Student and Parent Enquiry Pack

Exeter College International Team
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Studying with Us

Exeter College is nationally recognised as one of the top government funded further education providers in the UK. We have high expectations of our students and staff and each year their combined efforts result in excellent exam grades, outstanding university progression and brilliant music, art, sports and community achievements.

We now welcome over 100 international students from over 20 countries annually and focus on each student individually. Our tutorial, welfare and learner support programmes are designed to meet each student’s needs, challenging them to reach their full potential.

Exeter College is in the heart of Exeter, allowing easy access to the cities shops, restaurants and transport links. Our city centre campus offers state of the art facilities with each building specialising in distinct subjects (e.g. STEM, Creative Arts, Business, Sport).

International students can choose from a wide range of courses from qualifications that lead to university and integration experience opportunities and our dedicated International Student Support Team offers Accommodation, Welfare, Academic English and University progression services.

Why Exeter College...

1. Ofsted Outstanding
2. Brilliantly British Experience
3. College of the Year 2018
4. Dedicated International Support Team
5. Academic Success in all areas
6. Expert University Progression Team
7. State of the Art Facilities

All students under the age of 18 as of 31st August 2020 must stay in home stay accommodation for the duration of the academic year. Those students who are over the age of 18 can choose either to stay with a home stay family or select from one of the many private providers in the city.
Our Academic Offer

Please see our website and course guide for detailed information on our range of courses.

A Levels
A Levels are the traditional qualifications in the UK which enable progression to University.

Course:
- 3 subjects to choose from (out of 36)
- Academic/ classroom based
- Exam

Vocational Courses
Vocational courses are equivalent to 3 A Levels and enable progression to University or work. These courses are ideal if you know which career that you wish to pursue.

Course:
- 10+ subjects to choose from
- Practical projects, coursework and exams

International Baccalaureate (IB)
The IB is a globally recognised qualification made up of six subjects, including English, Maths, Science, a Modern Foreign Language and an Art and Humanities subject. Student traditionally progress onto University.

Integration Experience
Our programme offers you the opportunity to experience studying in a UK college whilst improving your English for up to 6 months.

Availability:
Autumn Term: 1st September 2020 – 18th December 2020
Spring Term: 4th January 2021 – 1st April 2021
Half Year/Semester: 1st September 2020 - 29th January 2021
Academic Course Requirements

All students must be 16 or over from 31st August 2020 and have an intermediate understanding of English. You will be asked to provide evidence of your current school exams results or reports.
If you are a Tier 4 Visa student (Outside of EU) you will require an overall grade of 5.5 in your UKVI IELTS to study on an A level or Vocational Program or a 6.0 in your IELTS to study on the International Baccalaureate.

**Subject specific Requirements:**
Computer Science A level must be taken alongside a Maths A level.

If a student who is currently taking GCSE’s or IGCSE’s in a UK school and wants to pursue a Maths A level, they must achieve GCSE grade 6 in both Maths and Physics.

If a student who is currently taking GCSE’s or IGCSE’s and would like to pursue a Science based A level (Biology, Chemistry, Physics), they must achieve GCSE grade 6 in the relevant science chosen or a grade 6 in Double Award Science and must achieve a grade 6 in GCSE Maths.
Academic Assessments

We will let you know during your interview if you will be required to complete academic assessments.

**Auditions** will be needed for the following subjects (in the form of a video):
- Music
- Dance
- Performing and Production Arts
- Sports Academy

**Assessments** will be needed for the following subjects:
- Maths
- Science - Physics, Biology, Chemistry
- Foreign Languages – German, French, Spanish
- International Baccalaureate – You may be required to undertake multiple assessments

**Portfolios** will be needed for the following subjects:
- Fashion and Textiles
- Fine Art
- 3D Design
- Creative Media Production Technology (Journalism)

(These can be sent before or after your interview.)
Student Life

Social Program
The International Team organises several social events specifically for international students to ensure you are doing well socially and to help you experience British culture. You will also receive a termly newsletter from the International Team with information about local activities and news.

Student Mentors
All students will be matched with a Mentor. Our mentors are second year college students from a wide range of courses, they will be available to meet International students during college hours to answer questions on life at college. They’ll also be a friendly face throughout your first year at the college and in the UK.

Enrichment
A wide range of activities, including sport, music and drama, and access to the College gym will also be available to all learners through the Exeter College Enrichment programme.

Examples of enrichment activities:
- Languages – Italian, Spanish, or Japanese
- Challenges such as the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award or the Ten Tors event
- Music groups such as the Chamber Orchestra, student choir or get involved in performances
- Sport and Fitness Activities – including futsal, basketball, badminton, netball, kayaking, climbing, bike club or using Central Fitness Gym
- Young reviewers, Debating Society, and Business and enterprise activities
University Progression Support
Our team of Careers Advisers support students making decisions about their next steps to either University, Employment, Apprenticeship or gap year. The Progression Team run dedicated sessions for our International students to support you in making your University applications and help you learn more about your options after college.

Student Representation
As a student at Exeter College you can get involved in a number of different activities, groups, societies and clubs. There are also lots of opportunities for student representation, from becoming a Tutor Rep, running for a position in the Exeter College Students’ Union, and taking part in the Learner Voice. Students can get involved in charity fundraising for the College Charity of the Year, voted for by the students and staff. This could include running a cake sale, charity sporting challenge, raffle etc.

Student Discounts
As a student you can receive great benefits with a TOTUM card. You can purchase a TOTUM card when you start college, which gives you great discounts from driving lessons to haircuts, entrance to theme parks, clothes etc. and only at a one-off cost of £14.99* for a 1-year card. Visit www.totum.com
Host Family Accommodation

Exeter College offers home stay accommodation to all International students. Our host families are carefully selected and are monitored on a regular basis to ensure that they meet both government and Ofsted standards.

Our host families provide students with the following:

- A comfortable and safe environment for students to live in throughout their studies.
- Accommodation within 30 minutes travel of the city centre and within easy reach of the college.
- A home away from home – an opportunity to integrate into family life and UK culture.
- The opportunity to develop English language skills through family activities.
- A private bedroom with all furnishings, including free Wi-Fi.
- Three meals per day, seven days a week, to include breakfast, lunch and dinner.

£140 all-inclusive per week

All Students under the age of 18 as of 31st August 2020 must stay in home stay accommodation for the duration of the academic year. Students over the age of 18 as of 31st August 2020 can stay in host family accommodation or find private accommodation in the city.

Student Name:
Juan Manuel Gallón Cossio

‘My host family was fantastic. They were very friendly with me and always tried to make me feel as if I was at my own home. My host family more than that, is a group of new friends that I’ll hopefully keep for a long time’
Your Host Family

The host family environment is an important and rewarding part of your experience at Exeter College. For many students this may be your first time away from your home, and home country. Your host family home is more than just providing accommodation. It is, as the name suggests, about providing a home away from home. Your host family will provide a friendly and secure ‘base’ and will help you to become settled into life in the UK. It is expected that you join in with host family activities at the weekend and many student form strong bonds with their host families.

Hosting period
All students that start their qualification/experience in host family accommodation, must remain in the host family environment until the end of the academic year. Please note that Exeter college is closed for two weeks over the Christmas period. All learners will be expected to return home for this period and return ready for the start of the new term. Our term dates are available to access from the front page of our website www.exe-coll.ac.uk.

Student & Host Agreement
Students will be required to sign an agreement which includes the terms and conditions included in this handbook and specifies your conduct in the home.

Integration into the family home
All students are treated equally to other members of the family and encouraged to speak English as much as possible in the family home. Since you are a paying guest in the family, you will have no duties or chores other than to fit in and take part in family life in the best way possible. It is the responsibility of both parties to achieve this successfully and will require an effort from both sides. If you are unsettled or unhappy at home, it can affect your study as well as your health, please do get in touch with us if you have any concerns about how you are adapting to your host family environment.

Host Family Rules
Additional rules may be put in place by the host family. You are expected to follow these rules for the duration of your stay with the host family. It’s probably a good idea to talk to the host family about any household rules when you first arrive there.

Cost and Payment
These payments should be made directly to the host family bank account from either your parents/carer or via your agent (*Students under the age of 18 should not be paying host families directly (cash or bank transfer) - if your parents or agent are unable to make these payments you can discuss a payment plan set up through Exeter College). If there are any problems, please let the International Team know.
A student should not expect a rebate for absences of less than a week. If you wish to retain the room during longer absences such as Christmas Holidays/ Summer, leaving belongings there so that the room cannot be re-let, the host family will charge you a retainer fee of £50 per week.
Termination of Accommodation
If a student requires to move to another host family, we advise students to give two weeks’ notice of leave. This is also the same period of notice we expect host families to give to students. It is on these occasions that the records of payments and receipts given, may be important, especially in any dispute. We strongly advise students to move from a host at the end of the calendar month to avoid confusion around monies owed. If the host and student has agreed a leaving date part way through the month and the two weeks’ notice period has been completed, it is then expected that the host return the monies owed for the remainder of the month.

Access to the home
You’ll be able to access your host family home seven days a week during term time (including half term holidays).

Curfew
If you are aged 16-18 years old, a curfew will apply. We expect you to be home by 22:00 within the college week, and 23:00 at weekends. There are no curfews for over 18s, however we do ask that you adhere to any rules within the home and are quiet and courteous if returning later at night. We ask students, regardless of age, to always take their mobile phone with them, and to please keep in touch with the host family. If your plans change or you think you might be late home, you must inform your host family.

Visitors
You are welcome to have visitors, but this must be previously agreed upon with the host. Parents/guardians will need to contact the college prior to visiting learners in residential accommodation. This is to ensure that over 18’s may enter the residence without staff being present. No visitors are allowed on site between the hours of 10pm and 8am. The host family has full discretion to refuse entry to the residential accommodation of any non-resident.

Home Alone
You may find that your host family has a pre-booked holiday during your stay with them. On these occasions you will be temporarily placed with another local family that has been approved by the college. In respect of students over the age of 18, you may stay in the home alone for a short period of time; however, this is through mutual agreement between yourself and your host. The college must also be informed of this arrangement in advance.

Room Search
Any room search conducted as part of investigation into a breach of College properties regulations must only be done so by a member of college staff while the student is present (unless permission is sought from the Vice-Principal: Standards and Student Experience). The door to the learner’s room must remain open throughout the search. Wherever possible a second member of staff should be present throughout the search.
Host Family Facilities

Bedroom
All students should have a room where they can study and be alone. Your room should be clean and comfortable and have adequate heating and lighting, with a table/desk and chair to ensure that you can study. Where a desk is not available in the room, you will be provided with a space to study freely and comfortably in another room free from distraction. This can include a separate study or dining room. It is expected that you keep your bedroom clean and tidy. Your host should always respect your privacy and seek permission to enter your room for any cleaning and tidying they may wish to do. If you would prefer to take care of all cleaning yourself then you may need to talk to your host at the beginning of your stay to avoid any misunderstandings.

Bathroom
You will have access to the bathroom and washing facilities. Agreements regarding times need to be made in busy households, particularly during the morning routine. Towels will be provided as many students often do not bring their own due to them being bulky to travel with. In addition, the host family are asked to explain the use of all bathroom facilities as some students may not be familiar with their use.

Laundry
You will be entitled to one wash load per week. As well as a weekly change of bedding and towels.

Telephone
We will provide you with a UK SIM card to use in your mobile phone. To prevent any problems of misunderstanding or misuse, your host family will speak to you about outgoing calls on the landline telephone. It is reasonable to expect you to receive incoming calls at acceptable times.

Wi-Fi and Internet usage
You will have access to Wi-Fi at your accommodation. You should talk to the host family about passwords and download limits at the beginning of your stay. Please ensure that you are clear about internet usage, and, download limits to ensure that no unexpected bills arrive.
All Exeter College students sign a code of conduct when they start at college, this includes an agreement on the appropriate use of the internet. International students are expected to follow the code of conduct for the entirety of their stay, including at home with your host family.

Meals
Daily breakfast, lunch and main evening meal are included in the weekly charge. Appropriate and healthy food will be offered to you, and the host family will ask you if you have any preferences or requirements when you arrive. The International team should be informed of any allergies or intolerances before you arrive in the UK. This ensures you are matched to a host that can appropriately support your needs.

We understand that breakfast may be hectic within a busy household, and it is reasonable for your host family to ask you to prepare your own meal. Examples of a suitable breakfast would include toast and
cereal, or fruit with yoghurt, along with a hot drink and fruit juice. A packed lunch will be provided during the college week, with a light prepared lunch at the weekends.

The evening meal will always be a substantial dinner including meat, chicken, fish or cheese or a suitable vegetarian/vegan alternative. You will sit down with the household and eat with them. We expect you to arrive on time for cooked meals and to inform the host family in good time if you won’t be home. In this instance, a cold meal could be offered instead if it is reasonable to do so.

In addition, the host family may be happy for you to have a snack when you come home from college or at the weekend. You will also be provided with some small storage to store your own small snacks. The host family will make it clear with you what is acceptable for you to help yourself to and what is not. To make it more enjoyable for you, and easier for the host family, we would strongly suggest having a conversation when you first arrive about your likes and dislikes. You should be aware that you are coming to the UK to experience British culture, and therefore the host family is not expected to cook anything different than they would normally.

**Other Important Information**

**Insurance**
It is strongly recommended that you organise the following insurance prior to travelling to the UK. Exeter College will not be held accountable for lost, broken items, or cancelled travel plans:
- Travel insurance
- Contents insurance for personal items with in host household
- Medical insurance (for those students who are not from the EU)

**Smoking/Alcohol/Drugs**
Exeter College is a non-smoking/alcohol/drug environment, and it is illegal for students under the age of 18 to purchase cigarettes, tobacco or alcohol. Host families support the college in this approach and strongly discourage students under the age of 18 from smoking or drinking. Adult students who smoke will be made aware of where they can go, and whether it is appropriate for them to smoke indoors or outdoors. You will be asked to follow the rules that the household has in place. Exeter College will endeavour to match students that smoke with hosts who indicate the same preferences; however, we cannot be held responsible for information that is not provided by both parties. In this instance, we ask that you speak to your host family directly to resolve the issue.

**Travel Permission**
If you are under the age of 18 and you are planning an overnight stay away from your host family (example a trip to London) then you must complete a travel release form. This form must be signed by all appropriate parties (student, parent, host family and agent) and handed in to the International office 5 days before the purposed trip, it is your responsibility to complete and return this form.

Students should not be travelling on college days without the express permission of their tutor and the International team. This form should also be completed if you are travelling home for all college
holidays (Half term, Christmas, Easter and Summer). You can request a travel release form from the International Team Office.

Complaints
If you are unable to resolve an issue directly with the International Team or are unhappy with the service received, then you can make a formal complaint by following the college complaints procedure available on the ‘contact us’ section of the college website. Alternatively, you can address your complaint to ‘The Quality Assurance Manager, Exeter College, Hele Road, Exeter, EX4 4JS.

Health, Wellbeing and Support

Pre-Arrival Support and Guidance

Our International Team are here to help you throughout your application to Exeter College. We will support you with the following:

- Helping you choose the right course for you
- Matching you with a suitable host family
- Travel advice and information
- Arranging airport transfers
- Helping you with Visa requirements
- Help to set up British Bank Account
- Provide you with a UK SIM Card
- 3-day International Student Induction & Social Program

International Team- Drop in Advice Sessions

Our International Team will continue to support you when you arrive in the UK. We can help with welfare, support, accommodation as well as anything else that you may need to know. This support will continue throughout your time as a student. The Team have drop in sessions Monday, Wednesday and Friday 1-3pm so you can pop in to chat to any member of the team. They also have a WhatsApp message service, so you can ask a quick question if you need too.

Welfare checks
You will have a termly welfare check with a member of our international Team, this is to help you settle into life in the UK and offer you any further support and guidance that you need.

Out of Hours Emergency Phone
Some learners find the level of challenge and high expectations daunting at times. In addition, they are living away from home for extended periods of time. Exeter College has an excellent provision to support the wellbeing of students throughout their time with us, including an onsite college nurse and counselling service. If you are feeling overwhelmed or have a medical concern you would like to discuss they can be found in Greystone House on the Hele Road campus.
Wellbeing Team
The College Wellbeing Team are available to support learners on a drop-in basis and by appointment. The wellbeing team includes: Nurses, counselling and emotional health and wellbeing support.

Illness
If you are unwell and unable to attend classes, you are expected to use the ‘My eILP’ on the student portal homepage to report the absence. If the illness is not deemed as ‘serious’ e.g cold, flu, stomach problems, your host will regularly monitor your wellbeing throughout the day and assist with providing any non-prescription remedies. If you are unwell and unable to attend college for more than two consecutive days, your host will contact the International Team to advise them of your symptoms.

If you are seriously ill or injured, your host is expected to accompany you to receive suitable medical assistance via your registered doctor, walk in centre or emergency care facilities. Your host will contact the International Team to advise them of your medical condition immediately.

Registering with a Doctor
Any student staying in the UK for longer than six months must register with a doctor and dentist on arrival. Your host family will help you to contact their family doctor/ dentist to ask whether they are taking on new patients; Exeter College will provide you with a letter of college enrolment, so you may sign up.

Students studying in Britain for less than six months, who are not nationals of an EU country or a country which has a reciprocal health agreement with Britain, will need to pay for NHS treatment except in the case of out-patient emergency treatment or treatment for an infectious disease. Please check that you are aware whether you are entitled to free NHS treatment – if you are in any doubt, please to speak to the International Office and we can help to advise you.

Academic Support
You will have a dedicated tutor who you will have regular 1:1 time with to discuss your academic progress and offer academic support.

Progression support
You will have dedicated sessions with our Progression Team who will support you in making decisions University and will be able to support your application to University.
Application Process and Fees

Students must complete an Application Form and send to The International Team along with copies of your passport, a translated school report and IELTS results (IELTS results - non-EU students only)

Exeter College will contact you to arrange a skype interview with our Admissions Officer and possibly a member of staff from your chosen subject. This will be your opportunity to ask questions and talk about course choices. We will then let you know if any further assessments will be required.

Following your interview, we will send you the Host Family Application forms for you and your parents to read through, complete and return to us.

Once assessments are completed and returned to us the subject teachers will assess your work and check you would be suitable for the course.

We will then give you either a Conditional or Unconditional Offer to study on your chosen course. If your offer is Conditional, it means that you may be asked to achieve certain results at school before starting at college.

Once you have an offer, we then start to match you with a host family. We will keep in touch with you to keep you updated on any important information

The course fees will be invoiced prior to your starting and they must be paid before the course starts.
Required Documentation

Exeter College Application Form
Copy of Passport
School Report (translated)
Host Family Preference Form
Medical Form
Parental Consent Form
Personal Statement
IELTS Exam Results
Previous Tier 4 Child Study Visa
Proof of Maintenance

ONLY RELEVANT FOR TIER 4 STUDENTS
Application Deadlines

For Tier 4 Students

Application Deadline: Friday 26\textsuperscript{th} June 2020

IELTS Results Deadline: Friday 31\textsuperscript{st} July 2020

For EU Students

Application Deadline: Friday 31\textsuperscript{st} July 2020

Invoice Deadline: Friday 14\textsuperscript{th} August 2020

Unfortunately, applications received after these deadlines will not be considered as this does not allow us enough time to put in place student support.
# Fees for 2020/21

## Non-EU Students (Tier 4 – Full Qualification)

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<td>A level (3 Subjects)</td>
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<td>Vocational / UAL Diplomas (equivalent to 3 A levels)</td>
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<td>International Baccalaureate (IB)</td>
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<td>International Foundation Diploma (Access to University)</td>
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<td>Higher Education - Foundation Degree/ HNC/D</td>
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<td>Platinum Package (Tuition, Host Accommodation + more)</td>
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## EU Students – Full Year*

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<td>Year 2</td>
<td>£2450</td>
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<td>Full Year Experience – (Not undertaking qualification)</td>
<td>£4995</td>
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*UK/EU students under 18 that require host family/welfare support.
*these prices may be subject to change

## Integration/Experience Programmes

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<td>Term: (Sept – Dec or Jan – April)</td>
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<td>Half Year/ Semester (Sept – Jan or Jan – May)</td>
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## Additional Fees

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<td>Course or Subject Change</td>
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*Accommodation Arrangement Fee will be required for additional changes to your pre-agreed accommodation.
**Resource Fee is required per subject upon arrival for course books, materials and study resources.

For the full list of International Fees Please [click here](#)

All fees to be paid before arrival except resource fee.
## Term Dates

Students are expected to attend all lessons which take place during term time. If a student wishes to travel outside of the college holidays, they must complete a travel release form from the International Office detailing their whereabouts. This must then be authorised by their tutor, host family, agency and natural parents before they travel.

### Academic Year 2020/2021

#### Autumn Term
- International Induction Day – Tuesday 1st September 2020
- Start of Term – Thursday 3rd September 2020
- Half Term – Monday 26th October 2020 to Friday 30th October 2020
- Last Day of Autumn Term (Christmas Closure) – Friday 18th December 2020*

#### Spring Term
- First Day of Spring Term – Monday 4th January 2021
- Half Term – Monday 15th February 2021 to Friday 19th February 2021
- Last Day of Spring Term (Easter Break) – Thursday 1st April 2021

#### Summer Term
- First Day of Summer Term – Monday 19th April 2021
- Half Term – Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021
- Last Day of Summer Term – Friday 2nd July 2021

*students will be required to return home during this period