



University of Brighton | International
College



Welcome

Congratulations on accepting your place at the University of Brighton International College. This guide will help you through the next steps.

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What you need to do next

Before you receive your visa

Step 1

Use your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) letter to apply for a visa at a suitable Visa Application Centre. Your Kaplan representative (or Kaplan's Admissions, Visa and Applicant Services team if you applied directly) will give you more information on how to apply for a visa, and will help you at each step of the process.

Step 2

If you have not already booked your accommodation, use the accommodation guide and information on our **website** to choose the option you want. Then complete the online **accommodation form**.

Step 3

You will receive an accommodation confirmation letter and an Accommodation Agreement. Complete and return it to **pathways.accommodation@kaplan.com**

Step 4

When you have received your visa, book your flights to the UK. You need to arrive in Brighton in time for Welcome Week. This is where you receive important information about your course and life in the UK.

Step 5

Read the arrival options in this guide. Complete the online **pre-arrival form** to tell us when you are arriving and how you will travel from the airport to your accommodation.

Step 6

Prepare everything you need to bring to the UK using our checklist of what to pack (see page 8).

Important visa information

Students applying for a visa to come to the UK for more than 6 months will first be given a 30-day entry clearance vignette (sticker) in their passport. You must arrive in the UK during this 30-day period, then collect a Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) after you arrive. This will be valid for the full length of your course at the University of Brighton International College.

You will also receive a letter telling you when and where to collect your BRP – this should be the College if you have entered the correct Alternative Collection Location (ACL) code in your visa application. You might be required to show this letter to immigration officials at the airport, and you should collect your BRP as soon as possible.

Please contact the College as soon as you arrive in the UK for assistance in collecting your BRP. If you experience any difficulties, please speak to a member of the College Services team immediately.

After you receive your visa



When you arrive at the airport

Free coach service

We organise a free coach service on certain dates to collect students from London Heathrow airport. You will be notified of the meeting point in advance and the coach will bring you directly to your accommodation. There will be a representative from the College waiting for you at the airport to assist you with the coach transfer.

If you use this service and have booked alternative accommodation, you will need to arrange travel from the College accommodation to where you are staying. Our friendly staff can help you book a taxi in this case.

Private transfer service


If you cannot arrive on the dates and times of the free coach service, we can also organise a private taxi to collect you from various UK airports. We strongly recommend you use this service as it will take you straight to your accommodation.

Please use the **pre-arrival form** to choose your preferred date for the free coach service or to see the airports and prices for the private transfer service.

Public transport

The College is accessible by several types of transport. Here are some ideas of how you can travel to your accommodation by public transport:

London Gatwick Airport to Brighton


 **Train:** trains run regularly from Gatwick Airport South Terminal to Brighton.

Journey time: approx. 30 minutes

Price: approx. £15 one-way

👉 nationalrail.co.uk


London Heathrow Airport to Brighton

 **Train:** the London Underground connects at Victoria Station. Trains run frequently to Brighton from Victoria.

Journey time: approx. 2.5 hours

Price: approx. £30 one-way

👉 nationalrail.co.uk

 **Bus:** National Express coaches run from all Heathrow Terminals to Brighton.

Journey time: approx. 2 hours 30 minutes

Price: approx. £28 one-way

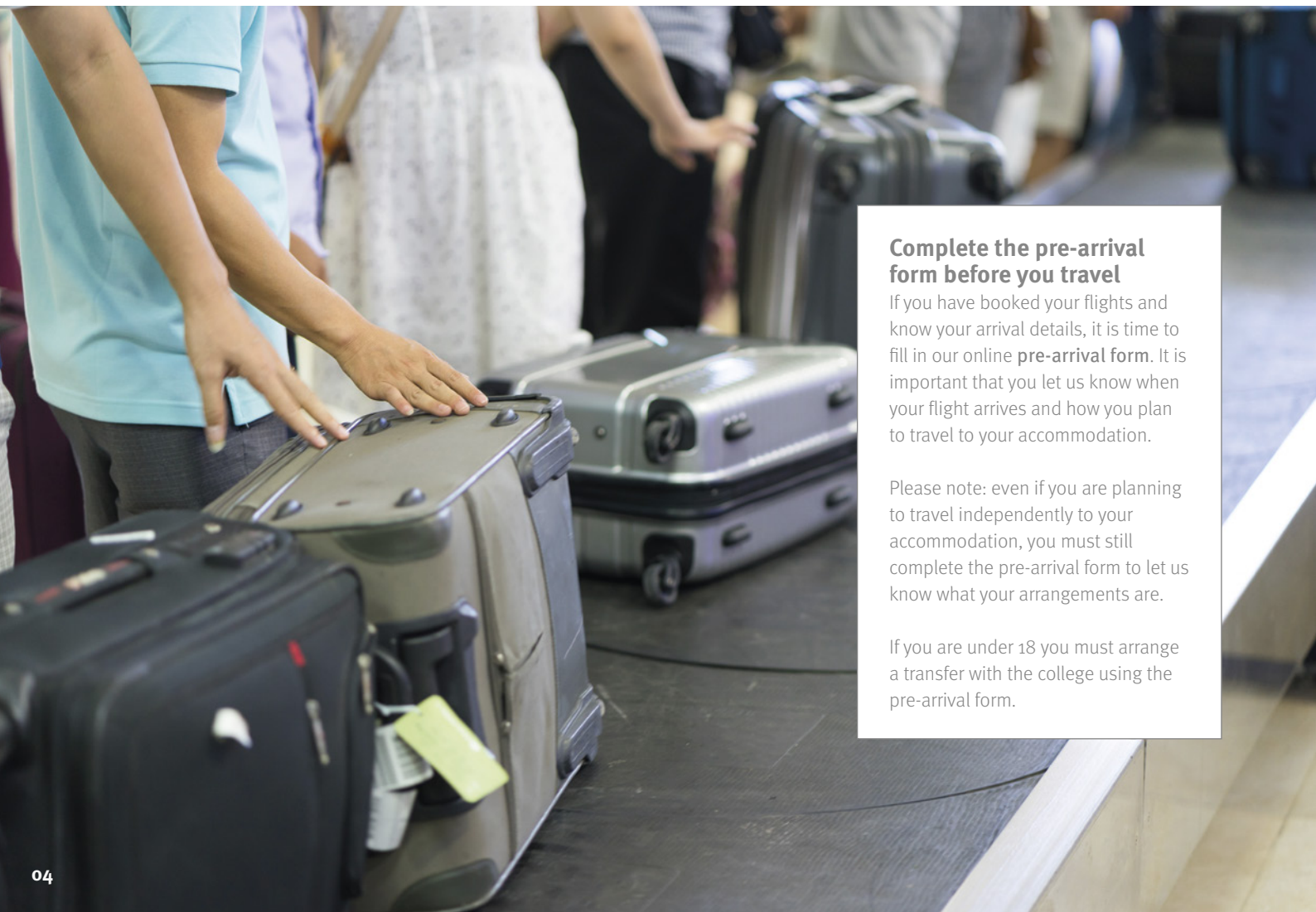
👉 nationalexpress.com

Complete the pre-arrival form before you travel

If you have booked your flights and know your arrival details, it is time to fill in our online **pre-arrival form**. It is important that you let us know when your flight arrives and how you plan to travel to your accommodation.

Please note: even if you are planning to travel independently to your accommodation, you must still complete the pre-arrival form to let us know what your arrangements are.

If you are under 18 you must arrange a transfer with the college using the pre-arrival form.



When you arrive at your accommodation

Student residence

When you arrive at your accommodation, providing you have let us know your arrival details via our online booking form, plans will be in place to welcome you to your new home. In your room, you will find:*

- welcome letter
- student starter pack

You will be responsible for your own cooking once you arrive. The student starter pack provides some of the basics for cooking and eating, but you can buy anything extra you may need when you arrive.

If you have booked accommodation in Varley Park, an email will be sent to the main contact on your application form to arrange connection to the WiFi and if you register

in advance, you will be able to access the internet when you arrive. In all other residences, you will have WiFi access when you arrive in your room, so you can contact your family and friends immediately to let them know you have arrived.

To find out more, [click here](#).

* Except for rooms in the Britannia Study Hotel as they come completely prepared with bedding and kitchenware.



When you arrive at the College

Welcome week

The International College's Welcome Week lasts 1 to 5 days, depending on your course. It is very important that you arrive in time for this. You'll enjoy a wide range of social activities and tours of the local area, and receive useful information about your life in the UK, including:

- course details
- academic support
- UK laws and culture
- meeting new people and making friends
- finding places of religious worship
- public transport
- local shops and restaurants
- opening a bank account
- registering with a doctor*
- registering with the police (if required)

Click here for a sample of the Welcome Week timetable.

* Students from within the European Union will require European Health Insurance (E111). For more information, visit the E111 website.

What documents to bring with you

Please check this list before you leave your home country, keep all the documents and information in your hand luggage and bring them with you on your first day at college. Your enrolment will be conditional until you provide all the correct documents. Formally certified translations must be provided for any documents not in English.

- ☐ The original academic qualification used in your visa application, with a certified translation if not in English
- ☐ Original UKVI IELTS used for your visa application (unless you are exempt)
- ☐ Valid passport and entry clearance visa
- ☐ The visa approval letter which tells you where to collect your Biometric Resident Permit (BRP)
- ☐ Proof of your address in the UK (such as confirmation e-mail, tenancy agreement, utility bill or a letter from family member)
- ☐ Your BRP, if you have already collected it

You only need to bring these additional documents if they apply to you:

- ☐ If you are a sponsored student, you must bring your original sponsorship letter. Please also make 1 photocopy of this document.

Under 18s:

- ☐ You must bring a copy of your underage consent form. Please also make 1 photocopy of this document
- ☐ The current details of your guardian in the UK if you don't have an agreement with a particular company like College Guardians
- ☐ The details of your transfer arrangements from the airport such as a taxi booking
- ☐ The name and contact number for the person you will meet at the airport
- ☐ The emergency contact number for your college (detailed in this guide)



Prepare for your College course

What you will study

You will take modules in 3 main areas:

- Academic skills
- English language
- Specific subjects

Course textbooks

When you arrive at the College, your teachers will provide you with information on the textbooks you need. You do not need to buy any books before you arrive. You can do general reading about your subject and its modules before you arrive, as well as revising the mathematical, scientific or English language skills that you will need on your course.

Links to help you prepare

College Applicants' area

This site will show you the modules you will take on your course, and will allow you to book your accommodation, prepare for a visa interview, and book your airport transfer.

👉 kaplanpathways.com/brighton-applicants

University website

Learn more about your degree and what you will study each year at the University by visiting its website. Some degrees also tell you the course books used in the modules, as well as a recommended reading list.

👉 brighton.ac.uk

Brighton events

Find out about exciting events happening in Brighton, and plan your social life for when you first arrive.

👉 visitbrighton.com

👉 welovebrighton.com

👉 studentbeans.com

Connect with the College community before you arrive

Search: @UBICBrighton

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#kaplanlife

Example timetable

Your pathway course timetable will contain compulsory classes and additional activities. See the table below for an example of a timetable at the College.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:00–11:00	Specific subject	English language	Academic skills	Independent study	Specific subject
11:00–13:00	Independent study	Specific subject	Specific subject	English language	English language
13:00–14:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
14:00–16:00	Specific subject	Academic skills	Independent study	Tutorial	Specific subject
16:00–18:00	Academic skills	Independent study	Specific subject	Academic skills	Tutorial



What you need to pack

- ❑ **All the documents needed for enrolment and entry into the UK (see page 6):** Keep these in your hand luggage, along with The emergency contact number for your college (detailed in this guide), so you can easily access them when you arrive in the UK.

- ❑ **Clothing:** The UK is famous for its changeable weather! In summer, the temperature is around 20°C, and in winter between -3°C and 10°C. You can buy many of the clothes you need in the UK, but you should still bring some warm clothes and a waterproof jacket. You do not need any formal clothes (such as a suit), as students dress casually for classes.

- ❑ **Mobile phone and laptop:** We can provide you with a local SIM card shortly after you arrive.

- ❑ **Money:** It can sometimes take several weeks to open a bank account in the UK, so we recommend you bring at least £1,000 with you to the UK. Separate your money and bring £200 in cash (£10 or £20 notes) and the rest on your debit card. Please note that you might be charged a fee in the UK when withdrawing money from an international account.

Unfortunately, as the International College is a private education provider, you are not permitted to work while you are studying. This is in accordance with UK law, and Tier 4 visa rules. You therefore need to make sure you have enough money to cover your living costs while you are studying on a Tier 4 visa.

- ❑ **Prescription medication (if needed):** You should bring at least a 2-month supply of prescription medication with you. You should also check whether your prescription medication is available in the UK.

- ❑ **Medical Screening Certificate (if needed)***

Examples of prices in the UK

Sandwich	£2–£3.50+
Meal at a restaurant	£10–£30+
Tea / coffee	£1.50+
Cinema	£8.50+
Bus (per single journey)	£2.60
Weekly bus travel card	£13.50 student saver
Mobile phone bill (monthly)	£15–£40+

Remember:

Check the luggage weight limit for your flight to the UK. This is usually around 20kg.

If you are staying at our residences, you do not need to bring any of the items listed in the student starter pack.

* Depending on the country you are from, you may need to be medically screened for tuberculosis (TB). Your Kaplan representative will ask you to do this before you apply for your visa. Students who have a Medical Screening Certificate will need to bring this document with them to the UK and show it with their visa at the airport on arrival. For more information and to check if you need to be medically screened, please visit the UKVI website.

Student starter pack

For students staying at our residences, we provide a starter pack with basic items like bedding and cooking equipment.**

This means you don't have to bring them from home or buy them when you arrive. See below for a list of typical contents.

Bedding

- Duvet and duvet cover
- Pillow and pillowcase
- Double fitted sheet

Cooking equipment

- Large stainless steel frying pan (24cm)
- Stainless steel saucepan (18cm)
- Slotted nylon turner
- Nylon ladle
- Vegetable peeler
- Plastic colander
- Solid nylon spoon
- Slotted nylon spoon
- Tin opener

Tableware

- Dinner plate
- Side plate
- Cereal bowl
- Mug
- Glass tumbler
- Cutlery (fork and spoon)*

Plus

- Toilet roll
- Small hand towel
- Toiletries pack (including miniature bath & shower gel, hand & body lotion, shampoo & conditioner, and soap)

Please note: actual contents of the student starter pack may vary.

† For legal reasons, the College is not permitted to provide knives of any kind to students under 18 years of age.

** Britannia Study Hotel rooms come fully equipped with bedding and kitchenware, so there will be no starter pack.



Contact us

If you have any questions before you arrive in Brighton, contact us and we will do our best to help. We are really looking forward to welcoming you at the University of Brighton International College.



College contact details

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International College telephone number

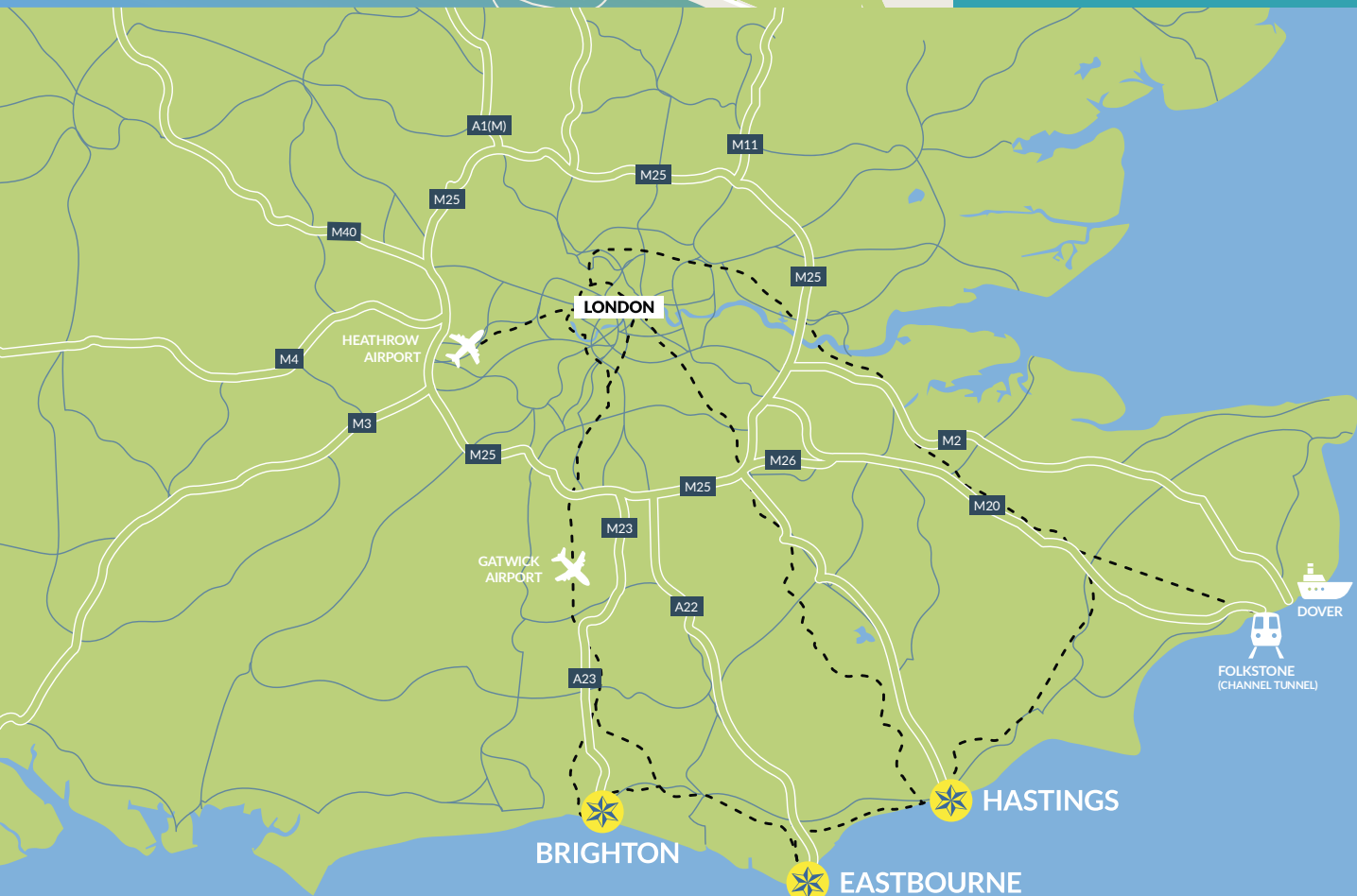
☎ +44 (0)1273 641050

College emergency arrivals number (in use during registration intakes only)

☎ +44 (0)7967 162205

Emergency services number (police, fire brigade, ambulance)

☎ 999





Find out more

Visit the links below or contact us for more information. We look forward to helping you make Brighton your new home!

Click on the useful links below:

- 🖱️ [University of Brighton International College pre-arrival information](#)
- 🖱️ [Accommodation at UBIC](#)
- 🖱️ [Prepare for your studies at UBIC](#)
- 🖱️ [The University of Brighton](#)
- 🖱️ [Student life in Brighton](#)
- 🖱️ [Guide to Brighton](#)

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