

Autism Summer School FAQs

Accommodation and Eating

Q1 – Where will I be staying?

You will be staying in our on-campus student accommodation. You and your guest (a parent/carer) will each get your own lockable bedroom (you won't be required to share a bedroom) which will be en-suite (so you'll get your own bathroom). Bed linen, pillows, duvets and towels will all be provided in your accommodation. Students and their parent/guardian attending the residential will be in rooms next-door to each other. Your rooms will only be able to be accessed by your own personal key card, ensuring your safety.

Q2 – What should I bring?

You should pack clothes, toiletries, a hairdryer if you need one, any medication which you take, maybe a book/magazine/game for when you have free-time, a note-book and pen would also be useful.

Q3 – What will I be eating?

Breakfast and dinner will be provided in our on-campus catering outlets and a packed lunch will be provided on each day. There will always be a choice of foods and we can cater for most special diets. If you have any food preferences or concerns that you would like us to cater for, please do let us know. Please notify us, in advance if you require a specific diet (vegan, vegetarian, dairy-free, gluten-free, Halal, etc). Meals are provided free of charge.

Q4 – How much does this cost?

As part of the programme, accommodation and food is provided free of charge for you and your guest. Travel costs will be reimbursed after the event if applicable.

Q5 – Who will be looking after me?

You will be looked after by members of University events staff and our friendly student ambassadors, some of whom have lived experiences of transitioning to University with autism, and all are fully experienced in running these programmes. All of the events staff and ambassadors have Enhanced DBS checks.

Socialising and Free Time

Q1 – Will I have free time?

Yes! You will have free time to socialise with other students on the programme if you wish to do so. There will also be time to explore the campus. We will run free-time activities on late Friday afternoon/evening which would be great for you to attend and there will also be time to relax in your room or chill-out in an outdoor space.

Q2 – Can I bring my mobile phone/electronics?

Of course! Feel free to bring what you feel you need for the duration of the programme. However, do not overpack as it is only for 2 days! You will be able to connect to WIFI when you are on campus.

Q3 – What if I don't know anyone else coming?

That is perfectly fine. Many of the students on the programme will not know anyone else when they first arrive. It is a great opportunity to meet new people and make friends. We run social events with your guest to allow you to get to know others on the programme. If you feel worried about anything or lonely then please let one of our ambassadors know and they will support you with this.

DRAFT timetable

Friday 5 th August 2022		
Arrival & Registration	12:00-12:30	
Lunch with Ambassadors	12:30-13:30	
Welcome Talk	13:30-13:45	
Small group campus tour	13:45-14:30	
Psychology department session - TBC	14:30-15:00	
Move into accommodation	15:00-16:00	
Disability Services talk with parents	16:00-17:00	
Free time	17:00-17:30	
Dinner	17:30-18:30	
Student Q&A with current students	18:30-19:00	
Evening activity options	19:00-21:00	

Saturday 6 th August 2022		
Breakfast	08:00-09:00	
Move out of accommodation and hand in keys – put bags in holding room	09:00-10:00	
Independent living skills session & activity (no parents)	10:00-11:00	

Parent sessions – TBC	10:00-11:00	
Group work skills session with the skills centre team	11:00-12:00	
Lunch	12:00-13:00	
Why go to Uni + next steps talk	13:00-13:30	
Final Q&A	13:30-14:00	
Depart	14:00-onwards	

Arrival times: The times stated above are the times that you need to arrive at the University campus. If you are arriving to Bath Spa Station by train, or the City of Bath by coach, then you should allow an additional 30 minutes to catch a bus up to the campus. The departure times listed above are when you will be able to depart from the University campus. If you are travelling home by train or coach then you should allow around 30 minutes to travel from the University campus to the city centre (for onwards trains and coaches). If you wish to drive to the university and park your car on campus then that is fine and we can provide you with a parking permit. If you have any questions please contact us at: campus-events-team@bath.ac.uk