



# University of Chester, Parkgate

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Thank you very much for your interest in our University of Chester, Parkgate centre. 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 +44 (0)1244 577995 / fax +44(0)1244 579136.

We look forward to a successful summer 2018 at the University of Chester.



UNIVERSITY OF CHESTER

### SUMMARY



AMAZING  
CITY CENTRE  
LOCATION



HOMESTAY  
AVAILABLE



ENSUITE  
ACCOMODATION



COLLEGE OR  
UNIVERSITY



SWIMMING  
POOL



DRAMA



INTENSIVE  
ENGLISH



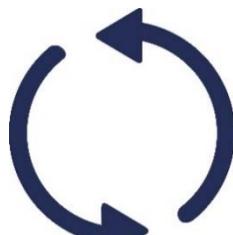
DANCE



LIFE SKILLS



FOOTBALL



SHORT  
TRANSFERS

## CENTRE DESCRIPTION

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 approx 300 beds in 3 houses onsite with up to 200 available off site a short walk away.

In this centre, we accept students from 11- 17 years old.



Binks Building

## LOCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CHESTER, PARKGATE ROAD, CHESTER, CH1 4BJ

Telephone Number - +44 (0)1244 511000

Location- Chester

Population - 120,622

It is a short distance to the city centre from the University of Chester - approx. 0.4 Miles (10 minutes' walk)

Airport transfers –

Manchester 35 minutes

Liverpool 40 minutes

Heathrow 3 hours 20 minutes



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.

## **LOCAL AMENITIES**

### Post Office

122 Northgate Street, Chester, CH1 2HT (0.5 miles / 10 minutes' walk)

### ATM

FREE ATM on site at Santander Bank

### Chemist

Well Centre – Fountains MC, Fountains Health, Delamere Street, Chester, CH1 4DS (0.4 miles / 7 minutes' walk)

### Hospital

Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Countess of Chester Health Park, Liverpool Road Chester, CH2 1UL (0.8 miles / 17 minutes' walk)

### Doctors

City Walls Medical Centre St Martins Way Chester, CH1 2NR (0.7 miles / 13 minutes' walk)

### Note

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, 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.

Bache Station, Mill Lane, Chester, CH2 1BS (0.8 miles / 18 minutes' walk) There are frequent, fast rail links to Liverpool.

### Taxi Companies

Abbey Taxis 01244 31818

Kingkabs 01244 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)

### Mad Hatters Tea Room

A multi-award-winning establishment located in the historic and unique building of The Rectory. With subtle English tea room eccentricity and a touch of 'Wonderland', the menu offers breakfast, light lunches, and the Mad Hatters' speciality, afternoon tea.

Address: 49 Bridge Street Row East, Chester, CH1 1NW

Walking distance from University of Chester: 0.8 miles (16 minutes' walk)

## Restaurants

### Telford's Warehouse

Telford's Warehouse is 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

The Boathouse is a unique pub situated right on the River Dee in Chester. The view and atmosphere are only half the experience with also 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

La Fattoria 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 2 residential blocks onsite with single ensuite rooms (Astbury and Grosvenor) and one house with standard accommodation (Church College Close). There are a further two ensuite houses off site (Fontessa and Sumner).

Astbury has a total of 85 beds made up of single ensuite rooms. There is 1 common room in this house.

Grosvenor has a total of up to 140 beds available to UKLC made up of single en-suite rooms. Each room has a kitchenette and there is 1 common room in this house.

Church College Close has a total of 84 beds 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.

Fontessa is off site and has a total of up to 80 ensuite rooms. Each room has a kitchenette and there is 1 common room in this house.

Sumner is off site and has a total of 160 ensuite rooms.

These houses and rooms are subject to change depending on availability.

All bedding and towels are provided.

Room Allocation - We divide the students up according to their age, gender and group. We take into consideration any specific requests, i.e. 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.

## HOMESTAY IN CHESTER

We offer homestay accommodation in Chester, which is provided through an independent local organisation, Deva English. Our homestay provision is available for students aged 11 – 17 years old, although we believe it is better suited to students aged 13+.

Deva 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.



### 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 card operated. It costs £2.40 per wash and £1.20 per dry and students must provide their own washing powder.

The Centre Manager will have access to a safe if it is required.

### 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 owns up, 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.

Cooked breakfast is supplied once a week on a Saturday. Meal times-

Breakfast: 8:00 until 8:45

Lunch: 12:30 until 13:30

Dinner: 18:30 until 19:30

If we are aware in advance, we can advise the catering staff of any dietary requirements and the canteen staff can cater to these.

## 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</b> *(V) Vegetarian option available	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 Bolognaise <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</b> *(V) Vegetarian option available	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 Or 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 Or 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 internet café on campus and you will have access to this 2-3 times a week 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.

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 to go off 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**

Remember:

- ✓ That there is a 24-hour emergency telephone number on the wristband (**0041244 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
- ✓ That the police are there to help and protect and can be asked for assistance!
- ✓ Never to respond to someone if you feel threatened, simply walk away!
- ✓ To give your money to the UKLC management team to put in the safe and never to carry large amounts of cash around
- ✓ To 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!
- ✓ To keep all windows closed when not in their bedrooms!

Insurance and valuables – Although all houses will be accessed via swipe cards or key coded entry systems, 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.

## 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. 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 level from A1-C1 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 an exercise book and a pen.

Students are taught in class sizes up to 16.

## PROGRAMME

All summer programmes include-

- 15 hours of English lessons
- Full board accommodation in residence or homestay
- Full programme of excursions, activities and evening entertainment
- Evening Conversation Clubs (optional)
- 1 Free leader for 15 students
- Placement Test on arrival and End of Course Certificate

The programme listed below are available at the University of Chester, Parkgate;

### **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 take part in two or three activities on rotation in each session.

### **English Plus Dance\***

For students with a passion for dance. Sessions are led by a specialist dance teacher and the programme works towards an end-of-course performance to the whole school. Sessions begin with a warm up before the introduction of new steps and techniques needed to create a dance routine. The second part of the sessions allows students to practise what they have learnt and rehearse routines for the final performance. Styles 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 are lead by 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 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. Students will build on their understanding of match tactic and playing systems. There are regular small-sided matched matches and a weekly competition.

### **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 placement test. The lesson content will be a continuation of the UKL4 programmes as outlined in the accompanying Academic Summary.

### **English Plus Life Skills\***

For students aged 14-17 who want more from their summer school experience. The purpose is to develop student in a way that is going to be useful to them as they go on to become young adults. They will undertake seminars and workshops on topics such as “CV writing”, “interview skills”, “Presentation skills”, “Writing for academic purpose”, “projecting confidence, competence and credibility” etc. Elements of this will be incorporated into project work that will be presented at the end of the course.

\*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 English Plus course or follow a level-specific Intensive English course.

\*\*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.

Week 1	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
	English Testing	Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme	English Lessons	Chester Orientation & Chester Cathedral	English Lessons	Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme	English Lessons	Wales with Conwy Castle	English Lessons	Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme	English Lessons	Liverpool with Beatles Museum	Free Time, Activities or Optional Excursion	

Week 2	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
	English Lessons	Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme	English Lessons	Chester with Cheshire Military Museum & Roman Tour	English Lessons	Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme	English Lessons	Llangollen with Steam Railway	English Lessons	Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme	English Lessons	Manchester with City of Manchester Stadium Tour	Depart	

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.

A full evening programme will be included. Activities could include Speed Dating, Paparazzi, Trashion Show, Disco and Quiz Night.

## PROGRAMME

A typical day for students –

08:00 – 09:00 – Breakfast

09:00 – 10:00 – Lesson 1

10:00 – 10:15 – Break

10:15 – 11:15 – Lesson 2

11:15 – 11:30 – Break

11:30 – 12:30 – Lesson 3

12:30 – 13:30 – Lunch

14:00 – 17:30 – Afternoon Activities

18:30 – 19:30 – Dinner

20:00 – 22:00 – Evening Activities

22:00 – Bedtime!

## FACILITIES AND USE

Sports facilities on site

- Sports hall
- Heated indoor swimming pool
- 2 x tennis courts
- 1 x athletic track
- 2 x marked 3G Astro-turf football pitches including moveable goals

Drama lessons will be held in the old gymnasium and dance lessons in the dance studio.

Sports available at this centre can include - football, handball, basketball, rounders, volleyball, cricket, uni-hoc, badminton, lacrosse, table tennis, tag rugby and tennis.

## Evening entertainment

The UK Language Course staff plan fantastic activities to make sure the students enjoy their evenings: 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

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

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 & 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

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

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 2018!*

