

Dear student,

This is our last newsletter of the academic year but we'll be back in September. Campus will soon be in the midst of Graduation fever (starting Monday 15 July). It's a wonderful time for both students, families and staff. If you are graduating, don't forget to do your research about the day and read the [Graduation information for students](#). If you aren't graduating why not come along and soak up the atmosphere.

Jimena will also be leaving us this month for pastures new and we wanted to thank her for all her hard work this year. Her experience and insight into international student life as a recent international graduate herself has been a real benefit to the team. She devised and delivered the excellent competition for International Students Day last year and has been the backbone of Intercultural Cafe. We have loved working with her and only wish good things for her future.



For those staying on campus over the summer, there are still staff around to assist you so don't hesitate to get in touch if you need anything. You can see a full list of service times and a summer schedule of events to participate in at the [Summer in Exeter page](#).

Sue O'Hara, Sophie Meadows and Jimena Rubio Juncal
Student Support Officer: Transition and Integration

[We're still looking for Global Chums Mentors](#)

[Apply online to be a mentor](#) to help new international and EU students find their feet and settle into life in the UK.

If you will be a returning student at Exeter from September-November 2024 this is a really rewarding way of sharing your knowledge and experiences (both good and bad) with a group of new students. Your time will be recognised towards the Exeter Award, and you'll get the chance to meet some new people from across the globe.



Application deadline: 30 June

Will you be in Exeter this summer?

If you are in Exeter this summer the campus can feel a bit emptier. But don't worry, we still have lots of events and activities for you to get involved in. [Click here for the full programme](#) of socials, sports and cafes to attend including weekly Intercultural Cafe's.



Interested in applying for a Graduate visa?

The Graduate visa is a 2 year (3 years if you have completed a PHD) that allows you to work or look for work in the UK without being sponsored by an employer or the University. Detailed information can be found on our [Graduate visa webpage](#)

We still have space on our free 1 day cooking course

We still have places available on 16 July for our free 1 day cooking course: 'Cooking for Life'. This is a new programme we hope to launch in September and we need some students to help us road test it.

You'll get to learn some practical cookery skills, cook 2 cheap and nutritious recipes and take some food home!

The course is Tuesday 16 July 11-4pm.

If you want to take part please email s.ohara@exeter.ac.uk by 8 July.



English Language Skills Development

Calling all postgraduates. Are you writing a dissertation, project or portfolio? Do you need some help with assignment writing? We have one-to-one tutorials available over the summer. These are delivered online, so ideal if you are not remaining on campus, although they can be held in person if that is preferable. Book via [this link](#).

You may also like to explore our digital resources [here](#) – these provide a wealth of examples, language strategies and opportunities to practice.

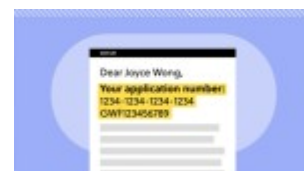
BRP card expiring 31/Dec/24?

Anyone with a BRP card that expires 31/Dec/2024 will need to transition to an [eVisa](#) if they don't already have one. You must wait until the scheme opens later this summer to create an online account, unless you have received an invitation and instructions from UK Visas and Immigration. If you need any helps, please contact [International Student Support](#).



Do you already have an eVisa?

If you used the '[UK Immigration: ID Check](#)' app for your last visa application, you probably already have an [eVisa](#). You will be able to see your visa by logging into your [UKVI account](#). You can also generate a share code as evidence of your permission to study on the [View and Prove page](#). For more information see the [International Student Support page](#) on the topic.



Skilled worker visas

A number of changes were introduced to the Skilled Worker route in April 2024, in particular the raising of the minimum salary level to £38,700. Salary levels for Skilled Worker are complex, however, and there are reductions to the minimum for some groups including recent graduates. International Student Support's immigration advisers are running a monthly **Skilled Worker Overview + Q&A session** where you can find out more about the Skilled Worker rules, learn how to interpret them for yourself, and ask general questions. [Register here](#).

Students on the Move campaign

If you're living in private accommodation and want to get rid of unwanted items, you can use the [University's Students on the Move scheme](#). Our Community Engagement Team can help and advice how you can responsibly dispose: glass, refuse waste and more. Consider giving your unwanted items (clothes, electric items, furniture) a second chance by donating to the local charity. Certain stores will only accept certain items so be sure to check their restrictions first. You can contact our team for advice: communityengagement@exeter.ac.uk



Moving into private accommodation

Watch the Community Engagement Team's [Accommodation videos](#) to help you prepare moving into your property for the new academic year. We have useful tips for you on [how to be a Good Neighbour here](#).



Join the Community Engagement Team

Supporting our local communities and staying safe has never been a greater priority. Do you want to be part of an innovative team, supporting students and working in the local community? Are you interested in a flexible, part time job that provides experience in working with community organisations?



We are currently seeking to recruit Community Engagement Officers to work with our Community Liaison Team throughout 2024/25.

Find out more about how to become a Community Engagement Officer by [emailing us](#).

Application deadline: Tuesday 9 July.

[Beware of telephone and email scams](#)

It is at this time of year that some students receive scam telephone calls from people claiming to be from the Home Office or your home government agency. They will say you failed to apply for a particular visa, that you have committed criminal activity and that you must transfer funds immediately or be banned from the UK for 10 years. They may even ask you to call back on the number listed. Please note that a government agency would never contact you in this way. These calls are not legitimate but may be intimidating. Please hang up and contact the Police (<tel:101>).

[For more advice on scams targeting students and what to do click here.](#)

[Green Phoenix Festival](#)

This Sunday 30 June pop into Exeter Phoenix from 11am until 7pm to have a look at the Green Phoenix Festival, a celebration of sustainability, community and art. From dance workshops to crafts, poetry, litter pick and more!

Click [here](#) for more information on all the activities you'll have a chance to participate in.



[Looking for summer daytrips?](#)

Are you looking for trips to enjoy Devon and Cornwall on their best time of the year? Then definitely have a look at the [Great Scenic Railways website](#) and choose as many of the free trails as you like, all leaving directly from different railway stations. This is a cheap and exciting way to breath in Devon and Cornwall's beautiful and refreshing scenes.



Follow [this link](#) to find a list of day trip ideas suggested by students at Intercultural Cafe. Once in the website, click 'Day trip suggestions from Intercultural Cafe' to view all the options

