who performs on the evening.

We look forward to welcoming you to the University of Chester in summer 2023!

