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Brighton Plumpton College

Centre Handbook

2027



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Thank you very much for your interest in our centre in Brighton, Plumpton College. 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 2027 at Plumpton College.

Summary

College

AI & Digital Workshops

STEM

Drama

Dance

Football

Short Transfers

The Centre

Plumpton College is situated in the beautiful East Sussex countryside, on the edge of the South Downs National Park. Surrounded by rolling hills, open spaces and picturesque landscapes, the campus offers students a peaceful setting in which to study and enjoy a range of activities. The nearby towns of Lewes and Brighton provide opportunities to explore the local area, although transport is required to reach most amenities.

The campus benefits from extensive CCTV coverage, helping to maintain a safe environment for students and staff. Access to the accommodation and college buildings is controlled through a swipe card system, ensuring that only authorised individuals can enter.

Student accommodation is provided in single and twin bedrooms with shared bathroom facilities. The campus also offers a range of shared spaces, including common rooms, where students can relax and spend time together outside their lessons and activities.

Students have access to a variety of facilities across the campus, including a dining room, classrooms, a sports hall, gym and library. The extensive grounds provide plenty of outdoor space for students to enjoy, relax and take part in sports and organised activities.



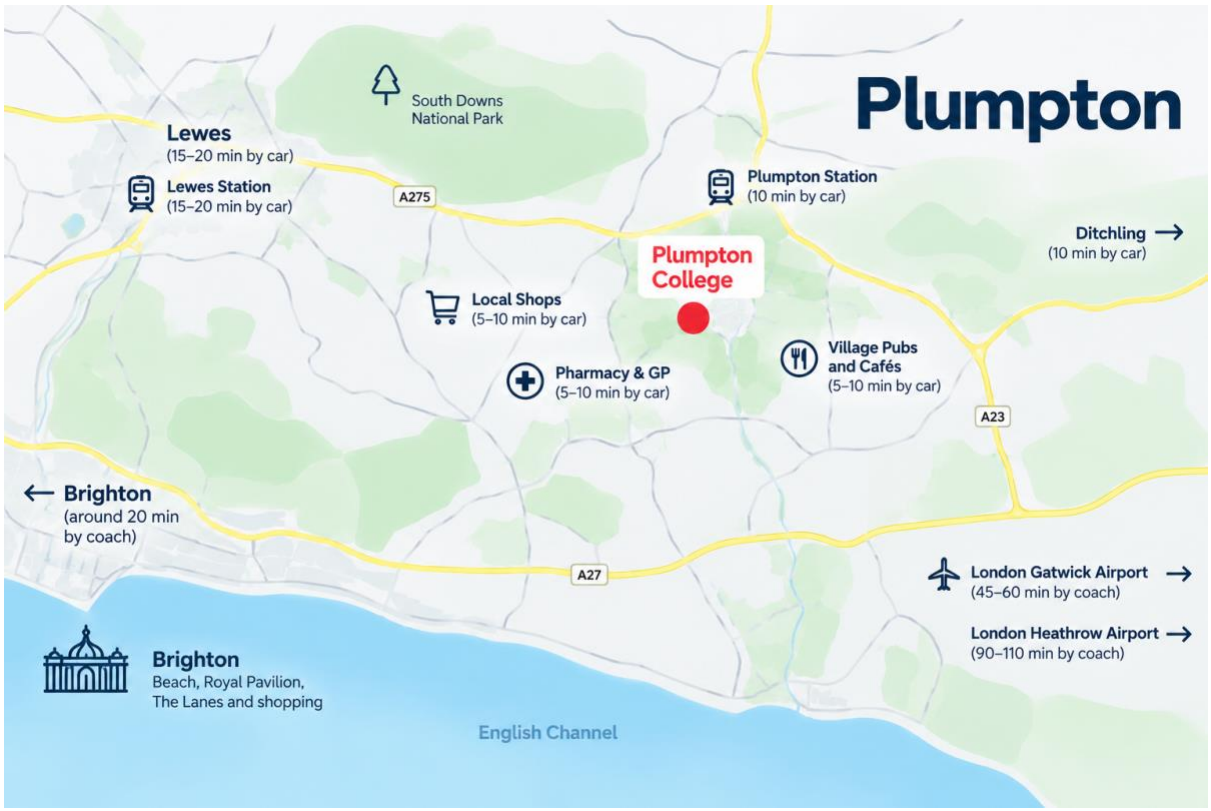
Location

Plumpton College, Ditchling Road, Plumpton, East Sussex BN7 3AE.

Set in the beautiful East Sussex countryside, Plumpton College is surrounded by the rolling landscape of the South Downs. The campus offers a peaceful, spacious setting, giving students the chance to enjoy the outdoors while taking part in a wide range of activities. And when it's time for a change of scene, the famous seaside city of Brighton is just around 20 minutes away by coach. Students can explore its beach and seafront, the Royal Pavilion, the Lanes and its lively shops and cafés, making Plumpton an ideal base for enjoying both countryside and coast.

Airport Transfers

Heathrow Airport: 1 hr 45 mins
Gatwick Airport: 55 mins
Stansted Airport: 2 hours 45 mins



Local Amenities

Please Note:
Plumpton College is situated in a rural location, with limited access to local amenities outside the campus. The college has its own shops and catering facilities. There are also vending machines around the site, offering cold drinks and snacks, which are kept fully stocked.
For additional leisure, cafés, restaurants and shopping, Lewes town centre offers a selection of independent shops, cafés and restaurants, while Brighton provides a wider choice of attractions, shopping and entertainment. These destinations require a pre-booked car or taxi, or a suitable bus service, and all visits must follow the college's approved transport and supervision arrangements. Students must have permission from the relevant Group Leader and must not travel to these destinations alone. They must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Bus stops
There is a public bus stop at the top of the college driveway, as well as another public bus stop on campus. Services are limited, so students should check the timetable and travel with their Group Leader.

Train Station
Plumpton railway station
Approximately 1.7 miles away; allow around 5–10 minutes by car/taxi. Walking is not recommended as a practical student route. Pre-book transport.

Pharmacy
Local Pharmacy (Ditchling)
Address: 2 South Street, Ditchling, BN6 8UQ. (3–3.5 miles / 8–10 minutes by car/taxi from campus).

St Anne's Pharmacy
Address: 50 Western Road, Lewes BN7 1RP (10–15 minutes by car/taxi from campus).

Supermarket
Tesco Superstore
Address: Brooks Road, Lewes BN7 2BY (10–15 minutes by car/taxi from campus).

Village Store
Address: Station Road, Plumpton Green, Lewes, BN7 3BS (2–2.5 miles / 5–7 minutes by car/taxi from campus).

Sainsbury's Local
Address: 22–24 Keymer Road, Hassocks, BN6 8AN (4.5–5 miles / 10–15 minutes by car/taxi from campus).

ATM
An ATM is available on campus, inside The Hundred snack bar and common room.
Cash machines are also available in Lewes town centre, including at/near Nationwide, 59 High Street, Lewes BN7 1TG (approximately 10–15 minutes by car/taxi from campus).

Dentist
St Anne's Dental Practice
Address: 11 St Anne's Terrace, Lewes BN7 1RH (10–15 minutes by car/taxi from campus).

Hospital/A&E
Princess Royal Hospital
Address: Lewes Road, Haywards Heath RH16 4EX (20–25 minutes by car/taxi from campus).

Lewes Victoria Hospital

Address: Nevill Road, Lewes. (4–4.5 miles / 10–15 minutes by car/taxi from campus).

The hospital offers a walk-in clinic and minor injury treatment.

Healthcare: If a student feels unwell, tell a member of UKLC staff immediately. For urgent, non-life-threatening medical advice, UKLC staff will support the student to contact NHS 111 (online or by phone) and follow the advice given, including which service to attend. Do not assume that a GP, walk-in service or hospital can provide a same-day appointment. For a life-threatening emergency, call 999. If hospital treatment is required, the Group Leader must accompany the student. If the Group Leader is unavailable, a UKLC team member must accompany the student instead. Centre Management must be informed and the Senior Leadership Team notified. If a student is injured during an excursion and requires hospital treatment, both a UKLC team member and the relevant Group Leader must accompany the student. Any costs or charges incurred in connection with the hospital visit, including transport, are the student's responsibility. UKLC staff will support arrangements and communication.

Taxi

GM Taxis Lewes

Phone: 01273 477567.

Website: gmtaxislewes.co.uk. Pre-booking is essential for campus pickups.

Lewes Station Taxis

Phone: 01273 569219.

Website: lewesstationtaxis.co.uk. Pre-booking is essential for campus pickups.

Lewes town centre

Approximately 5–6 miles away; allow around 10–15 minutes by car/taxi.

Shops, cafés, supermarkets, cash machines and other services are in town. A car/taxi or a suitable bus service is required; this is not a practical walk.

Please Note:

Cafés and Restaurants: All cafés and restaurants listed in this handbook are located off campus and require students to arrange suitable transport. Visits must be planned in advance and undertaken in accordance with UKLC's supervision and permission requirements.

Restaurants

The Half Moon

A traditional country pub situated close to Plumpton College, at the foot of the South Downs. The Half Moon offers a welcoming atmosphere, seasonal menus and dishes prepared using locally sourced ingredients. It is a convenient option for students looking to enjoy a traditional pub meal in a countryside setting.

Address: Ditchling Road, Plumpton, East Sussex BN7 3AF

Walking distance from Plumpton College: approximately 0.3 miles (6–8 minutes' walk).

The Bull

Located in the heart of the historic village of Ditchling, The Bull is a traditional 16th-century pub with a modern approach to British dining. Its menu features seasonal dishes, locally sourced ingredients and classic favourites, alongside a lovely beer garden and outdoor dining area.

Address: 2 High Street, Ditchling, East Sussex BN6 8TA

Distance from Plumpton College: approximately 2.5 miles (around 50 minutes' walk, or a short drive).

The White Horse

A welcoming village pub in Ditchling, serving traditional British pub food, including fish and chips, burgers and hearty seasonal dishes. With its charming walled garden and relaxed atmosphere, it is a lovely place to enjoy a meal after exploring the surrounding countryside.

Address: 16 West Street, Ditchling, East Sussex BN6 8TS

Distance from Plumpton College: approximately 2.5 miles (around 50 minutes' walk, or a short drive).

Accommodation

The college offers residential accommodation in one main accommodation block, with single and twin bedrooms, all with shared bathroom facilities. The overall bathroom ratio is approximately 1:4.2.

Group Leaders will be accommodated within the same residential building as their students, allowing them to provide overnight supervision and support, alongside the UKLC team. Group Leaders will use designated adult bathrooms, shared with other adults of the same gender.

The accommodation is divided into separate corridors, each with its own access card system. Group Leaders will be provided with access to all corridors in which their students are accommodated, ensuring they can carry out their overnight supervision responsibilities.

There is extensive CCTV coverage throughout the accommodation, particularly in corridors and stairways, helping to maintain a safe and secure environment.

Room Allocation

We divide the students up according to their age, gender and group. We take into consideration any specific requests, e.g. friends who want to share. 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

Bedding is changed weekly, alongside a full room clean. Bins are emptied three times a week, while bathrooms, toilets and corridors are cleaned daily. The cleaning team is on site daily and can assist with any additional cleaning needs. **Towels are not provided.**

An in-house laundry service is available once a week. Laundry baskets are left in the corridor, and students' laundry is washed, dried and returned to the corridor for collection. The service costs £4 per load.

Key Loss

Each student will receive an access card for his corridor and a hard key for their room (group leaders will have access to all corridors their students are staying in).
If any key card is lost during the stay, there will be a £30 fee for a replacement (£5 for the card key and £25 for the hard key).

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.

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.

Meal times

Breakfast: 08:00–09:00
Lunch: 12:30–14:00
Dinner: 18:30–20:00

Sample Menu 2027

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Breakfast	Sweet waffles, Yogurt and summer fruits. Continental meats & Cheese Cereals, Yogurts, toast & Jam's Fresh fruits Fruit Juice, Coffee, Tea	English or Vegetarian Sausage Cheese Muffin with Eggs & Hash brown Cereals, Yogurts, toast & Jam's Fresh fruits Fruit Juice, Coffee, Tea	Fluffy pancakes Eggs and Bacon Cereals, Yogurts, toast & Jam's Fresh fruits Fruit Juice, Coffee, Tea	English Sausage & eggs Waffle and Beans Cereals, Yogurts, toast & Jam's Fresh fruits Fruit Juice, Coffee, Tea	Sweet waffles, Yogurt and summer fruits. Continental meats & Cheese Cereals, Yogurts, toast & Jam's Fresh fruits Fruit Juice, Coffee, Tea	English or Vegetarian Sausage Cheese Muffin with Eggs & Hash brown Cereals, Yogurts, toast & Jam's Fresh fruits Fruit Juice, Coffee, Tea	Fluffy pancakes Eggs and Bacon Cereals, Yogurts, toast & Jam's Fresh fruits Fruit Juice, Coffee, Tea
Lunch	Hunters breast of Chicken or Falafel (V) Healthy Dish of the day Selection of Potatoes & Vegetables Daily Pasta or Noddle Bar Selection of Fresh Salads and proteins from the Salad Bar. Jacket Potato Fresh Fruit basket Home-made Cakes and Biscuits (Changes Daily)	Meatballs or Gnocchi (V) in Tomatoes sauce with Pasta Healthy Dish of the day Selection of Potatoes & Vegetables Selection of Fresh Salads and proteins from the Salad Bar. Jacket Potato Fresh Fruit basket Home-made Cakes and Biscuits (Changes Daily)	Sweet & sour Chicken or Tofu (V) with Rice Healthy Dish of the day Selection of Potatoes & Vegetables Daily Pasta or Noddle Bar Selection of Fresh Salads and proteins from the Salad Bar. Jacket Potato Fresh Fruit basket Home-made Cakes and Biscuits (Changes Daily)	Chicken or Quorn (V) Schnitzel Healthy Dish of the day Selection of Potatoes & Vegetables Daily Pasta or Noddle Bar Selection of Fresh Salads and proteins from the Salad Bar. Jacket Potato Fresh Fruit basket Home-made Cakes and Biscuits (Changes Daily)	Fish Friday Breaded Filet of fish Halloumi fingers Healthy Dish of the day Selection of Potatoes & Vegetables Daily Pasta or Noddle Bar Selection of Fresh Salads and proteins from the Salad Bar. Jacket Potato Fresh Fruit basket Home-made Cakes and Biscuits (Changes Daily)	Tandoori Chicken or Vegetable Curry with Rice and puppodums Healthy Dish of the day Selection of Potatoes & Vegetables Daily Pasta or Noddle Bar Selection of Fresh Salads and proteins from the Salad Bar. Jacket Potato Fresh Fruit basket Home-made Cakes and Biscuits (Changes Daily)	Roast Chicken with Lemon & Thyme Goats cheese & pepper tart (V) Healthy Dish of the day Selection of Potatoes & Vegetables Daily Pasta or Noddle Bar Selection of Fresh Salads and proteins from the Salad Bar. Jacket Potato Fresh Fruit basket Home-made Cakes and Biscuits (Changes Daily)
Dinner	Home Made Turkey Goujons or Mushroom Nuggets (V) Selection of Fresh Salads and proteins from the Salad Bar. Jacket Potato Fresh Fruit basket Home-made Cakes and Biscuits (Changes Daily)	Asian spiced Chicken or veggie burger Daily Pasta dish Selection of Fresh Salads and proteins from the Salad Bar. Jacket Potato Fresh Fruit basket Home-made Cakes and Biscuits (Changes Daily)	Beef Ragout or Vegetable Ragout Daily Pasta dish Selection of Fresh Salads and proteins from the Salad Bar. Jacket Potato Fresh Fruit basket Home-made Cakes and Biscuits (Changes Daily)	Macaroni "N "Cheese Ham or Veggie (V) Selection of Fresh Salads and proteins from the Salad Bar. Jacket Potato Fresh Fruit basket Home-made Cakes and Biscuits (Changes Daily)	Beef or Veggie Tachos Daily Pasta dish Selection of Fresh Salads and proteins from the Salad Bar. Jacket Potato Fresh Fruit basket Home-made Cakes and Biscuits (Changes Daily)	Beef or Vegetable (V) Lasagne Selection of Fresh Salads and proteins from the Salad Bar. Jacket Potato Fresh Fruit basket Home-made Cakes and Biscuits (Changes Daily)	"Paella" Daily Pasta dish Selection of Fresh Salads and proteins from the Salad Bar. Jacket Potato Fresh Fruit basket Home-made Cakes and Biscuits (Changes Daily)

Technology

Wi-fi is available in all the houses and parts of the campus and is password protected. We normally only give this password out to Group Leaders / adults due to it being a university campus and limited on firewall security. It is at the Group Leader's discretion whether they give these details to their students.
There are no public phones on site.

Security

There is extensive CCTV coverage on campus and duty security officers as well as overnight security officers including 24 hour security.

Emergency contacts: Each student will be given a wristband when they arrive, and this will have the following emergency telephone number printed on it: 0044 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 feel unwell, 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 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 curriculum based on the students' age, level and needs, structured into four different programmes:

FUN (ages 8-10)
Engaging lessons that offer a wide range of materials and activities specific for our young learners, making games into lessons and lessons into games. Available in levels A1-B1.

CONNECTION (ages 10-13)
Dynamic lessons covering a variety of topics and media, designed to engage students using tools native to the fast-paced world they are growing up in. Available in levels A1-C1.

ACTION (ages 13-16)
Lessons tailored for learners stepping into their teenage years. This programme focuses on activating students' knowledge and competencies to balance developing a personal voice while contributing effectively to a team. Available in levels A1-C1.

PURPOSE (ages 16-18)
Lessons tailored for our students approaching adulthood, designed to kickstart their lives not only as maturing youths but also as forward-thinking global citizens. Available in levels A1-C2.

The Connection, Action, and Purpose programmes consist of three different lessons a day:

FOCUS ON LANGUAGE
These lessons aim to empower 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).

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP
This programme is designed to equip students with essential 21st-century skills, focusing on leadership development, communication and teamwork. Students build the confidence and competencies needed to grow into empowered young adults.

FOCUS ON CULTURE
These lessons combine CLIL and British culture, allowing students to use English to explore a range of disciplines, including art, literature, natural sciences, as well as the history and geography of the UK

Placement tests

We offer classes at four levels, from elementary to advanced. 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 will 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 journal and a pen.
Students are taught in class sizes up to 16.

Programme

All UKLC summer programmes include:

- 15 hours or 21 hours of English lessons per week
- Full board accommodation in residence.
- A full programme of excursions, activities and evening entertainment.
- 1 free group leader for every 15 students.
- Placement test on arrival and End-of-Course Certificate.

15 Hour Programme:

• 15 hours of English lessons
• 6 hours of Activity Sessions
• 6 hours of English Plus Electives

21 Hour Programme – Intensive English:

• 21 hours of English lessons
• 6 hours of English Plus Electives

English Plus Electives – new for 2027

Students can choose from a range of English Plus electives and sign up during their stay. These sessions allow students to personalise their programme, enjoy activities they love and continue developing their English skills.

English Plus Electives available at this centre

1. **Football Coaching:** Structured football coaching develops technical skills, teamwork and game awareness. Sessions also place importance on preparation and recovery, including appropriate warm-ups, cool-downs and nutrition to support healthy sporting participation.
2. **Dance Classes:** An energetic, inclusive programme introducing a range of dance styles while developing musicality, coordination, confidence and creative expression. No previous dance experience is required, and students can participate at their own pace.
3. **Drama Lessons:** A practical, confidence-building programme exploring storytelling, character, improvisation and communication. Students develop vocal expression, imagination, collaboration and everyday speaking skills, with activities adapted to different ages and English levels.
4. **STEM Workshops:** Four hands-on workshops encourage students to think like scientists and engineers as they investigate, design, build, test and improve ideas. The emphasis is on teamwork, problem-solving, practical discovery and explaining outcomes in English.
5. **AI and Digital Workshops:** Four practical workshops help students explore AI and digital tools creatively and critically. Students develop digital literacy, problem-solving and responsible AI habits, while building or shaping a digital outcome and explaining their ideas.

At centres operating a zig-zag programme, lessons may also take place in the afternoon. This is confirmed on the final programme provided before arrival.

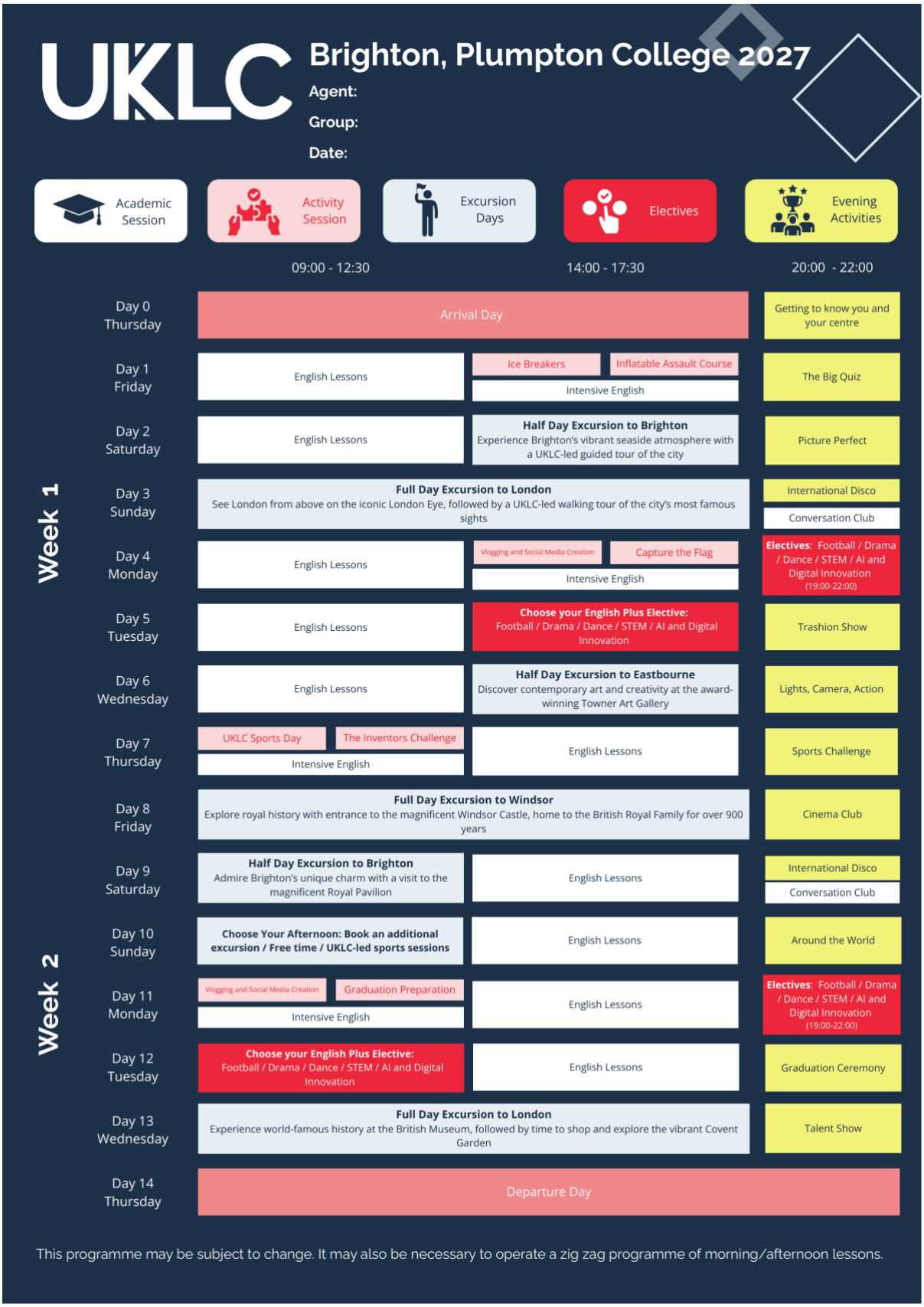
A typical day for students

08:00 – 09:00	**Breakfast**
09:00 – 10:00	**Lesson 1 or Activities or chosen programme or excursion**
10:00 – 10:15	**Break**
10:15 – 11:15	**Lesson 2 or Activities or chosen programme or excursion**
11:15 – 11:30	**Break**
11:30 – 12:30	**Lesson 3 or Activities or chosen programme or excursion**
12:30 – 13:30	**Lunch**
14:00 – 15:00	**Lesson 1 or Activities or chosen programme or excursion**
15:00 – 15:15	**Break**
15:15 – 16:15	**Lesson 2 or Activities or chosen programme or excursion**
16:15 – 16:30	**Break**
16:30 – 17:30	**Lesson 3 or Activities or chosen programme or excursion**
18:00 – 18:45	**Dinner**
20:00 – 22:00	**Evening Activities**
22:30	**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.

Brighton, Plumpton College Sample Programme

Please note: This is a sample programme and may be subject to change. It may also be necessary to operate a zig zag programme of morning / afternoon lessons.



Facilities

- Climbing Wall
- Dance studio
- Indoor sports hall
- Outdoor sports fields
- E-suites

Indoor and outdoor table tennis

Final access to facilities and any age/time restrictions will be confirmed in the 2027 centre arrangements.

Evening entertainment

UKLC Activity Teams deliver fun and engaging evening activities for students to practise their English, make new friends and enjoy their time at the centre.

Students receive their evening activity programme on their first day. Activities can include:

Lights, Camera, Action – students re-enact famous film scenes, create scripts in English and perform for the centre.

Talent Show – students can perform singing, dancing, acting and other talents.

Trashion Show – students create outfits from recycled or unexpected materials and take part in a catwalk.

International Disco – students socialise and dance to music from around the world.

Around the World – teams take part in activities inspired by different countries.

Picture Perfect – a creative team activity designed to encourage collaboration and English communication.

The Big Quiz – students work in teams to test their knowledge across a range of fun topics.

Conversation Club – an opportunity for students to practise speaking English while discussing interesting topics.

New for 2027: ***Evening Electives*** – once a week, students can choose from a range of evening activities, giving them more opportunities to personalise their programme.

We look forward to welcoming you to Plumpton College, Brighton in summer 2027!