



# UKLC

**University of Chester, Parkgate**

Centre Handbook

2024

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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.**

**The contents of this handbook are updated regularly. The latest version will be sent before your arrival.**

**We look forward to a successful summer 2024 at The University of Chester.**

# Summary



**Amazing city centre location**



**University**



**Homestay available**



**Ensuite accommodation available**



**Swimming Pool**



**Intensive English**



**Drama**



**Dance**



**Leadership and 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 364 beds in 4 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



## City Centre Locations



**Key**

- Entrance
- Disabled parking
- Bus Stop
- Cycleways
- Access to Cycleways
- Cycle shelter
- Recommended walking routes
- Catering outlets
- Cash point
- Laundrette
- Recycling
- Student Space
- Shuttle Bus

## Building Name

15 Bache Hall	70 Maintenance Stores
16 Best Building	70a Maintenance Office
17 Beswick Building	48 Molloy Hall
18 Binks Building	81 NoWFood Centre
56 Careers and Employability Centre	51 Old College
47 CH1 (student bar)	55 Prairie
22 Chapel	64 Parry Squash Courts
60 Changing Rooms	67 Price Tower
25 Chichester House	57 Reception and Porters' Lodge
26 Chritchley Building	58 Rigg Building
28 Cloisters	74-76 Riverside Building
63 Downes Sports Hall	84 Santander
32 Faith Space & Postgraduate Space	36 Senate House
34 Fitness Suite	13 Seaborne Building
83 Gateway House	44 Seaborne Library
71 Grounds and Gardens	62 Small Hall
38 Gymnasium	49 Students' Union
80 Grosvenor House	65 Swimming Pool
40 Hollybank	66 Thomas Building
79 Hollybank Lodge	52 Vicarage
8 Hunters Walk	61 Westminster
20 John Smith's Bookshop	30 Whites Dining Room
45 Longfield House (Chaplaincy Centre)	
1 24 Liverpool Road	
82 67 Liverpool Road	

## Accommodation

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 (Glenesk)	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 Cheyney Road Houses	85 Sumner House

## Department/Faculty

- 66 Biological Sciences
- 61 Business/Chester Business School
- 56 Careers and Employability Centre
- 15 Centre for Work Related Studies
- 45 Chaplaincy
- 18 Computer Science, Mathematics and Business Computing
- 67 Clinical Sciences
- 20 Conference Office
- 15 Corporate Business and Enterprise
- 74 Education and Children's Services
- 52 English
- 58 Facilities Department
- 25 Finance Office
- 16 Geography and Development Studies
- 75 Health and Social Care
- 18 History and Archaeology
- 83 International Office
- 82 Law
- 44 Learning and Information Services (Library)
- 76 Marketing, Recruitment and Admissions
- 61 Marketing, Tourism and Events Management
- 18 Mathematics
- 18 Modern Languages
- 26 Psychology
- 51 Registry Services
- 16 Social and Communication Studies
- 67 Sport and Exercise Science
- 40 Theology and Religious Studies
- 17 Work Based Learning
- 18 Student Support and Guidance



# 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

*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, Fisher, Church College Close and Sumner).

Astbury is made up of single ensuite rooms. There is a kitchen area on each floor in this house and 1 common room.

Grosvenor is made up of single ensuite rooms. Each room has a kitchenette and there is 1 common room in this house.

Fisher is made up of single ensuite rooms. Each floor has a kitchenette and common room.

Church College Close is 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.

Sumner is made up of ensuite rooms. There is 1 common room and kitchen areas on each floor.

\*Astbury is only available first turn and Church College Close is only available second turn.

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, Linguastay. Our homestay provision is available for students aged 11 – 17 years old, although we believe it is better suited to students aged 13+.

Linguastay 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
<b>Breakfast</b>	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
<b>Lunch *(V) Vegetarian option available</b>	Cajun Chicken Wraps <b>or</b> Jumbo Fish Finger <b>or</b> Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread  Selection of Vegetables, Potatoes & Plain Pasta Salad	Scampi <b>or</b> Pepperoni Pizza <b>or</b> Veggie Canneloni  Selection of Vegetables, Potatoes & Plain Pasta Salad	Chicken Nuggets <b>or</b> Pasta with Roasted Vegetables & Spicy Pepperoni <b>or</b> Veggie Burger  Selection of Vegetables, Potatoes & Plain Pasta Salad	Fishcakes <b>or</b> Sausage Rolls <b>or</b> Cheese and Tomato Pizza  Selection of Vegetables, Potatoes & Plain Pasta Salad	Spaghetti Bolognese <b>or</b> Chinese Chicken & Pitta Bread <b>or</b> Roasted Pepper and Tomato Tagliatelle  Selection of Vegetables, Potatoes & Plain Pasta Salad	Chicken Goujons <b>or</b> S/M Joe Burger <b>or</b> Veggie Risotto  Selection of Vegetables, Potatoes & Plain Pasta Salad	Canneloni <b>or</b> Breaded Plaice Goujons <b>or</b> Cheese & Onion Pastie  Selection of Vegetables, Potatoes & Plain Pasta Salad
<b>Pudding</b>	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
<b>Dinner *(V) Vegetarian option available</b>	Soup of the Day  Chicken Zigger Burgers Sundried Tomato Mayo <b>or</b> Pork Rib Steaks with B.B.Q Sauce <b>or</b> Vegetable Ravioli  Selection of Vegetables, Potatoes, Plain Pasta, & Rice Salad	Soup of the Day  Minted Lamb Burgers <b>or</b> Chicken Fajitas <b>or</b> Macaroni Cheese  Selection of Vegetables, Potatoes, Plain Pasta, & Rice Salad	Soup of the Day  Battered Fish with Tartare Sauce <b>or</b> Spicy Bean Burger <b>or</b> Meat Balls in Tomato Sauce  Selection of Vegetables, Potatoes, Plain Pasta, & Rice Salad	Soup of the Day  Lemon Pepper Chicken Baguette <b>or</b> Pasta Carbonara <b>or</b> Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese  Selection of Vegetables, Potatoes, Plain Pasta, & Rice Salad	Soup of the Day  Roast Chicken Portions <b>or</b> Omelettes <b>or</b> Veggie Hot Dog & Onions with Sweetcorn Relish  Selection of Vegetables, Potatoes, Plain Pasta, & Rice Salad	Soup of the Day  Southern Fried Chicken <b>or</b> Pasta with Italian Sauce <b>or</b> Scampi  Selection of Vegetables, Potatoes, Plain Pasta, & Rice Salad	Soup of the Day  Roast Pork <b>or</b> Hot Dog Sausage <b>or</b> Pasta in a Cream and Mushroom Sauce  Selection of Vegetables, Potatoes, Plain Pasta, & Rice Salad
<b>Pudding</b>	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
- 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 2024 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”).

## **Leadership & Life Skills\***

This programme offers a blend of language development and essential life skills through a series of seminars, workshops, and media-based projects which cover CV writing, interview skills, presentations and academic writing. The curriculum fosters creativity, critical thinking, and effective communication and it includes sessions designed to cultivate global leadership skills to prepare students for the modern professional world. This course is valid for PCTO funding.

\*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. All students aged between 8 and 10 will be automatically enrolled on the multi activity programme.

\*\*These programmes vary at each centre. A minimum of 10 students applies to each programme and each student will be asked to select a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	<b>Breakfast</b>
09:00 – 10:00	<b>Lesson 1</b>
10:00 – 10:15	<b>Break</b>
10:15 – 11:15	<b>Lesson 2</b>
11:15 – 11:30	<b>Break</b>
11:30 – 12:30	<b>Lesson 3</b>
12:30 – 13:30	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00 – 17:30	<b>Afternoon Activities</b>
18:30 – 19:30	<b>Dinner</b>
20:00 – 22:00	<b>Evening Activities</b>
22:00	<b>Bedtime</b>

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.

# University of Chester, Parkgate

## Sample Programme - Summer 2024

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	
Week 1	<b>Monday</b>	English Test	Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme	Message Disco
	<b>Tuesday</b>	Lessons	<b>Chester Orientation &amp; Chester Cathedral</b>	Paparazzi or Conversation Club
	<b>Wednesday</b>	Lessons	Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme	Quiz Night
	<b>Thursday</b>	Lessons	<b>Wales with Conwy Castle</b>	Mini-Olympics or Conversation Club
	<b>Friday</b>	Lessons	Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme	Karaoke
	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Manchester with City of Manchester Stadium Tour</b>		Attractions
	<b>Sunday</b>	Free Time, Activities or Optional Excursion		Film Night
Week 2	<b>Monday</b>	Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme	Lessons	Red Vs. Blue
	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Chester with Cheshire Military Museum &amp; Roman Tour</b>	Lessons	Trashion Show or Conversation Club
	<b>Wednesday</b>	Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme	Lessons	Oscars
	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Llangollen with Heritage Railway</b>	Lessons	Around the World or Conversation Club
	<b>Friday</b>	Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme	Lessons	Talent Show
	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Liverpool with Beatles Story</b>		Leaving Disco
	<b>Sunday</b>	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
- 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 2024!*

