



University of  
Nottingham

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A wide-angle photograph of the University of Nottingham campus. In the background, the main building with its iconic clock tower stands under a clear blue sky. The building is flanked by trees with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of orange and yellow. In the foreground, a calm body of water reflects the scene, with a large, ornate stone lion sculpture on the right side. A white rectangular box is superimposed over the center of the image, containing the text "Extraordinary is what you make it".

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# Our UK campuses





# University Park Campus

**300 acres of  
parkland**  
with gardens and a  
boating lake

**Winner**  
of the Green Flag  
Award every year  
since 2003

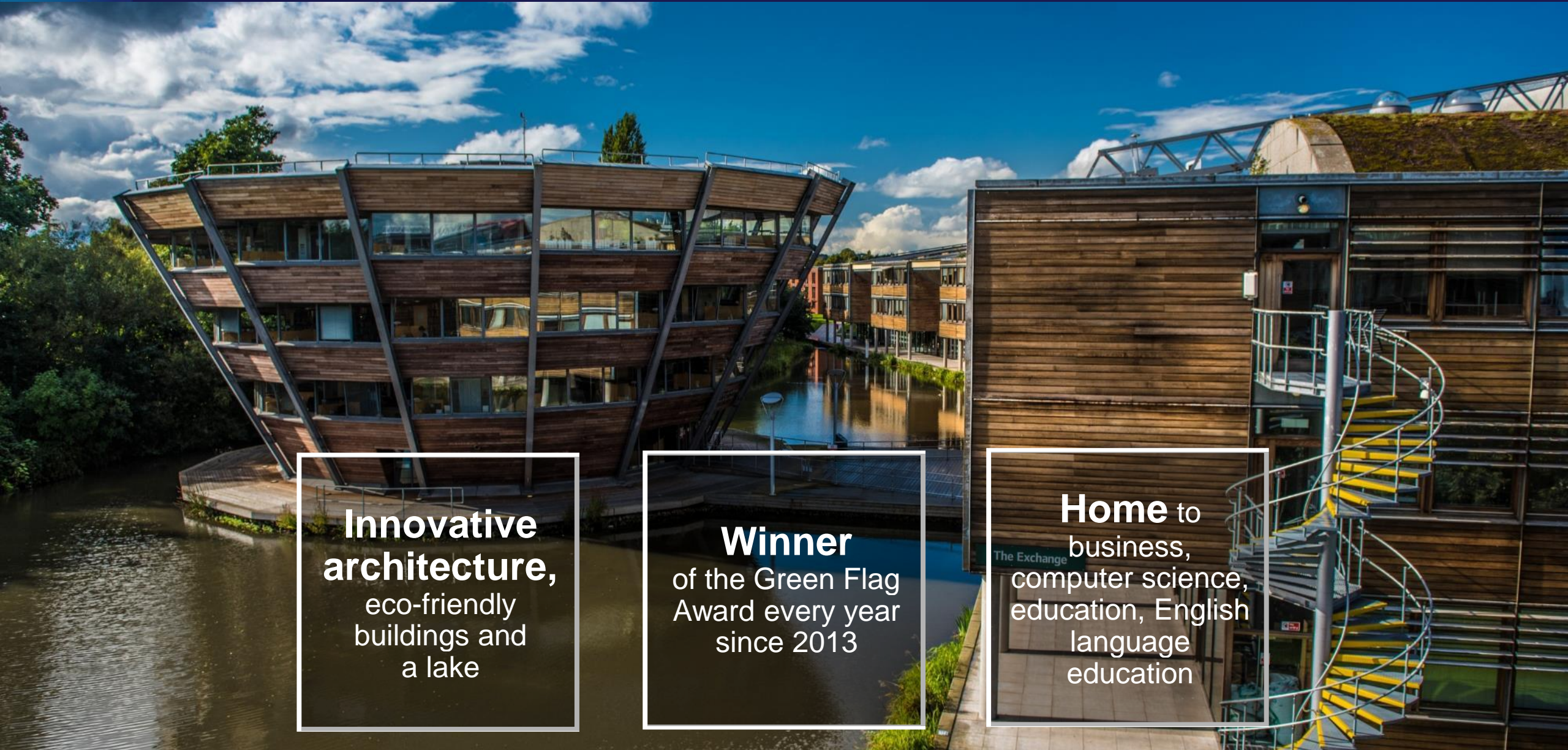
Home to our  
**£40m David  
Ross Sports  
Village**







# Jubilee Campus



**Innovative  
architecture,**  
eco-friendly  
buildings and  
a lake

**Winner**  
of the Green Flag  
Award every year  
since 2013

**Home** to  
business,  
computer science,  
education, English  
language  
education





# Sutton Bonington Campus

**High-tech facilities**  
with laboratories,  
brewing facilities,  
3D imaging and a  
dairy farm

**Set in the  
countryside**  
10 miles south of  
University Park

**Home** to  
biosciences,  
veterinary  
medicine and  
science



**Our city**



# Where are we?

- § Nottingham is an exciting, historic city in the East Midlands, right in the heart of England
- § Easy transport links to major cities across the UK such as London, Manchester, Sheffield, Birmingham (under two hours away)

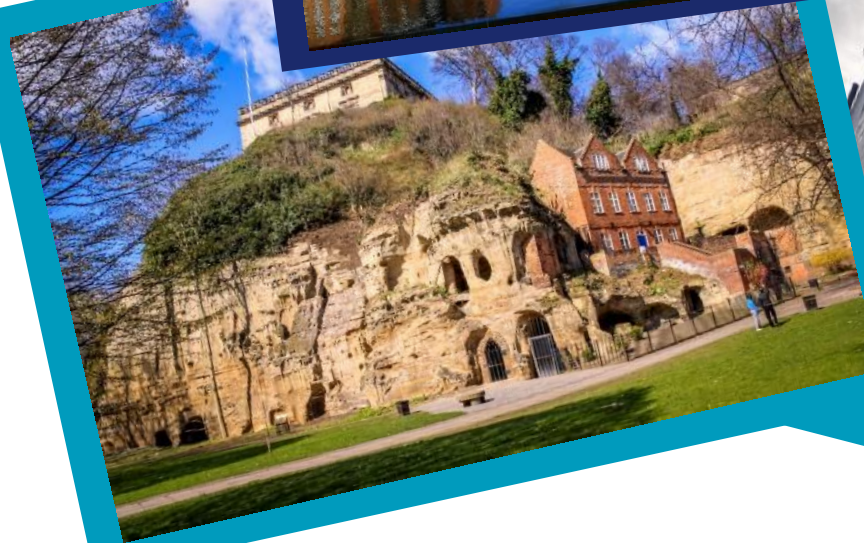






# City life

- § Nottingham is a safe and fun city, winning the Purple Flag Award every year since 2010
- § Public parks, a market square, sports venues and a castle







# Preparing for Nottingham



# Your pre-departure checklist

- § Accept your offer
- § Arrange accommodation
- § Meet the conditions of your offer
- § Apply for your visa
- § Make your travel arrangements, including quarantine (if needed)
- § Complete online registration
- § Apply for your university card
- § Get ready for a great adventure!







# When to arrive



- § Autumn semester will begin on **Monday 26 September 2022**
- § There will be a longer Welcome period than usual to help all students to settle into campus life with a focus on health and safety
- § Teaching will begin on Monday 3 October 2022



**Arrange your accommodation**





# Accommodation options



## **Catered halls**

Breakfast and dinner served in your hall with range of lunch options (undergraduate only)

## **Self-catered sites**

On campus and nearby for undergraduates and postgraduates

## **Part-catered sites**

Evening meals included (Sutton Bonington only)



# Accommodation facilities

Facilities vary, but typically include:

- § your own bedroom and study area, including a bed, desk, chairs, wardrobe and bookshelves
- § a communal bathroom (shared with a few other students) or en-suite bathroom
- § shared kitchen in self-catered accommodation or a shared pantry in catered halls
- § internet access and WiFi







# Applying for accommodation



- § Rooms are available in a range of sites on campus and nearby
- § Apply as soon as possible and before the deadline of Monday 1 August 2022
- § Please check the website for guidance on when you should arrive for quarantine purposes

[nottingham.ac.uk/accommodation](https://nottingham.ac.uk/accommodation) >



# Private accommodation

§ Most students rent in the private sector, from independent student villages to shared houses, close to campus or in Nottingham city centre







**Apply for your visa**



# Student visas

- § Most international students will require a Student Visa to study in the UK
- § The current fee for overseas visa applications is £348 per person
- § You must also pay an immigration health surcharge of £550 per year when you submit your application







# Your student visa



There are several steps involved in obtaining your student visa:

- § Prepare your financial evidence and other supporting documents
- § Firmly accept your offer, pay a tuition fee deposit (if needed)
- § Check the details in your CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies) are accurate
- § Complete the online visa form

[nottingham.ac.uk/go/10steps](https://nottingham.ac.uk/go/10steps) >



# Financial evidence



- § Your financial evidence must show tuition fees for the first year of your course plus living expenses
- § Currently, the requirement is £1,023 per month for 9 months (£9,207 total)
- § There are strict requirements for the timing and format of bank statements – check our guidance





# Your visa application

- § We recommend that you choose to collect your BRP (biometric residence permit) from the university – use our alternative collection location (ACL) code in your application: **2HE427**
- § If your visa is refused, contact our Visa and Immigration team for advice

[immigration-support@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:immigration-support@nottingham.ac.uk) >





**Make your travel arrangements**





# Packing for your journey

- § There are many things you will need in your hand luggage, such as:
  - your passport and visa
  - travel documents
  - accommodation details
  - University documents
  - cash and/or credit/debit cards
- § When you pack, think about what you will need most
- § Most university halls offer 'bedding packs' which you can buy in advance and collect on arrival
- § If you book quarantine accommodation, a bedding pack will be included





# Travelling to the UK



- § Bring your academic documents, visa decision letter, financial evidence and a copy of your CAS in your hand luggage – border officials may ask to see them
- § Try to book a flight to the UK that will arrive in the daytime



# UK airport locations

- § Birmingham International Airport (BHX) is approximately 90 minutes away by train or two hours by coach
- § Manchester Airport (MAN) is approximately two and a half hours away by train or three hours by coach
- § London airports are around three hours away by train or coach
- § If you're travelling from Europe, you could plan to arrive at East Midlands Airport (EMA), which is around 30 minutes away from Nottingham by car, bus, coach or train







# Travelling from the airport

- § If you are travelling from an amber list country, you will need to arrange for travel straight to your accommodation. We recommend booking a place on the [private taxi service](#) to avoid using public transport.
- § If you would like to book a private transfer, please book this direct with DG Cars on +44 (0)115 911 1444 or by email at [imran.khan@dgcars.co.uk](mailto:imran.khan@dgcars.co.uk).
- § The [UK government advises](#) that while you quarantine you should only use public transport if you have no other option.

Private transfer fares		
Airport location	Standard car: 1 person + luggage	People carrier: 3 people + luggage
Heathrow	£150	£211
East Midlands	£20.50	£51.00
Birmingham	£78	£112
Manchester	£125	£168
Gatwick	£185	£237.50
Stansted	£148	£205
Luton	£135	£184.50



**When you arrive**



# International Welcome Programme

- § Welcome programme for new international students joining us in September
- § Get to know the university, enjoy social events and meet other students







# University registration

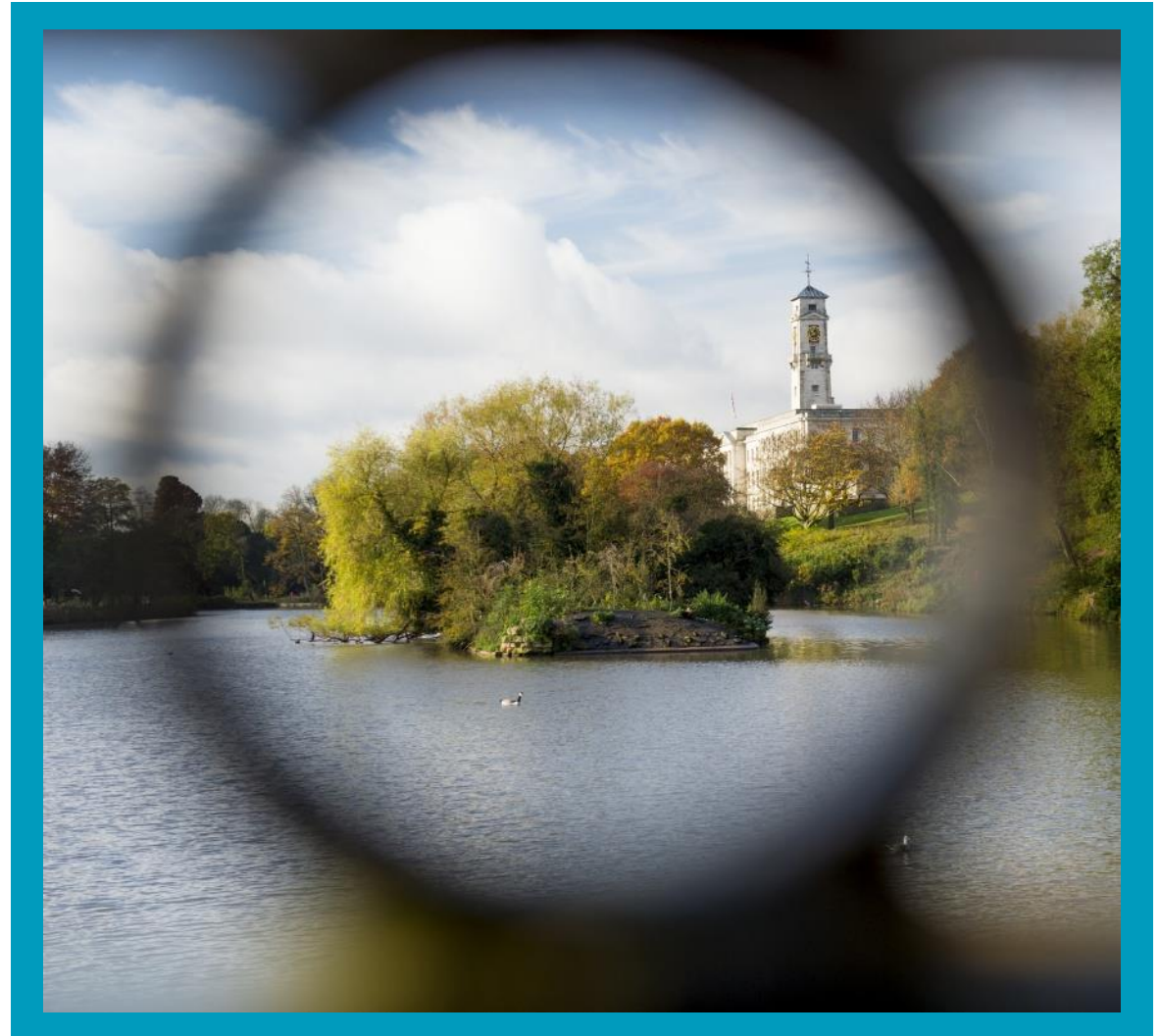


- § There are two parts to the registration process:
  - § online registration
  - § attendance confirmation



# Some other practicalities

- § **Attend your course inductions** – your school or department will provide details
- § **Module enrolment** – find out about your core modules and select optional modules for your course
- § **Collect your BRP** – if you didn't request it to be sent to the university, it will be at a local post office (this will be confirmed in your visa decision letter)
- § **Police registration** – if you need to register with police, it will be confirmed on your visa and you must begin the process within seven days of arrival





# Register with the National Health Service (NHS)



- § Register with an NHS doctor's surgery as soon as possible when you arrive in the UK
- § Register with the University of Nottingham Health Service (UNHS) if you live at University Park, Jubilee Campus or nearby
- § Students at Sutton Bonington Campus must register with a GP practice closer to them

UNHS is based in Cripps Health Centre, the UK's largest single site health centre, at University Park





# Banking and money



# Money in the UK

- § The UK's currency is pound sterling (GBP)
- § It comes in £5, £10, £20 and £50 notes
- § Coins for 50p, £1, £2 and smaller amounts (1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p)
- § You can also pay by UK-issued debit card in most shops, bars and restaurants, and with some international credit cards
- § You can withdraw cash using an international debit or credit card but there may be a small charge for the transaction – make sure that you notify your bank that you'll be using your card in the UK!

£1 GBP = approximately...  
\$1.30 USD  
€1.10 EUR  
¥ 9 CNY

Item	Typical cost
Loaf of bread	£0.80-£1.50
1kg rice	£1.60
500ml milk	£0.50
80 tea bags	£2
1 laundry wash	£2
Local bus fair	£2.40
Taxi per mile	£2



# Open a bank account

- § Try to open a bank account in your first week as it can take some time to set up
- § Take time to search online to find what bank will suit you and how to open an account
- § You will usually need a bank letter, which you can request from our Student Services







# Managing your money



- § It is important to manage your money and live within your budget as a student
- § Bring around £500+ for the first two to three weeks while you set up a UK bank account



# Shops in the UK

- § There are different supermarkets in the UK to suit different budgets and needs
- § The most common supermarkets include Tesco, Sainsbury's, Co-op, Aldi and Lidl
- § There are also many different takeaway food delivery services in the UK, such as Uber Eats, Deliveroo and Just Eat







# Avoiding scams and fraud



- § International students occasionally receive phone calls or emails from frauds impersonating UK border officials, asking for payment as a 'fine'
- § Do not share any payment details if you receive an email or phone call like this
- § Be cautious about phone calls or emails claiming to be from banks, police or your embassy, especially if they ask for payment or personal details
- § A police force, embassy or the Home Office will never ask you to transfer them money

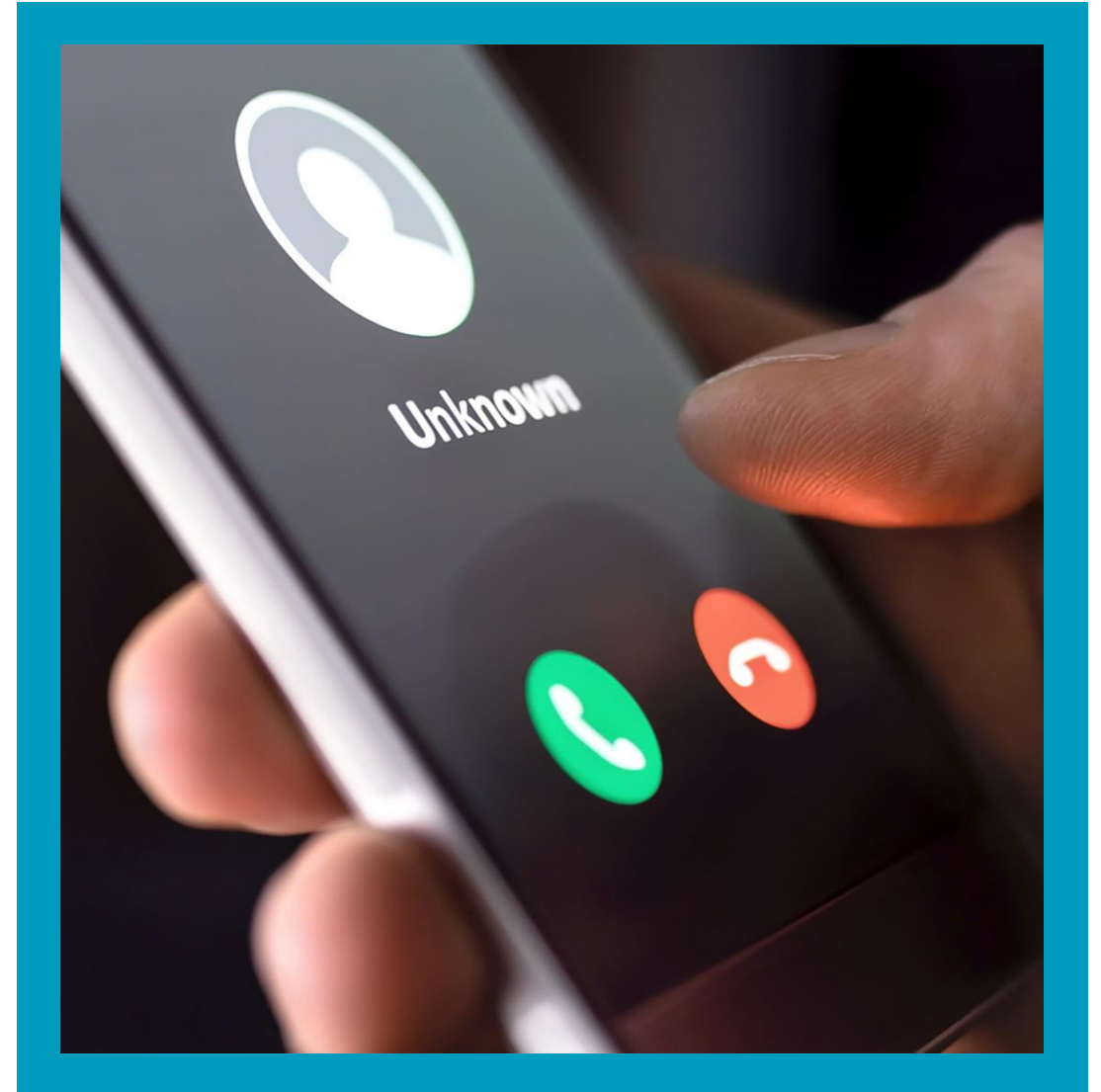




# Avoiding scams and fraud

- § Tuition fees should always be paid directly to the university – there is no scenario in which you would need to pay them to a third party
- § Students' Union Advice can help if you are the victim of a crime
- § If you think you've been targeted by a scam during your time at the university, you should report it to Action Fraud

[www.actionfraud.police.uk >](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk)





**Settle into student life**



# Teaching and learning

- § University life can be challenging and you may find studying at a British university is different from what you're used to
- § If you are struggling, Student Services can provide support, such as Academic Support and English language support







# UK culture

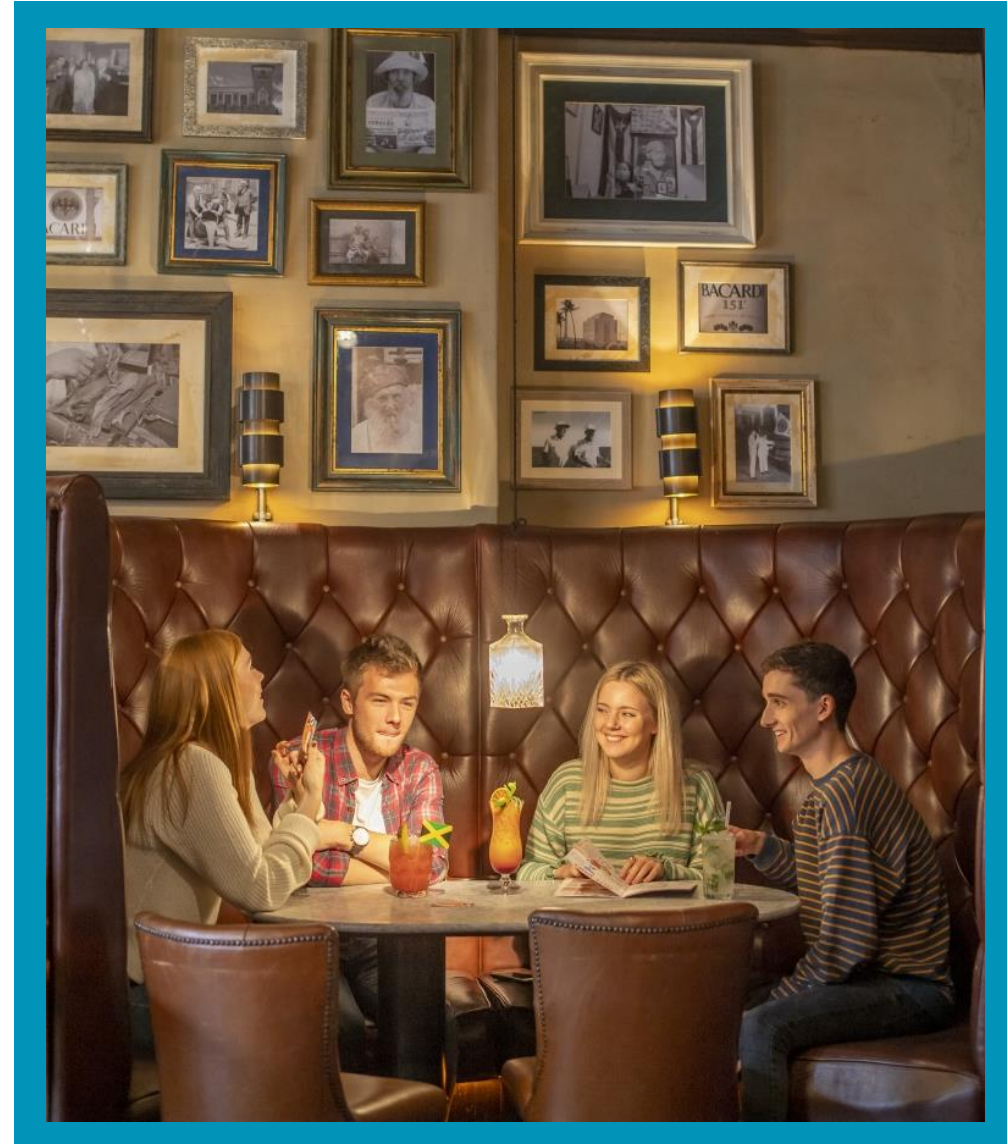


- § When you first arrive in the UK, you may notice differences in lifestyle, social behaviour, beliefs and ideals from your country
- § There is a strong emphasis on equality between men and women and LGBTQ+ rights
- § Any prejudiced behaviour due to race, gender, sexuality, disability or religious belief is not acceptable
- § If you experience racism or any other kind of prejudice in the UK, seek advice from the Students' Union or the International Students Network



# UK culture

- § Dress styles can vary significantly in the UK and all fashions and styles are respected
- § Many students enjoy going out to bars to drink alcohol, but you will not be pressured to do this
- § Although you may experience culture shock when you first move to the UK, this is only temporary
- § It may help to talk to fellow international students and keep in contact with friends/family at home
- § It is also important to integrate yourself into life in the UK – for example joining sports, music or other clubs together with UK students







# Student's Union and Societies



- § University of Nottingham Students' Union hosts over 300 student-run clubs, societies and opportunities
- § This includes more than 70 sports clubs
- § There are also many international, cultural and faith societies
- § The SU also offers volunteering opportunities and a student advice service
- § Our Chaplaincy offers faith support for students of any faith





# Sport and fitness

*The Times Good  
University Guide*  
Sports University of  
the Year in 2019  
and again in 2021





# David Ross Sports Village



- Our £40m David Ross Sports Village on University Park Campus comes complete with:
- § 200-station fitness suite
  - § climbing wall
  - § swimming pool
  - § martial arts dojo
  - § all-glass squash court
  - § outdoor sports pitches
  - § high-performance zone for elite athletes in training





# Support services

- § Personal tutor and welfare officer
- § Academic and accessibility support
- § Visa and immigration advice
- § Confidential counselling service
- § English language support from CELE
- § Careers and Employability Service
- § Chaplaincy and faith support
- § Researcher Academy
- § Students' Union -  
independent advice on study,  
housing, money







# Protecting your data and privacy



- § The university treats all students as independent adults and respects your privacy
- § We also comply with the UK's data protection laws
- § Information about you is handled confidentially, including your personal information, contact details and academic records
- § We won't share your data with anyone else – including family members – without your consent



## Next steps



# Extraordinary is what you make it

Use our **welcome** webpages to plan your preparations, travel and arrival on campus

[nottingham.ac.uk/welcome](https://nottingham.ac.uk/welcome)



Follow us on social media [nottingham.ac.uk/go/world-social](https://nottingham.ac.uk/go/world-social)

[University of Nottingham](#) > [Student Services](#) > Welcome

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An extraordinary start to your year

This isn't the start to the academic year that any of us were expecting. At the University of Nottingham, we're used to dealing with the unexpected.



Before you arrive

Tasks you need to complete before you can begin studying with us.



When you get here

Everything you'll need to do during your first few weeks.



Student life

Discover all that's on offer to make your time here extraordinary.