



Royal
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International Orientation 2019

9 – 21 September

*“An awesome experience
for every international student.”*

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; to get settled in and organised – all ahead of the academic year beginning. My English for Academic Purposes sessions not only help our non-native speakers of English to improve academic English language skills, but also benefit all students in preparing them for study at university in the UK by covering skills such as:

- How to deliver presentations and take part in seminar discussions
- Scan reading, presenting and discussing that information
- How to plan and structure your academic writing
- An introduction to the APA Referencing system used at the RAU
- How to locate research materials and reference your sources
- How to paraphrase and summarise effectively
- How to write a literature review effectively
- Understanding Coursework Briefs – what are you being asked to write about?

I am really looking forward to meeting you – it is going to be a great fortnight!

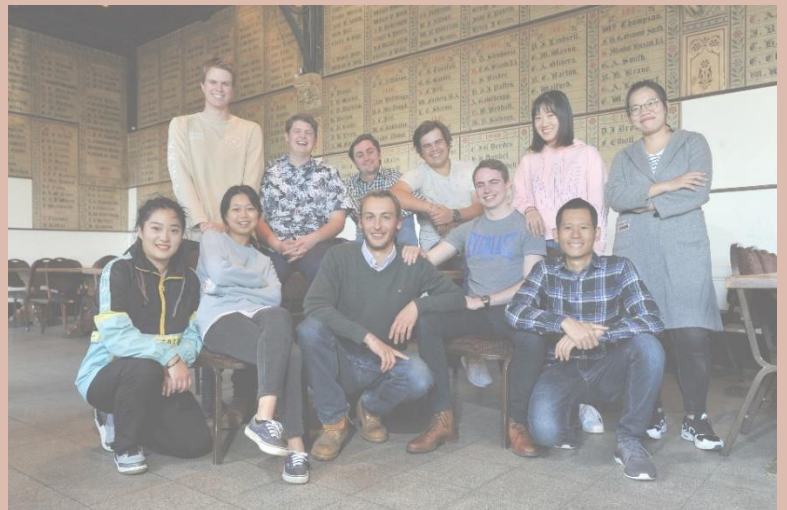
Michelle Tutty, International Student Support

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

Monday 9 September

RAU campus & Cirencester

- 08.00 – 08.30 Breakfast - Dining Hall
- 08.45 Meet Michelle outside the Porters’ Lodge
- 09.00 –10.00 PG1 - Welcome & Introduction to the programme with Michelle
- 10.00 – 10.45 Campus Orientation Challenge
- 10.45 - 11.30 Student Lounge – Tea & Coffee break
Meet Julie, Celia and Emma - the student welfare team, and our student reps.,
- 11.30 – 12.30 Registry-Finance-Clinic – 3-way registration and issuance of Biometric Residence Permits by Asst. Registrar Katerina Emmanouilidou
- 12.30 – 13.30 Lunch – Dining Hall
- 13.30 Meet Michelle outside the Porters’ Lodge to walk to the town centre past the Phoenix Doctor’s Surgery so you are familiar with the route
- 14.30 – 15.30 Guided walking tour of Cirencester
Learn the history of Roman Corinium and Cirencester through the centuries
- 15.30 – 17.00 Open bank accounts at Lloyds & HSBC Banks in Cirencester town centre
The STARS will meet you after your bank appointment and help you with
- 18.00 – 18.30 Supper – Dining Hall





Tuesday 10 September

Daytrip to the Forest of Dean & the River Wye

07.30 – 08.00 Early Breakfast - Dining Hall

08.15 Porters' Lodge – meet Michelle to depart

09.30 – 12.30 Forest of Dean Adventure, Bracelands site: assault course; adventure challenge; high ropes; archery etc.

<http://www.forestofdeanadventure.co.uk/>

Please dress appropriately: wear stout shoes and bring a waterproof jacket

12.30 – 13.30 Symond's Yat Rock Viewpoint: an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Packed lunch provided



14.00 Kerne Bridge: 2.5 hour guided Canadian canoe trip along the River Wye to Symonds Yat (www.wyecanoes.com: Ross-on-Wye HR9 6BN)

17.00 Depart for return to RAU

18.00 – 18.30 Supper – Dining Hall



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

Wednesday 11 September

RAU campus & Fossehill Farm

- 08.00 – 08.30 Breakfast - Dining Hall
- 09.00 – 10.00 English for Academic Purposes (EAP) with Michelle
- 10.00 – 10.30 Tea & Coffee break & meet Sarah Hall, RAU Accommodation Officer
- 10.30 – 11.30 English for Academic Purposes (EAP) with Michelle
- 11.30 – 12.30 Meet at the Porters’ Lodge: RAU Speaker and Q&A meet at the Porters’ Lodge



Meet Dr Ian Grange, Senior Lecturer in Countryside & Environmental Mgmt. and Acting Head of Centre for the Environment, who has extensive academic expertise in soil science with research experience in the UK, Australia and Thailand; current teaching and research interests include habitat management and ecological connectivity at the landscape scale.

- 12.30 – 13.30 Lunch – Dining Hall
- 13.30 Meet at the Porters’ Lodge: to walk to the RAU equestrian farm at Fossehill
- 14.15 – 15.15 Fossehill Equestrian Centre Tour & Talk by Dr Kate Gandee, Equine Enterprise Manager RAU Fossehill



The RAU equine facility includes an all -weather Martin Collins arena, a 1 km chipped bark gallop, horse walker and an American barn stabling block with 24-hour observation equipment, all enabling work on equine nutrition, behaviour, gait analyses and standard exercise regimes. We work closely with the equine industry and are continually investigating how new products and management systems affect the physiology, health and welfare of the horse.

- 18.00 Supper – BBQ (weather permitting)





Thursday 12 September

Daytrip to Avebury Henge & Manor

- 08.00 – 08.30 Breakfast - Dining Hall
- 08.45 Meet at the Porters' Lodge: depart for Avebury
- 10.30 – 11.30 Guided walking tour of this Neolithic henge monument, the largest megalithic stone circle in the world
Enjoy a cream tea in the café
Packed lunch provided
- 11.30 – 14.15 Explore the Manor, Gardens and Alexander Keiller Museum
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
- 14.00 Meet at the coach park to return to the RAU
- 18.00 – 18.30 Supper – Dining Hall



Friday 13 September

RAU campus & local countryside

08.00 – 08.30	Breakfast - Dining Hall
09.00 – 10.00	English for Academic Purposes (EAP) with Michelle
10.00 – 10.30	Intro to IT at the RAU
10.30 – 11.00	RAU Library Tour
11.00 – 11.30	Tea and Coffee break
11.30 – 12.30	English for Academic Purposes (EAP) with Michelle
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch – Dining Hall
13.30	Meet at the Porters' Lodge: depart for the Elemental Sculpture Park, Ewen Afternoon tea in the café included
16.00	Return to the RAU
17.00 – 17.30	Early Supper – Dining Hall
18.00 – 21.00	Meet outside the Porters' Lodge to depart for Gifford's Circus "...it's not your average big tent affair but a wonderland! It's the best live show I've ever seen." Rachel Weisz Harper's Bazaar



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

Saturday 14 September

RAU campus & local countryside

08.00 – 09.00

Breakfast - Dining Hall

MORNING FREE

12.00 – 12.30

Lunch - Dining Hall

13.00 – 16.00

FG1 - Introduction to 'rambling' English style by Richard Holmes of Cirencester Ramblers:



- The Kinder Scout Trespass story
- Footpaths and Rights of Way
- Using Ordnance Survey Maps and compasses
- Ramblers & walking groups

... followed by a country walk to a local pub, The Tunnel House

18.00 – 18.30

Supper – Dining Hall



Sunday 15 September

Free Day – relax and reboot

08.00 – 09.00 Breakfast - Dining Hall

12.00 – 12.30 Lunch – Dining Hall

18.00 – 18.30 Supper – Dining Hall



Monday 16 September

RAU campus & Woodchester Valley Vineyard & Winery

08.00 – 08.30 Breakfast - Dining Hall

09.00 – 10.30 English for Academic Purposes (EAP) with Michelle

10.30 – 11.00 Tea and Coffee break

11.00 – 12.00 RAU Speaker and Q&A - meet at the labs



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

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch – Dining Hall

13.00 Meet Michelle outside the Porters' Lodge to depart for Woodchester

13.30 – 14.30 Tour & talk: Woodchester Valley Vineyard & Winery

Upper Atcombe Farm, Convent Lane GL5 5HR – a family owned boutique vineyard and winery in the South Cotswolds which produce a range of white, rose and sparkling wines. www.woodchestervalleyvineyard.co.uk

14.30 – 15.30 Walk through the woods around Woodchester Lakes

Please wear stout shoes and bring a waterproof jacket

18.00 – 21.00 Supper – Dining Hall





Tuesday 17 September

Daytrip to Kew Gardens & Hampton Court Palace

07.00 – 07.30	Early Breakfast - Dining Hall
07:30	Meet outside the Porters' Lodge to depart for Kew
10.00 –11.00	Guided Tour & Talk - Kew Gardens
11.00 – 12.00	Explore the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew Packed lunch provided
12.30 – 15.30	Visit the royal palace of Hampton Court Palace Experience the public dramas and private lives of Henry V111, his wives and children in the world of the Tudor court. Admire Henry's Great Hall, the infamous Haunted Gallery and the Tudor Kitchens. Discover the spectacular baroque palace built for William 111 and Mary 11 and explore the magnificent gardens
15.30 – 16.00	Boat ride along the River Thames to Kingston-on-Thames
17.15	Depart Kingston to return to the RAU
19.00 – 19.30	Late Supper – Dining Hall



Wednesday 18 September

RAU campus

- 08.00 – 08.30 Breakfast - Dining Hall
- 09:00 – 10.00 English for Academic Purposes (EAP) with Michelle
- 10.00 – 10.30 Trent Lodge: An introduction to Enterprise at the RAU – with Katy Duke
- 10.30-11.00 Tea & Coffee-break



- 11.30 - 13.00 Frank Garner Lecture Room 1: – Meet RAU Speakers and Q&A:
- Dr Geraint Coles – Dir. RAU Cultural Heritage Institute
- Dr Chang Xianmin – Senior Lecturer Crop Technology
- Mr William Leschalles – Lecturer & Prog. Mgr. BSc (Hons) Rural Land Mgmt.
- Dr Felicity Crotty – Lecturer Soil Science & Ecology
- 13.00 – 14.00 Lunch – Dining Hall
- 14.00 – 15.00 English for Academic Purposes (EAP) with Michelle
- 15.00 – 16.30 An introduction to croquet with the Cirencester Croquet Club
- 18.00 – 18.30 Supper – Dining Hall



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



Thursday 19 September

RAU Harnhill & Hollow Fosse

08.00 – 08.30	Breakfast - Dining Hall
08.45	Meet Michelle outside the Porters' Lodge to depart for Harnhill RAU farm
09.30 – 10.15	Guided tour of the RAU arable farm at Harnhill
11.00 – 11.30	Tea & Coffee-break
11.30 – 12.30	EAP with Michelle
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch – Dining Hall
13.30	Meet at the Porters' Lodge to depart for Hollow Fosse
14.00 – 15.30	Clay Pigeon Shoot w/ STARs – Hollow Fosse
16.00 – 19.00	... followed by a sausage sizzle campfire supper on Selsley Common



“I feel so impressed by the IO – I am confident to start university life... the lessons will help tremendously in preparation for university.”

Friday 20 September

RAU campus

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| 08.00 – 08.30 | Breakfast - Dining Hall |
| 09.00 – 13.00 | Final session with Michelle and prep session for presentation |
| 13.00 – 14.00 | Welcome Lunch with RAU staff & final presentation |
| 14.00 – 15.00 | Feedback with Michelle and photo shoot |



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| 18.00 – 18.30 | Supper – Student Lounge:
How to make Italian wood-fired pizza with Michele Mucilli |
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SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER Students moving off-campus move out today by 09.30am

SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER Free Day

MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER RAU Induction Week begins