

Worcester International *News & Events*



Your regular round-up from the International Experience team.



WELCOME TO OUR SPRING EDITION!

Welcome to semester 2 and the new spring edition of the Worcester International newsletter!

As always the edition will be packed with useful information and details of what's coming up over the next few weeks to make sure you don't miss a thing!

AT A GLANCE

We are so excited about all the events we have coming up over the next few months! You'll find all the details over the following pages but below are a few of the highlights.

While some of them need no introduction, others might be totally new to you, but trust us, we've chosen only the best for you! So get those calendars ready and start booking in a few of these fantastic events!



- Chinese New Year
- Malvern Hills Walk
- Prize Draw Winner
- Go Green Week
- Light Night in Worcester



- Cardiff & St. Fagans Trip
- St. David's Day event



- Harry Potter Warner Bros. Studio Tour

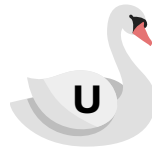
INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE TRIPS

MALVERN HILLS WALK

19.02.22 10:00 - 16:00

Ready to get out, stretch your legs and blow away those winter cobwebs? This Malvern Walk is the perfect answer!

Join Catherine, our resident Malvern Hills expert guide, for a walk along the beautiful Malvern Hills. Breathe in the fresh air and enjoy the breathtaking views before stopping for a well earned lunch, there will be the opportunity to buy sandwiches and snacks or you're welcome to bring picnic lunch. You'll take a trip to St. Anne's Well to collect some pure Malvern Hills spring water before returning back to campus.



Tickets: FREE

Includes: Return coach travel

Get your tickets using [this link](#)

CARDIFF & ST FAGANS

12.3.22 8:45 - 19:30

[St. Fagans National Museum of Wales](#) is a hidden Welsh gem. Set in 100 acres of parkland St. Fagans is home to over 40 historic buildings, spanning almost 1000 years of Welsh history. From ancient churches and farm houses to Tudor merchant house and the 1920's local village stores, this is an experience not to be missed.

After a morning at St. Fagans you will take a short coach journey into Cardiff city centre where you will be free to explore all this impressive city has to offer. From Cardiff Castle to Cardiff Bay, the Museum to the Principality Stadium and all the shops, cafe's, bars and restaurants in between. There really is something for everyone in this city.



Tickets: £15

Includes: Return coach travel and entry to St. Fagans National Museum of Wales.

Get your tickets using [this link](#)

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE TRIPS



HARRY POTTER STUDIOS

03.4.22 8:15 to 18:30

The [Harry Potter Studio Tour](#) has long been one of the most popular trips we've run. And you don't need to be a Harry Potter fan to feel the magic of this incredible studio tour.

Start by entering the Great Hall before moving behind the scenes to explore a huge range of props and how the magic is made. Fly a broomstick, get on the Hogwarts Express and walk through the Forbidden Forest. Not to mention a visit to Gringotts and a stroll along Diagon Alley. Stop for a butterbeer along the way and end up in the most impressive gift shop you can possibly imagine. This trip is truly a one off!

Due to the popularity of this attraction the cost of entry to the Studio Tour is high. Taking this into account the International Experience team have decided to heavily subsidise the travel costs, significantly reducing the ticket price for this trip.

Tickets: £52

Includes: Return travel coach and entry to Harry Potter Studio Tour

You can purchase [your ticket here](#).

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE EVENTS

CHINESE NEW YEAR

06.02.22 12:00 - 15:00

2022 is the Year of the Tiger! Join us at the Hive for a wonderful display of traditional Chinese New Year celebrations.

Dragon dancers, cultural displays, traditional singing and much much more.

The perfect way to experience and celebrate Chinese culture while welcoming in the Year of the Tiger.



ST DAVID'S DAY

01.03.22 10:00 - 14:00



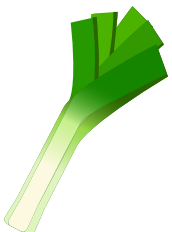
St. David is the patron saint of Wales. March 1st marks the day of his death in 589AD. Each year on this day Wales celebrates it's rich heritage and culture with music, performances, traditional dress, and, of course, food!

So if you'd like to know more about Wales and the Welsh (why do they wear leeks on their clothes?!), have a go at speaking Welsh and, of course, try a few tasty Welsh treats, come and join us for our St. David's Day Celebration drop-in!

Date: Tuesday 1st March

Where: The Globe at Jenny Lind (near JL G018)

When: Drop in between 10:00 and 14:00



INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE REGULAR EVENTS

As well as our one off trips and events we also host regular drop-in sessions every Tuesday. These will alternate between The Globe at Jenny Lind and the Hangar on St. John's Campus. The different sessions are themed with either crafts or games, but really they're just a chance to get together and catch up, so if games or crafts aren't your thing, we'd still love to see you and say hello!

CHAT & GAMES

Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday

Ludo? Checkers? Or maybe something more contemporary? Catan or Azul? Or maybe you have a game you'd like to bring along?

Join us at The Globe at Jenny Lind (near JL G018) on the Tuesdays listed between 12:00 - 14:00 and give it a go!

- Tuesday 15th Feb
- Tuesday 1st March
- Tuesday 15th March



CHAT AND CRAFT

Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday

Already a crafting superstar? Not really sure what 'crafting' is? Just fancy doing a bit of doodling? Whatever the answer we are the group for you! From mindful colouring to crochet, or if you just want to hang out and have a chat, anything goes!

Join us in The Hangar on the Tuesdays listed between 12:00 - 14:00.

- Tuesday 8th Feb
- Tuesday 22nd Feb
- Tuesday 8th March
- Tuesday 22nd March



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LIFE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NETWORK

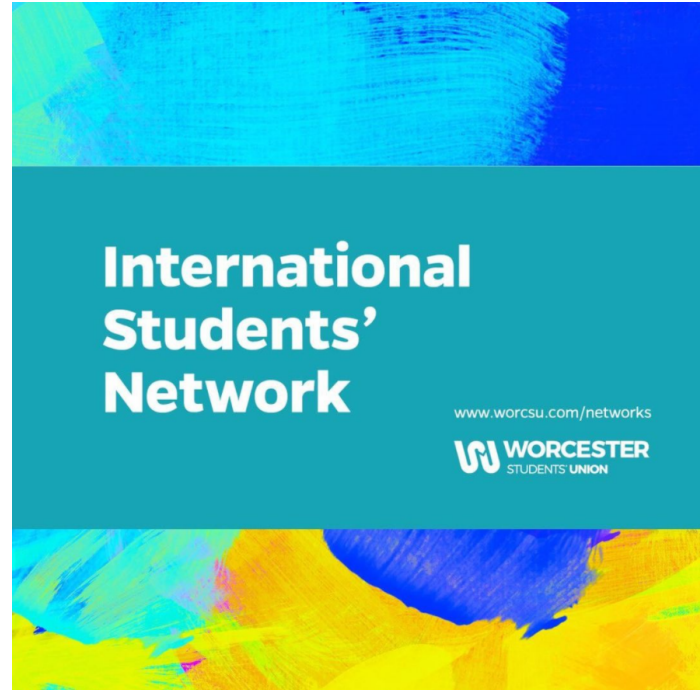
Are you a member of the International Student Network yet? If not why not!!

The network that is there to support & represent international students at the University! They organise events and collaborate with other societies & networks to bring students the best possible experience!

The committee is currently working hard to create some fantastic new events for members so sign up to make sure you don't miss out!

Membership is free and you can join [here](#).

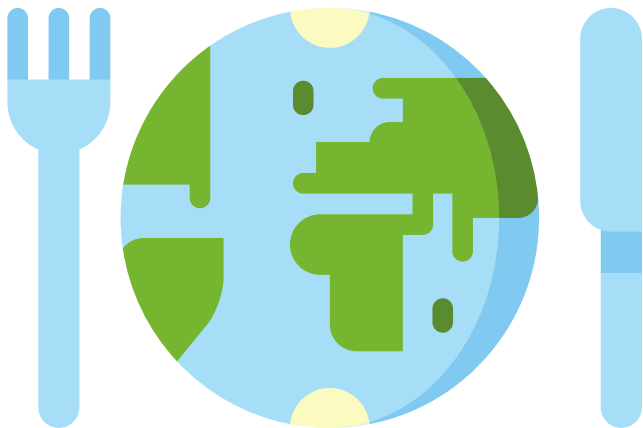
For more information, follow us on our Instagram @uow.intl



INTERNATIONAL & CULTURAL EVENTS?

- Want to know more about the other cultures of your fellow international students?
- Would you like to share your culture with others?
- Is there a festival coming up at home that your going to miss?
- Have an idea for an event that you'd love to run?

We would love to hear from you! We are always looking for ideas for new cultural and international themed events and we know, the best ideas always come from you! So if there's something you'd love to see us do, or something you'd love some help putting together please let us know, we'd love to help!



STUDENTS' UNION HIGHLIGHTS

LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS

Your vote makes a huge difference to the Students' Union and the experience of Worcester students.

If you're interested in becoming the voice of students, nominations for the roles of President, Vice President Education, and Vice President Student Activities will be open from 14th – 28th February.



Click here for more [information](#).

THE HANGAR

The Hangar is open every Monday to Friday from midday, and is the place to come on campus to relax and unwind.

The regular weekly lineup includes

- Tuesday Quiz Night
- 2 for £8 cocktails on Thursday
- Friday Night Karaoke.
- Plus pool tables, darts, board games and a brand new Xbox for you to play!

And coming soon...

- Strictly Dance Competition
- Take Me Out
- Election Results Party
- Varsity After Party

For all the latest, follow @thehangarsu on Facebook and Instagram.

STUDENTS' CHOICE AWARDS

Do you have an outstanding lecturer? Or is one of your modules particularly amazing? Have any of your lecturers gone above and beyond during the Covid-19 pandemic?

The [Students' Choice Awards](#) give you the opportunity to nominate staff that you think deserve extra recognition for their work.



DON'T FORGET....

- February is LGBTQ+ History Month. Keep an eye on the [SU social media](#) for updates on related events.
- Virtual All Student Meeting 15th Feb at 13:15.
- The new Worc Hard Play Hard! has launched. Check it out [here](#).

EVENTS ON CAMPUS

GO GREEN WEEK 07.02 - 11.02. 2022

Every year Worcester Go Green Week brings students, staff, and community together to share ways to live a sustainable life. We can't wait to see you there for an amazing and fun week! #GGW22

Click [here](#) a full list of activities and [here](#) for more information about sustainability at UW or follow on Instagram @go_green_week22



Fancy a Cuppa?

Free drink, biscuit and chat

Hosted by Student Wellbeing Champions and Student Services staff each week in semester time



Check website for specific times and dates.
www.worc.ac.uk/studentsupport/cuppa-event



The Student Support and Well-being services provide support across several areas. They cover topics such as student life and safety, homesickness, relationships, students health and wellbeing and many others. You can speak to a team member directly via studentlife@worc.ac.uk.

Find more information about the support services [here](#).

FANCY A CUPPA?

Tue & Thurs 12-1 pm @Fristpoint

Fancy a Cuppa' is an opportunity for students to make contact with support staff and come together with other students in an informal casual setting. It is hosted by Student Wellbeing Champions and Student Services Staff and is open to all students across all years and academic courses. Free hot drinks and biscuits are available.

Join Fancy a Cuppa? in firstpoint every Tuesday and Thursday 12-1pm.

Follow the Student Wellbeing Champions on Instagram - @studentwellbeingchampions and [Facebook](#) for news on other events.



WHAT'S ON IN WORCESTER?



LIGHT NIGHT IN WORCESTER

23 & 24 February

Come out to play at Light Night 2022! The streets of Worcester will become a playground of immersive and interactive artworks alongside intriguing and playful performances. Bringing light, joy and fun to the dark nights.

The [programme](#) looks great this is one not to miss!

SWAN THEATRE

If you are looking for a cultural experience, a theatre is a great start. Here in Worcester, we have the Swan theatre which offers a variety of shows and plays.

From drama to comedy to sing alongs with The Greatest Showman or Bohemian Rhapsody, there's something for everyone!

Check their website [here](#) for more information.



LANGUAGE CAFÉ



Aimed at intermediate and advanced language learners who want to improve fluency, these informal gatherings provide a relaxed environment to practice your language skills.

It's free to take part and you don't need to pre-book!

- French and Spanish – Every Monday 10:00am-12:00pm
- Italian – Last Tuesday of every month - 10:30-12:30pm
- Russian – Second Thursday of every month - 7:00pm-8:30pm

Explore the full list of the Hive library events [here](#).



EXCHANGE & STUDY ABROAD

Do not miss the opportunity of expanding your horizons and getting to know the world while studying with one of our trusted partners! Any questions? Do get in touch!

You have until the 31st of March to apply to spend the spring semester of your second year abroad.

Cristina, our International Mobility Coordinator, is available for appointments both remotely and in person to help with your queries. You can book a virtual appointment via firstpoint or by getting in touch with international-experience@worc.ac.uk.

YOUR EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES

Olivia - University of Turku, Finland

"I am almost half-way through my exchange and it is already clear that choosing to live and study in Finland was the best choice for me. From befriending brilliant Finns and exchange students from across the world, to experiencing a country filled with natural beauty, uniquely represented through each season- it is refreshing to gather new perspectives from places and people that are different to what I knew before. I am being shaped in ways that would not be possible by remaining in the comfortable norm of only studying in the UK and I will surely take a little bit of Finland home with me."



Eimantas - Trier University, Germany

The study abroad program offers a great insight into variety of cultures, for me personally this has allowed to build a big family with people all over the world and feel connected their cultures to some extent. I recommend for anyone who has the opportunity for the study abroad program, to take it! Not only does this program open new horizons with people you would have never thought you've meet but also has great added value for your employability.

Studying in Trier is wonderful as it opens so many opportunities to meet differently cultured people, allowing for one to be part of a big Erasmus family internationally. I recommend anyone who is heavily interested in culture/history then to at least visit Trier once or even take the study abroad program here as I did, this small city offers just that - Excitement / Culture / Diversity.



YOUR EXPERIENCE

TRIPS & EVENTS

We've loved hearing your feedback from the events that took place before Christmas. The word 'amazing' featured a lot!

Thank you so much to all of you who took the time out to let us know what a great time you had and share your pictures.



WINNER OF THE CHRISTMAS PRIZE DRAW

Thank you to all of you who entered our last prize draw. Those Christmas swans did get everywhere!

And thank you to Jessie, our winner, for this lovely message about her 'British Christmas' prize:

"It's beyond my expectations! Thank you so very much, it is quite a box 😊 and I love all of it." Jessie

Congratulations Jessie, we're so glad you loved it!

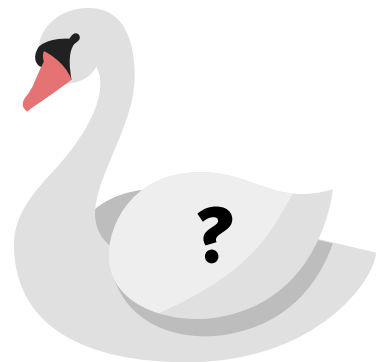


SPRING PRIZE DRAW

Well those swans are back again! This time they're all wearing a letter on their wings. Find all the swans hiding in this edition and rearrange their letters to make a word. Once you have the word email us at international-experience@worc.ac.uk along with your name and student number and you'll be entered into the prize draw.

And the prize? This time the prize is a free place on the Cardiff & St. Fagans trip on March 12th. It's going to be a fantastic trip but even better if it's free!

The deadline for entries is 9:00 on Tuesday 15 February, and the winner will be announced later the same day. Good luck!!!



USEFUL INFORMATION

SEMESTER 2 DATES

Semester 2: 17 January 2022 – 27 May 2022

- Teaching commences (Semester 2): 17 January 2022
- Progress Week: 28 February - 4 March 2022
- Easter Break: 11 April - 22 April 2022
- Teaching recommences after Easter Break: 25 April 2022
- Assessment Weeks: 2-13 May 2022
- Reassessment Weeks: 4-15 July 2022



USEFUL CONTACTS

International Experience: international-experience@worc.ac.uk

International Student Advisors: isa@worc.ac.uk

Language Centre: language@worc.ac.uk

Firstpoint: firstpoint@worc.ac.uk or 01905 542551

24 Hour Security: 01905 855000 or 07977 973956

Student Support & Wellbeing: studentlife@worc.ac.uk

Counselling & Mental Health: cmh@worc.ac.uk or 01905 542832

(Urgent appointments available via firstpoint only)

Money Advice: firstpoint@worc.ac.uk or 01905 542551



ANY FEEDBACK?

We hope you've been enjoying the newsletters and finding them useful. If you have any comments or feedback about what we've included, anything you would like to see in future editions, or if you'd like to contribute a story, blog or feature please let us know at: international-experience@worc.ac.uk. We'd love to hear from you!

