



Royal
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International Orientation 2021

2 – 11 September

“An awesome experience for every international student.”

Please be aware that this programme may be subject to changes due to circumstances beyond our control

Hello



I am delighted to welcome you to the International Orientation programme at the Royal Agricultural University. I hope this experience will be as enjoyable for you as for previous students. My aim is to help you feel prepared to begin your time studying at the Royal Ag by giving you the chance to meet new people and make friends whilst having fun and visiting some amazing places; to become familiar with the RAU campus, staff and the local area whilst acclimatising to English life and culture, settle in and get organised – all ahead of the academic year beginning. My English for Academic Purposes (EAP) sessions not only help our non-native speakers of English to improve academic English language skills, but also benefit all students preparing to study at university in the UK by covering essential academic writing skills such as:

- ◆ Planning & Structure
- ◆ Paraphrasing & Summarising
- ◆ APA Referencing
- ◆ Structuring Literature Reviews
- ◆ Preparing & Delivering Presentations
- ◆ Scan reading, collating and discussing that information
- ◆ Understanding Coursework Briefs – structuring your response for optimum marks

I am really looking forward to meeting you – we are going to have a great time together!

Michelle Tutty

Student Support: International; Academic; Welfare

Please be sure to let us know of any allergies / dietary requirements in advance!.

“It’s a great way to meet new people and settle in before term starts, get a move ahead of the rest.”

Thursday 2 September

RAU campus & Cirencester

08.00—08.30: Dining Hall Breakfast

08.45-10.15: EJ12 Welcome & Introduction to the programme with Michelle

10.00 –10.30: EJ12 Introduction to the NHS & UK Healthcare – Alice Gruber, RAU Clinic Nurse

10.30-11.30 Registration Update with Registry and Finance

11.45-12.30: EJ07 Yoga with Eunice—build strength and focus

12.30-13.15: Dining Hall Lunch

13.30: Porters’ Lodge Meet to walk into town centre

14.15-15.15: Guided walking tour of Cirencester

War Memorial Learn the history of Roman Corinium and Cirencester through the centuries

15.30-17.00: Town Centre Open bank accounts / visit shops in Cirencester town centre with the STARS

18.00: Bathurst Lawn BBQ Supper with the STARS – weather permitting





Friday 3 September

Daytrip to the Forest of Dean & the River Wye with the STARs

Please dress appropriately: lightweight trousers, no jeans; wear stout shoes and bring a waterproof jacket

07.00–07.30: Dining Hall Early Breakfast

07.45: Porters' Lodge Depart

10.00–12.30: Bracelands Forest of Dean Adventure site—team building challenges
<http://www.forestofdeanadventure.co.uk/>

12.30–13.30: Symonds Yat Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Viewpoint - packed lunch



2.5 hour guided Canadian canoe trip along the River Wye

14.00: Kerne Bridge [Www.wye.canoes.com](http://www.wye.canoes.com)

17.00: Paddock Hotel Depart for return to RAU

18.00 – 18.30: Dining Hall Supper



**“We are family – eating together
group work, visiting... students
from abroad will never feel lonely.”**

Saturday 4 September

RAU campus & local countryside with the STARS

08.00–10.00: Dining Hall Brunch

10.30: Porters’ Lodge Depart for Stroud

Explore this well-known Farmers’ Market in the Five Valleys — buy lunch

11.00-13.30: Stroud town
centre; Farmers’ Market ;
Five Valleys Food Hall



Master Cheesemaker Liz Godsell talks about cheese (and cows) made at Church Farm, in the Gloucestershire village of Leonard Stanley, using milk from our own herd of cows and one other local farm

14.00-16.00: Church Farm
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18.00 – 18.30: Dining Hall Supper



Sunday 5 September

Daytrip to Windsor Castle with the STARS

08.00-09.00: Dining Hall Brunch

09:15: Porters' Lodge Depart for Windsor

11.00-15.00: Windsor Castle & town centre Explore the castle, the town and the riverside — packed lunch

15.30 : Coach Park Depart for RAU

18.00 – 18.30: Dining Hall Supper



“Well worth spending the extra time and money, you get so much out of it that can’t be put into words.”

Monday 6 September

RAU campus

- 08.00—08.30: Dining Hall Breakfast
- 08.45-10.15: EJ12 English for Academic Purposes (EAP) with Michelle
- 10.15-10.45: EJ12 IT@RAU with Leigh Miller
- 10.45-11.15: Library Introduction to Library services at the RAU
- 11.15-12.30: Fossehill Walk & Talk with Jake Bromley-Fowles, Chief Instructor & Equine Facility Manager at the RAU Fossehill Equestrian Centre which offers a range of livery packages for students and local horse owners, with facilities including stabling for 75 horses, a floodlit outdoor arena, a horse walker, excellent hacking, an all-weather circular exercise track, and all-year-round turnout. Students on the RAU’s equine courses also benefit from the site for practical lectures and demonstrations.
- 12.30-13.00: Dining Hall Lunch
- 13.00—14.30: Porters’
Lodge Campus environment Walk & Talk with Dr Ian Grange
- 14.45-17.00: Cotswold
Sculpture Park Wander around this 10 acre site and enjoy the "Elemental" exhibition— the perfect way to view contemporary sculpture, in a beautiful setting in the open air.
Tea & Cake in the Poppin Tearoom included.
- 18.00—18.30: Dining Hall Supper
- 19.00-21.00: Residences Practical Fire Training— simulated practice with the STARS and Security





Tuesday 7 September

Afternoon trip to Avebury henge & manor

08.00—08.30: Dining Hall Breakfast

08.45-10.30: EJ12 English for Academic Purposes (EAP) with Michelle

10.45-11.30: Labs Meet Dr Simon Daniels, Lecturer in Equine Nutrition & Parasitology, Centre for Equine Management & Science, whose research interests include Equine parasitology; Anthelmintic resistance; Sustainable parasite control methods; Parasites and intestinal health; Equine nutrition and gastrointestinal health; Oxidative stress

11.45-12.30: EJ07 Yoga with Eunice

13.00: Porters' Lodge Collect packed lunches and depart for Avebury

14.00—17.00: Avebury Following a guided walking tour of the 4,500 year old henge, explore the Manor, Gardens, Alexander Keiller Museum and enjoy a Cream Tea.

Avebury Manor was refurbished for each room to reflect a period in which the residents lived, the furniture and objects were either recreated by modern craftsmen, or genuine antique furniture restored, and made strong enough to be used, sat on and touched. Uniquely, visitors are encouraged to sit on the furniture, lie on the beds and play snooker in the Billiard Room. The Alexander Keiller Museum, in the Stables Gallery, houses one of the most important prehistoric archaeological collections in Britain

17.00: Coach Park

Depart to return to the RAU

18.00—18.30: Dining Hall Supper

“The IO is well structured to help students from all countries fit into the RAU and England and also make new friends before your course begins.”

Wednesday 8 September

Sculpture, Woodchester Vineyard & Croquet

08.00–08.30: Dining Hall	Breakfast
08.45–10.45: EJ12	English for Academic Purposes (EAP) with Michelle
11.00-2.00: EJ12	Introduction to Enterprise @ RAU with Head of Enterprise, Katy Duke Enterprising Learning Provider of the Year (2019): “The Enterprise team at the RAU are passionate about providing opportunities for all students via its social enterprise projects and extracurricular business start-up programme.”
12.30-13.00: Dining Hall	Lunch
13.45: Porters’ Lodge	Depart for Woodchester
14.30-15.30: Woodchester Valley Vineyard	Walk, Talk & Tasting This family owned boutique vineyard and winery in the South Cotswolds produces a range of white, rose and sparkling wines. www.woodchestervalleyvineyard.co.uk
16.30—17.30: RAU	An introduction to croquet on the RAU with the local Croquet Club and STARS
18.00 – 18.30	Supper – Dining Hall



Thursday 9 September
RAU campus, Hollow Fosse and Selsley



08.00 – 08.30: Dining Hall Breakfast

08.45 – 09.45: EJ12 English for Academic Purposes (EAP) with Michelle

10.00—11.30: Parkinson Lecture Theatre (PLT) Meet RAU speakers with Q&A: Academics from across the university will speak to you about their work and research

11.45-12.30: EJ07 Yoga with Eunice

12.30-13.00: Dining Hall Lunch

13.30: Porters' Lodge Depart for Hollow Fosse

14.00-15.30: Hollow Fosse Meet some of the RAU Shooting Club and SU members on this Clay Pigeon Shoot with the RAU STARS

16.00-19.00: Selsley Common, Stroud Sausage Sizzle with the STARS



“The tours – I loved them! And the academic sessions – very necessary. Michelle is very accommodating and approachable.”

Friday 10 September

RAU campus

- 08.00-08.30: Dining Hall Breakfast
- 08.45–13.00: EJ12 Final session with Michelle: Quiz & Feedback; Induction Week Q&A; Final prep for Student Presentation IO 2020
- 13.00-14.00: Bathurst Dining Room Welcome Lunch & Student Presentation with the Vice Chancellor, RAU staff, SU and STARS
- 14.00-15.00: Corinium Room Photos
- 18.00—18.30: Dining Hall Supper
- Meet members of staff over a buffet lunch and give your group presentation: *International Orientation 2021; a reflection on our experience as international students arriving at the RAU*





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Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 September - Welcome Weekend

**08.00–13.00: Dining
Hall**

Brunch

10.00: Porters' Lodge

Students moving off campus, and those not in their allocated rooms for the academic year ahead, check out of rooms by 10am

**18.00-18.30: Dining
Hall**

Supper

Monday 13 September - RAU Induction Week begins...

