#goglobal – How will you go global this summer?

“I would recommend going global to anyone as it has greatly increased my confidence, allowed me to try new things and meet new people all whilst making me more employable.”

Amy, French Studies

If you don't have any plans for the summer yet – don't despair! It's not too late to go global – read about some of the great things you can still sign up for both on campus and overseas (and follow us on social media so you don't miss out next year!).

If technology is your thing, you could spend two weeks developing your entrepreneurial skills in India working on your own technology start-up ideas with the British Council – see www.britishcouncil.org/study-work-create/opportunity/funding-creativity/digital-india. They are also offering other internship opportunities in China – www.britishcouncil.org/study-work-create/opportunity/internships/generation-uk-internship.

Get inspired – get involved!

You may have seen a student or two sharing their stories about how they are going global this summer through #goglobal! There are an incredible number of opportunities at Warwick to go global, and we are here to help you find the perfect one for you.

Our very own Careers & Skills Centre also has a wealth of links to international job opportunities at www.warwick.ac.uk/careers/findingajob/abroad.

In term three, societies will continue to host their events. If you are culturally inclined, World@Warwick will continue to host their language café, language classes, parties and organised trips around the UK. Their website is www.warwicksu.com/worldatwarwick. For the more business-minded, Enactus offers you the chance to work on different projects with a global outreach (see www.warwicksu.com/societies/enactus) while Tedx brings you interesting talks by people from all over the world – see www.warwicksu.com/societies/tedxwarwick. Other societies offer equally exciting opportunities, so go explore at www.warwicksu.com/goglobal/societies.

Lastly, don’t forget – the whole of Europe and Britain is at your doorstep! If you want to go travelling, don’t forget to check our tips first at www.warwicksu.com/goglobal/travel.

Make sure you are up to date by following us on Facebook and Twitter, as we are always sharing amazing opportunities with you. The links are www.facebook.com/goglobalwarwick and www.twitter.com/warwickgoglobal. And get involved – share your plans to #goglobal on social media!
Student Barometer: why your views matter

The University of Warwick has reviewed the way it asks for feedback from students in order to minimise the number of surveys we ask them to complete. Therefore, University-endorsed surveys such as the Student Barometer are more important than ever.

Two Million students across 28 countries in five continents have participated in this independent student satisfaction survey. It asks students about their arrival, learning, living and support expectations and experiences.

From responses to previous Student Barometer surveys in summer and autumn 2014, we know that Warwick students are very satisfied with their overall university experience. The overall satisfaction rating in the International Student Barometer Autumn Wave 2014 was 91.7% – an increase of 1.7%. However, there are other areas, such as transport links and University-run eating places where you have told us you are less satisfied. The University does take your feedback seriously and acts on what you tell us, making a real difference to the student experience at Warwick for years to come.

The Student Barometer takes around 10 minutes to complete, so it is a really easy way of helping the University to understand your needs. The Summer wave will close on Friday 26th June so please make sure you give us your feedback before this date. The link to the survey was sent to your Warwick email account on Monday 27th April along with a message from the Vice-Chancellor.

As a thank you, you have the chance to win a £1,000 cash prize or a £100 Amazon.co.uk voucher (the University will be awarding vouchers to five lucky participants). If you would like to find out more about the results of previous surveys and what the University and Students’ Union has done as a result, please visit www.warwick.ac.uk/io/support/sb

Examination stress ...

The exam term has begun now and the final timetable is out: www.warwick.ac.uk/examtimetables. This can be a stressful time of course. The SU has put together a great website to help with this at www.warwick.ac.uk/feelgood and there are some quick tips at www.warwick.ac.uk/skills/recipes/revision. Also, the Counselling Service has information about managing exam anxiety at www.warwick.ac.uk/counselling/informationpages/managingexamxiety. Don’t forget that your personal tutor is a good source of advice too. Good luck!

Moving off campus

If you’re returning to Warwick for the next academic year you might be living off campus for the first time. This can be your chance to experience community life in the UK with neighbours who aren’t necessarily students. The SU has a useful page about living off campus and other resources you can access from: www.warwicksu.com/advice/housing

Houses off campus can be subject to council tax but if everyone in the house is a student you’ll be exempt from this. For more information see www.warwick.ac.uk/io/students/atoz/a-c

When you change address remember to let everyone know, including the police if you have to register (see www.warwick.ac.uk/policeregistration), the UKBA if you have a visa (use www.gov.uk/change-circumstances-visa-brp/overview) and the University by using https://start.warwick.ac.uk You must also inform your bank and doctor.

It’s worth having a look at the British Council’s guide called Creating Confidence for tips about finding private accommodation as well as safety matters: www.educationuk.org/global/articles/safety

If you’ll be away from Warwick over the summer and need somewhere to store your belongings there are some private storage companies listed at www.warwick.ac.uk/io/students/a-z/storage_companies. Also, if you’ll be away from your UK address for more than 2 months, you must let the police know this if you’re required to register with them. See www.warwick.ac.uk/policeregistration for more details.
Summer graduation

Here is some advice on inviting your relatives.

If you’re graduating from Warwick this summer, congratulations! There will be a form for you to fill in later this month at www.warwick.ac.uk/graduation even if you are not planning to attend your Degree Congregation. You must use this form whether you wish to attend, or to defer to a future ceremony, or to graduate in absentia.

You may be thinking of inviting friends and family to join you on your special day, in which case they will probably need to apply for a short term visa. The rules for Visitor Visas changed on 24th April 2015 so make sure they check the latest guidance before applying. The UK Visas & Immigration website has lots of useful information about what visa they would need – www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa. In addition to reading the advice on the Home Office website, we also suggest that your visitors prepare the following documents to support their application:

• An invitation letter – the Immigration Service cannot provide this but there is a sample letter on www.warwick.ac.uk/immigration/visitor/generalvisitor that you can adapt
• Evidence of accommodation in the UK such as hotel reservations
• Evidence of return or onward flight bookings
• Bank statements showing access to sufficient funds for the duration of the visit – we suggest allowing £200 a week
• Evidence of links to home country, such as employment or property
• A letter giving the date of your graduation ceremony, which you could request from the International Office by using www.warwick.ac.uk/immigration/current/statusletter

Rather than receiving an ‘entry clearance’ sticker in their passport giving the student permission to enter and stay in the UK for the length of their course, the new system will involve two stages. The student will be given a short-term entry clearance in their passport which will allow them 30 days to travel to the UK (based on the travel date they provide) and collect their ‘Biometric Residence Permit’ (BRP) which will show their permission to be in the UK for the rest of their course.

More guidance on the new system will be made available on the Immigration Service website as it becomes available. In the meantime, the Home Office has provided some information about how to collect your BRP on their website at www.gov.uk/biometric-residence-permits/overview.

Since the 6th April 2015, Tier 4 students (and other ‘overseas visitors’ to the UK, defined as a person who is not ordinarily resident in the UK) are charged a compulsory additional sum of money as part of their immigration application, payment of which will entitle the applicant to receive free health care under the National Health Service (NHS). New Tier 4 students and students submitting Leave to Remain applications will now be charged £150 for each year of the leave granted (any dependants will also need to pay the surcharge.) If the period of leave granted includes part of a year that is 6 months or less, the amount payable is £75 for that part of the health charge. For example, if the leave granted is 17 months, the health surcharge will be £150 + £75 = £225.

More information and exemptions from the Immigration Health Charge, please check our website at www.warwick.ac.uk/immigration/tier4/applying/healthsurcharge.

If you have completed a course at Warwick and are planning to start a new one here before 1st November 2015, make sure that you apply for your new Tier 4 visa before starting your new course. The Immigration Service website provides guidance on how to complete a new application and if you are in the UK you can use our Check and Send service: www.warwick.ac.uk/immigration/tier4/applying/batch. Even if your current visa has leave remaining, you must submit an application for your new course before you can enrol.

More guidance on the new system is available on our website at www.warwick.ac.uk/immigration/tier4/applying/batch. Even if your current visa has leave remaining, you must submit an application for your new course before you can enrol.

Warwick Cookbook

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: You may have already heard about the Warwick Cookbook, which as the second of its kind will be published as part of the celebration of Warwick’s 50th anniversary. We want to encourage students from all over the world to contribute recipes from their home countries, to give an international touch to the book! Please feel free to contribute any recipe you like – no matter whether it is simple or highly complex. Any additional information about the dish or its cultural meanings will be greatly appreciated as well and you could add them as an introductory comment.

If you would like to contribute a recipe (or many recipes...) please use www.warwick.ac.uk/cas/staff/earle/cookbook. If you would like more information please contact the Cookbook Collective at r.earle@warwick.ac.uk. Please do contribute to immortalise your recipe.
It might feel a bit soon to be thinking about leaving, but if this is your last term in the UK it’s worth having a look at this list to help you prepare.

Going home may seem easy, but there are some tasks which may need a little time. It’s best to start sorting out your departure about a month before you leave. Here are some things to consider:

**Shipping** If you have a lot of things to take home you might have to send them back through shipping companies. See [www.warwick.ac.uk/io/students/a-z/shipping_companies_list](http://www.warwick.ac.uk/io/students/a-z/shipping_companies_list) for some of them.

**Banking** It takes time to close down direct debits/standing orders etc.

**Careers options** Have you looked at the Student Careers website? It’s at [www.warwick.ac.uk/careers](http://www.warwick.ac.uk/careers).

**Alumni Association** Join to stay up to date with the latest news from the University. You’ll get an annual alumni magazine, regular e-newsletters and information on faculty, regional and university-wide networking opportunities. For more information visit [www.warwick.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.warwick.ac.uk/alumni).

**Reverse Culture Shock** Adjusting back to life in your home country can sometimes cause difficulties: you have changed during your time in the UK, and so has home. This link has some information which will help you prepare: [www.ukcisa.org.uk/student/info_sheets/returning_home.php](http://www.ukcisa.org.uk/student/info_sheets/returning_home.php)

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**Summer safety tips**

Here are some tips about keeping your possessions safe.

1. **When you open your windows remember that you need to close them if you leave the room even for just a minute, and even if you don’t live on the ground floor.**

2. **Keep your front door locked, whether you are at home or not.**

3. **Make sure your possessions are insured so that if anything is stolen you can claim the money back.**

4. **Keep back-up computer files on a separate computer or USB stick so that if your laptop gets stolen you don’t also lose the important information you have on it.**

5. **When you’re outside don’t make it obvious that you have something worth stealing with you (e.g. be careful where you use your mobile).**

6. **Don’t leave your cash or bank cards lying around.**

7. **If your bank cards do get stolen or lost contact your bank immediately. They’re always happy to help when this happens.**

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**Go Global explore**

One of the parts of Go Global is the coach trips we run, and with the warmer weather here, the summer term is a great time to be out and about. There are four trips this term.

On Saturday 9th May, you can visit the countryside town of Matlock Bath. Tickets for this trip are £12.

Then on Saturday 16th May, there’s a trip to the historical city of Chester. Tickets are £13.

At the end of the month, on Saturday 30th May, hedonistic Blackpool is the destination for £17.

Finally, on Saturday 6th June, there’s a trip to the Welsh seaside town of Llandudno. Tickets for this trip are £16.

To find out more about the destinations and to buy tickets have a look at [www.warwick.ac.uk/io/events/uk](http://www.warwick.ac.uk/io/events/uk). You can also use this page to sign up for the trips mailing list, to be the first to hear when new trips go on sale.

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