Exeter College
Student and Parent Pack
2022/2023
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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 that can lead to university. Exeter College provides excellent university progression services to help with University applications. Our dedicated International Student Support Team is also on hand to offer Accommodation, Welfare and support.

Why Exeter College...

- Ofsted Outstanding
- Brilliantly British Experience
- Dedicated International Support Team
- Academic Success in all areas
- Expert University Progression Team
- State of the Art Facilities including our new Institute of Technology Building

All students under the age of 18 as of 31st August 2022 must stay in home stay accommodation for the duration of the academic year.
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 30 +)
- 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.
Academic Course Requirements

All students must be 16 years old or over from 31\textsuperscript{st} August 2022. We cannot accept students who are aged 18 years old or over by 31\textsuperscript{st} August 2022. You will be asked to provide evidence of your current school exams results or reports.

Unless you previously studied in the UK on a Child Student Visa, you are required to take one of the following English Language tests:

- **UKVI IELTS** and achieve an overall grade of 5.5 to study on an A level or Vocational Program or a 6.0 to study on the International Baccalaureate

- **Pearsons (Academic)** and achieve a minimum of **45 points**

- **Language Certificate ESOL B2** and achieve a pass grade.

**Subject specific Requirements:**

Computer Science A level must be taken alongside a Maths A level.

If a student who is currently taking GCSE’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 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
Academies

We are proud to offer a range of inspirational Academies for students who want to excel and achieve their ambitions. We offer a range of academies for students.

**Sports Academy**
Our Sports Academy is designed to provide an opportunity for students to focus on their chosen sport, in a supportive and specialist environment.

**Music Academy**
Our Music Academy endeavour to provide the very best in music education. We pride ourselves on helping students achieve their ambitions.

**Reach Academy**
Reach Academy is a unique initiative for academically gifted students, to encourage you to stretch yourself academically and aim high in your university and career ambitions.

**Exeter Chiefs Academy**
We provide education and rugby training required to support learners to reach the highest level in the sport. Supported by the Exeter Chiefs students can enjoy a range of activities.

**Performing Arts Academy**
Our Performing Arts Academy brings together local industry leading companies, venues with gifted and talented performing arts students.
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 a desk and free Wi-Fi.
- Three meals per day, seven days a week, to include breakfast, lunch and dinner.

£160 all-inclusive per week

All Students under the age of 18 as of 31st August 2021 must stay in home stay accommodation for the duration of the academic year. Students over the age of 18 as of 31st August 2021 can stay in host family accommodation or find private accommodation in the city.

‘My host family is so lovely, welcoming and helpful. I am so glad to share a part of my life with them.’

Mariana Jannotti (Brazilian Student)
What you get with our Homestay

Host Family Selection & Placement Services
Exeter College will find you a quality homestay with one of our carefully selected host families.

National Criminal Background DBS Checks
All host families successfully pass a series of background checks and interviews during the host application process.

Friendliest & Safest Hosts
We take pride in working with our safe, supportive host families who are dedicated to welcoming students to the UK.
Personally matched
We carefully check your needs and requirements and those of our hosts and look to make the best match possible.

Emergency & Routine Support
Exeter College provides 24/7 emergency support to students and hosts while assisting you throughout the entire homestay process.

Fully Inclusive
We offer full meal packages and flexible length of stay with internet, utilities, weekly laundry and accommodation costs all included with payment direct to hosts. No hidden costs.
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
- Immigration Health Surcharge – for more information on the Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS) we recommend you visit the UKCISA website or follow this link: https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Studying--living-in-the-UK/Health-and-healthcare
Health, Wellbeing and Support

Student Support is at the Heart of our Service!
Our friendly International Team are on hand to answer any questions that you have about Exeter College. We can answer questions on entry requirements, fees, homestay, and anything else you might need to know. This support will continue throughout your time as a student as we work with you to ensure you feel happy and secure whilst studying with us.

What’s included in our amazing International Student Support

3-day International Induction
You will spend your first 3 days with the International Team, completing enrolment, getting to know the campus, and most importantly, making new friends before your classes start.

Personal Academic Tutor
You’ll have a dedicated academic tutor to support you with your studies throughout your time at Exeter College.

Welfare Meetings
You’ll be invited to meet with the International team termly to discuss your experience at college, with your host family and to ensure you are settled and happy while studying with us.
**Drop-in to the International Office**
Stop-by the International Office during drop-in times and the International Team will answer any questions you might have about life in the UK.

**24-hour Emergency Phone**
In the event of an emergency outside of College hours, you can contact the Emergency phone for support from the International Team.

**Academic Workshop**
You can access extra English support 3 times a week, to help with grammar, essay writing and assignments.

**A UK Student Mentor**
You’ll be carefully matched with a second-year student, who will offer advice and a friendly face as you settle into life at Exeter College.
University Application and Progression Support
You’ll have access to additional specialised support, workshops and guest speakers when applying to university.

Social Programme
We organise regular events just for International students so you can spend time getting to know one another and having some fun.

30 Additional Extracurricular Clubs
You can sign up to a range of extracurricular clubs including basketball, the debating society and yoga, while you are studying.
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 English Language result (UKVI IELTS, Pearsons or Language Certificate ESOL B2)

Exeter College will contact you to arrange an online interview with our team 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 also send you your tuition fee invoice.

Once we have received the tuition fee invoice, we will issue your CAS (CAS’ can only be issued a minimum of 6 months before the course start date).

When you have been issued your CAS you can apply for your Student Visa.
Required Documentation

Exeter College Application Form
Copy of Passport
School Report (translated)
Host Family Preference Form
Medical Form
Parental Consent Form
Student Profile
Personal Statement
English Language Results
Previous Child Student Visa (where applicable)
Proof of Maintenance (where applicable)
Tuberculosis Certificate (where applicable)
Application Deadlines

Application Deadline: Wednesday 1\textsuperscript{st} June 2022

Invoice Deadline: Friday 1\textsuperscript{st} July 2022

English Language Results Deadline: Friday 1\textsuperscript{st} July 2022

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 2021/2022

## International Students (Full Qualification – Per Year)

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<th>Annual Fee</th>
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<td>A level (3 Subjects)</td>
<td>£7,750</td>
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<td>BTEC / UAL Diploma (equivalent to 3 A levels)</td>
<td>£7,750</td>
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<td>International Baccalaureate (IB)</td>
<td>£9,000</td>
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## EU/EEA Student Scholarship

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<th>Annual Fee</th>
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<td>A Level (3 Subjects): 30% Scholarship</td>
<td>£5,425</td>
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<td>BTEC / UAL Diploma: 30% Scholarship</td>
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<tr>
<td>International Baccalaureate (IB): 30% Scholarship</td>
<td>£6,300</td>
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- Second Year A-Level, BTEC / UAL Diplomas & IB prices are fixed for 2-year bookings.
- In exceptional circumstances students may be accepted onto a 4 A-level programme an additional fee: £1,250 will be required.

## Academic+

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<td>Conversational English Classes and Study Skills</td>
<td>£1500</td>
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<td>2 Terms (6 hours per week)</td>
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- Students may choose to take the Academic+ Package alongside their chosen academic course which includes additional English language support and study skills.
Host Family Accommodation Fees

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<td>Accommodation Arrangement Fee</td>
<td>£60</td>
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<tr>
<td>Accommodation (Full board home stay)</td>
<td>£160 (per week)</td>
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- Accommodation Arrangement Fee will be required for additional changes to your pre-agreed accommodation once at the college.

- Host Family accommodation is single occupancy per room, maximum of two students per household and includes all meals, Wi-Fi and laundry.

- All students are expected to return home for the Christmas study break and Summer holiday periods.

- All students will be asked to pay a retainer fee of £50 per week for the room over holiday periods if any belongings are left with their host family.

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<td>Registration and Enrolment Fee</td>
<td>£80</td>
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<td>Resource Fee* (Full Time Students only – for all subjects)</td>
<td>£15-35 approx.</td>
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<td>Course or Subject Change</td>
<td>£25</td>
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All fees to be paid before arrival except resource fee.

*Resource Fee is required per subject upon arrival for course books, materials and study resources.

For more information please contact international@exe-coll.ac.uk
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 2021/2022**

**Autumn Term**
First Year Induction Day – **Thursday 9th September 2021**
Second Year Induction Day – **Friday 10th September 2021**
Year 1 and Year 2 Teaching Commences – **Monday 13th September 2021**
Half Term – **Monday 25th October 2021** to **Friday 29th October 2021**
Last Day of Autumn Term (Christmas Closure) – **Friday 17th December 2021** *

**Spring Term**
First Day of Spring Term – **Tuesday 4th January 2022**
Half Term – **Monday 21st February 2022** to **Friday 25th February 2022**
Last Day of Spring Term (Easter Break) – **Friday 8th April 2022**

**Summer Term**
First Day of Summer Term – **Monday 25th April 2022**
Half Term – **Monday 30th May 2022** to **Friday 3rd June 2022**
Last Day of Summer Term – **Wednesday 6th July 2022** *
  A Level Results Day – **TBC August 2022**
  GCSE Results Day – **TBC August 2022**

*students expected to go home*