**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 parent/carer will each get your own lockable bedroom which will be en-suite (so you won’t be required to share a bedroom and 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.

Further information about the accommodation can be found here: <https://www.bath.ac.uk/student-accommodation/marlborough-court-and-solsbury-court-student-accommodation/>

**Q2 – What should I bring?**

You should pack clothes, toiletries and any medication you take.

It may also be useful to bring a hairdryer (if you need one), something for you to do when you have free time and a note-book and pen.

A kit list will be provided closer to the date. However, do not overpack as it is only for 2 days!

**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. Our student ambassadors are fully experience in running these programmes and some of the ambassadors have lived experiences of transitioning to University with autism. 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. 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**

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| What is going on? | Time | Any extra information |
| Arrival & Registration | 12:00-12:30 |  |
| Lunch &  Student Ambassador introductions | 12:30-13:20 |  |
| Welcome Talk | 13:20-13:45 |  |
| Small group campus tour*(or self-guided tours for people who would rather)* | 13:45-14:30 |  |
| Talking about your autism session | 14:30-15:00 |  |
| **Comfort break** | 15:00 – 15:15 |  |
| Disability Services talk | 15:15-16:00 |  |
| Living in university accommodation: easing the transition | 16:00 – 16:15 |  |
| Move into bedroom and rest time | 16:15-17:30 |  |
| Dinner | 17:30-18:30 |  |
| Student Q&A with current students | 18:30-19:00 | For those students that feel able, please attend without parents/carers. There will be a Q&A session for parents/carers in the other room |
| Evening activity options or rest time | 19:00-21:00 |  |

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| What is going on? | Time | Any extra information |
| Breakfast | 08:00-09:00 |  |
| Move out of accommodation and hand in keys | 09:00-10:00 |  |
| Independent living skills session & activity | 10:00-11:00 | For those students that feel able, please attend without parents/carers. This session will focus on how students manage their money. We will also do a food budgeting activity which students can choose to do individually, in pairs or in small groups. |
| Parents session TBC | 10:00-11:00 | Teas & coffees in room nearby independent living skills session & activity |
| Group work skills session with the skills centre team | 11:00-12:00 | For those students that feel able, please attend without parents/carers |
| Parents session TBC | 11:00-12:00 | Teas & coffees in room nearby Group work skills session |
| Lunch | 12:00-13:00 |  |
| Why go to Uni and next steps talk | 13:00-13:30 |  |
| Final Q&A | 13:30-13:50 |  |
| Collect luggage | 13:50 – 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 at least 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 we can provide you with a parking permit.

If you have any questions please contact us at: campus-events-team@bath.ac.uk