

Worcester International

News & Events



Your festive round-up from the International Experience team.



HELLO & WELCOME!



Welcome to our second Worcester International Newsletter - the Christmas edition! The next few pages are packed full of things to see and do over the festive period. From carols in the Cathedral to carousels at the Christmas Fayre, we've got you covered!

FESTIVE ADVENT CALENDAR

On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me... the [International Christmas Advent Calendar!](#)

Open a new door each day to find a new festive offering. Don't forget to share how you get on each day, there may even be some prizes for your efforts!



P.S. This one doesn't count!

CHRISTMAS PRIZE DRAW

And speaking of prizes... this month's prize draw is a chance to win a box of Christmas cheer! A box of fun Christmas treats to keep you smiling on these cold winter days.

To enter, simply count the number of festive Worcester swans you can see hidden in this newsletter and email the answer to international-experience@worc.ac.uk. This prize draw is open to students only so don't forget to include your student number!

Entry deadline: 9.12.21. Winner drawn: 10.12.21

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS



What a busy semester we've had so far, pumpkin picking, chatting and crafting, a fantastic Diwali celebration, a trip to beautiful Broadway and a Thanksgiving feast! And it's not over yet, we still have time for a few more fabulous events!

MALVERN WINTER GLOW 8.12.2021 @16:30

Enjoy a magical night experiencing Malvern's Winter Glow! Take a whirl around the ice skating rink, followed by a chance to warm up with some winter treats before you explore the beautiful Illuminated Light Trail.

PRICE REDUCED: Christmas is coming and we're spreading the Christmas cheer by offering another incredible discount on this trip. At this price they will sell out fast so if you'd like to go book soon!



Book your tickets [HERE](#)
DISCOUNTED PRICE: £10



CHRISTMAS SOCIAL!

15.12.2021 13:00 - 16:00

We are very disappointed to announce that unfortunately we've had to cancel our Christmas Party.

But don't despair, we still want to celebrate with you! We'll be hosting a Christmas Social drop-in in our new global hangout - The Globe @Jenny Lind!

Join us for some festive food and drink, games and Christmas treats. Hope to see you there!

Where: The Globe @Jenny Lind -
outside JL 018

When: Wednesday 15th December -
anytime between 13:00 - 16:00



FESTIVE FORTNIGHT – STUDENTS' UNION

Thursday 2nd December

- Christmas card making with the LGBTQ+ Network – The Hangar – 11:30am-2pm

Friday 3rd December

- Saints Dance Show - The Hangar - 6pm – student tickets £3.50 - non-student tickets £5 (£1.50 of each ticket sold will be donated to RAG) - under 12s tickets £1

Monday 6th December

- Christmas Bingo – The Hangar – hosted by Netball - 8pm – £2 entry

Tuesday 7th December

- Knit and Knatter drop-in session - The Hangar - 2pm-6pm
- Quiz Night - The Hangar - hosted by Athletics - 7pm – £1 entry

Wednesday 8th December

- Christmas Worcester Wednesday

Thursday 9th December

- Taskmaster Quiz and the meaning of Christmas - The Hangar - hosted by Christian Union - 7pm - free entry

Friday 10th December

- Christmas Jumper Day
- Christmas Karaoke - The Hangar - 7pm – £2 entry

Saturday 11th December & Sunday 12th December

- Loco Show Co Winter Pantomime: Peter Panto - Drama Studio - 6pm – student tickets £5 - non-student tickets £7 - free entry for children under 5

Monday 13th December

- Craft Day with the Biology Society – The Hangar - 1pm-4pm
- Film Night hosted by the Film Society - Love Actually - The Hangar - 6pm

Tuesday 14th December

- Christmas Quiz hosted by Football - The Hangar - 7pm – £1 entry

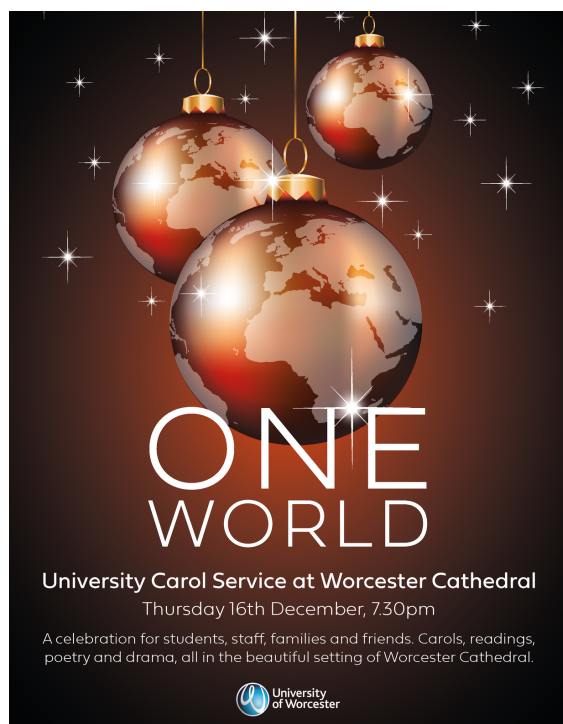
Wednesday 15th December

- Dodgeball Tournament hosted by Cheerleading - University Arena - 4-6pm - £2 per person or £1 spectators fee - sign up via @worsinners Instagram page or email dren1_19@uni.worc.ac.uk

For more information about any of these events please visit - www.worsu.com/festivefortnight



UNIVERSITY EVENTS



UNIVERSITY CAROL SERVICE

16.12.2021 @19:15

The University Carol Service is always a wonderful event and the perfect way to feel the Christmas spirit.

The service will feature traditional carols, readings, poems and performances from fellow students.

No need to book, just come along. Please arrive at 19:15 as the service will start at 19:30

CHRISTMAS DINNER

08 - 09.12.2021 12:00-14:00

Enjoy a traditional British Christmas dinner, complete with Christmas cracker, in Made dining room.

The Christmas dinner menu is available on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th December from 12:00 - 14:00.

Tables must be booked in advance via the catering outlets or via extension 2624.

Christmas Dinner

8TH & 9TH DECEMBER 12PM-2PM

TO RESERVE A TABLE WITH CRACKERS IN THE MADE DINING ROOM MAKE A BOOKING IN PERSON AT ANY OF THE CATERING OUTLETS OR CALL US ON EXT 2624

MAIN COURSE

SAGE ROASTED TURKEY BREAST, ONION & DRIED FRUITS STUFFING, PIGS IN BLANKETS

NUT ROAST & MUSHROOM LOG, FETA & ONION JAM

ALL MAINS SERVED WITH ROSEMARY ROASTED POTATOES, PARSNIPS & CARROTS GLAZED IN MAPLE SYRUP, STEAMED SPROUTS

DESSERT

CLASSIC CHRISTMAS PUDDING, ORANGE BRANDY SAUCE

FUDGE BROWNIE, CARAMEL SAUCE & WHIPPED CREAM

ONE COURSE £5.95 TWO COURSE £8.10



UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION EVENTS

Staying in your University accommodation this Christmas? The Accommodation and Residential Life team has some Christmas fun lined up for you if you are! More details of the events below will be sent out to so don't forget to let them know if you're staying so you don't miss out!

ARE YOU STAYING WITH US
OVER THE FESTIVE PERIOD?

Your Festive Events 2021

Thursday 16th December- Christmas Movie Night

Friday 17th December- Christmas Jumper & Hat Day

Wednesday 22nd December 16:00-19:00 - Winter Warmer Event

Thursday 23rd- Christmas Hampers Delivery/Collection

Thursday 30th December - Hot Chocolate & Worcester Hunt

Follow us on social media to keep up to date with our Events
over the Christmas Period

You can also contact your **Residential Life Team**
on: ResidentialLife@worc.ac.uk

Are you leaving Worcester for the Festive Period?

Make sure you remove perishable items and empty your rubbish bins.
Switch off all sockets, shut the windows and lastly... Lock the door!

Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year
The Accommodation Team





CHRISTMAS ON CAMPUS

Please remember that Christmas Day is a public holiday and supermarkets, shops and most businesses will be closed. These services are also likely to have varying opening hours over the Christmas period.

The opening hours for the main services on campus are:



Campus Store

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| Monday 20th December - Thursday 23rd December | 08:00 - 18:00 |
| Friday 24th December | 08:00 - 12:00 |
| Saturday 25th December - Monday 3rd January | Closed |
| Tuesday 4th December - Friday 7th January | 08:00 - 18:00 |
| Saturday 8th January - Sunday 9th January | 10:00 - 16:00 |
| Monday 10th January | Open as usual |

Made Dining Room

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| Monday 20th December - Thursday 23rd December | 08:00 - 16:30 |
| Friday 24th December | 08:00 - 12:00 |
| Monday 27th December - Friday 31st December | Closed |
| Tuesday 4th December - Friday 7th January | 08:00 - 16:30 |
| Monday 10th January | Open as usual |

Hangar

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| Monday 20th December - Friday 31st December | Closed |
| Tuesday 4th January | Open as usual |



CHRISTMAS IN WORCESTER

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS FAYRE

2.12.21 - 5.12.21

This incredible Victorian Christmas Fayre will host almost 200 stalls across the city centre, selling local arts and crafts, delicious street food and gifts.

As well as a wonderful array of stalls and a fantastic programme of entertainment, look out for Victorian characters in Gin Lane, lofty entertainers on stilts, brilliant musicians on our stages and buskers on every street corner.



The Fayre opening hours are:

- Thursday 2 December 12noon-9pm
- Friday 3 December 11am-9pm
- Saturday 4 December 10am-8pm
- Sunday 5 December 11am-5pm



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

01.12.21 - 02.01.22

Once again Worcester Cathedral are hosting the spectacular Festival of Christmas Trees. Walk the medieval cloister and enjoy the magical sight of 91 beautifully decorated trees.

Each tree is provided and decorated by local schools, businesses and charities which includes an offering from the University of Worcester. The theme of our tree this year was international. Look out for some handmade decorations made by some of our fantastic international students and staff!

Wednesday 1st - Saturday 5th December

Tickets are not needed on these dates but you may need to queue as numbers in the cloister are limited.

Monday 6th - Thursday 23rd (excluding Sundays)

Tickets are needed. Please note this event is very popular and tickets are selling quickly.

Entry to this event are free but donations are gratefully received. Click [here](#) for tickets and for more information.



HOMESTAY & FESTIVE VISITS



VIRTUAL TEA PARTY

Interested in finding out more about homestays in the UK? HOST UK would like to invite you to their Virtual Tea Party to tell you more!

This fun event is an opportunity to learn more about HOST, meet new friends, share jokes and riddles and take part in games and quizzes.

For more information and event tickets, click [here](#).



FESTIVE HOMESTAY

Staying in the UK over Christmas? Curious about what a real British Christmas is like? Well HOST UK would like to invite you to find out through their homestay programme.

These festive visits offer a 'home away from home' experience and are a unique opportunity to be part of family life. Visits can take place over a day or a weekend.

For more information please visit [HOST UK](#) or contact them via [email](#).

Applications for festive visits close on 8th December.

A red poster for 'Festive Visit Applications Now Open!!!'. At the top right is the 'HOST UK' logo with the tagline 'welcoming international students'. Below the logo is the text: 'Tis the season to be jolly'. The main text reads: 'FESTIVE VISIT APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!!!'. Below this, it says: 'APPLY ONLINE FOR A DAY OR OVERNIGHT FESTIVE VISIT' and provides the website: 'www.hostuk.org'. At the bottom, it says: 'FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL US ON HOSTUK@EILUK.ORG'. The poster features illustrations of holly leaves, snowflakes, a Santa Claus, and a snowman. At the bottom right is the 'Experiment in International Living UK' logo.

YOUR EXPERIENCE

Not Christmas related but before we go we'd love to share a few words from fellow international students, Dominic and Lauren about their experiences on this semester's trips. A big thank you to both of them for sharing with us. Don't forget if you have anything at all you'd like to share in the next edition we'd love to hear from you!

DOMINIC ON PUMKIN PICKING

"Perhaps the pumpkin country farm was one of the most unforgettable moments that I have experienced from the international team. Of course, this was because of the inclusive people that were at the event as well as the whole of the session. "

Dominic,
Winner of the pumpkin competition.



LAUREN AND THE BROADWAY TRIP

"I was very excited when I learnt I'd won the trip. I know it's hard to go to the Cotswold without a car, so being able to visit (especially for free) was a great experience.

I enjoyed touring Broadway. It was a pity that the tower was under construction, but I liked visiting the shops and getting coffee in town. I felt like I was in a Christmas Hallmark movie.

I'd recommend trips from the international experience because you are going on trips with people in the same position you are. It can be a great way to meet new friends in an exciting environment outside of the university."

Lauren, the winner of the prize draw



FROM THE INTERATIONAL EXPERIENCE TEAM

We hope that you've enjoyed this Christmas edition and that it will be useful in helping you to make the most of the festive period in Worcester. We would love to see any pictures you take and hear about any of the events you take part in!

The team will be available on campus or via email until midday on Christmas Eve, Friday 24th December. The office will then be closed during the University Christmas closure days and will reopen on Tuesday 4th January 2022. We look forward to coming back in the new year, rested, recharged and ready for another fantastic semester!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

So all that remains is to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a wonderful new year!

With our very best wishes,

The International Experience team.

