

EXCHANGE REPORT



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1. Monthly Activity Log

January

London | Coventry |

After celebrating my New Year's Day on the plane from Hong Kong to London, I arrived at the Heathrow Airport on 1st January 2020. I had travelled around London with my friend and her family there for 3 days. We watched the New Year parade and visited the Tower Bridge (Photo 1), Tate Modern, Winter Wonderland etc. Although the trip is pretty short, I enjoyed it quite a lot and I immediately planned for another trip to London. On 4th Jan, I went to Coventry by train and transited to the University of Warwick by bus. Students can first download the official apps "my Warwick" to check the bus schedule. I did the check-in for my hall and other registration stuff afterwards. The campus itself was large and with lots of greenery. Jack Martin (photo 2) is a cosy place to stay. Unfortunately, I got a place in Block 2, which is the only building without a lift. On 6th Jan, I joined the orientation for exchange students and attended my first lecture. Everything went smoothly. I met some new friends from Finland and Canada in the Orientation and we attended most classes together. Also, cooking in the shared kitchen and playing together with other flatmates are good memories.



February

London | Newcastle | Edinburgh | Coventry |

After a couple weeks of lectures and seminars, I travelled back to London again in February. St. Paul Cathedral (Photo 3) is my favourite place in London and it is worth to visit. Right after the trip to London, I visited my friend studying in Newcastle. Newcastle is quite different from Warwick and Coventry. It is more crowded and more city-like. I then had a trip to Edinburgh to celebrate my birthday. Even though the weather was unexpectedly terrible that day, Edinburgh (Photo 4) is a great place for sightseeing. There

are a lot of places that are perfect for taking Instagram-able photos. In the middle of February, I got a quiz for the course Quantitative Methods for Multivariate Analysis. I joined the mid-term exchange student lunch meeting the staffs and most exchange students and had a great time.



March

Coventry | Ireland | London |

March is another busy month. Apart from having lectures regularly, I attended a few group meetings working on the projects in the first week. To take a short break, I travelled to Ireland. My favourite part of the journey was joining the day trip to Cliff of Moher (Photo 6) and we also visited the Museum of Guinness.

The Easter break started on 13th March, yet, at that time the cases of Covid-19 started to go up quickly in Europe. So, I cancelled all my travelling plans. Meanwhile, I was packing my luggage since students living in Jack Martin had to move out during the break. And I had no choice but to move in an Airbnb in Coventry. On 27th March, I returned back to Hong Kong.



April

Hong Kong |

After being self-quarantined for 14 days, I continued staying at home to stay safe. At the same time, while I was completing my assignments, I regularly checked if there were any announcements made by the WBS and my professors. Later on, most exams were announced to be online exams or in essay forms.

May & June

Hong Kong |

Not much information can be provided due to COVID-19

2. General Exchange Information

Visa Procedures

Students don't need to prepare for the Visa if you are staying for less than 6 months in the UK. Students just have to state that they are having the Short-term Study visa option in the application. The Exchange team in Warwick will send you a support letter and you need to keep it with you whenever you enter the UK.

Orientation Activities

The University had several exchange student activities at the beginning of the semester, like lunch gathering and orientation day. They would also organise some drop-in sessions for exchange students to talk with the Exchange team.

International Services & Activities

not much information can be provided due to COVID-19

Accommodations

Exchange students were housed either in campus dorms or off-campus rental housing. I stayed in Jack Martin. It is with en suite bathrooms, which is good. The bathroom would be cleaned by the accommodation staff once a week. It is on the central campus and very close to the small grocery store, "Rootes". Yet, the price is relatively high compared to others and you cannot stay in your dorm during Easter break. Also, the Wi-Fi connection is pretty poor.

Course Registration

Students should read the wbs exchange student module handbook and the exchange module availability cheat sheet carefully before heading to the UK. You will then need to apply for modules you wish to take through the Module Application System prior to arrival. One great tip for you is that your waitlist number will not be shown on the system. You can only know you successfully register which courses at that moment and seek help from the wbs team once you arrive on the campus. What you have to do is to keep track of the Module Application System and see if any student drops the course or register for other courses to play safe.

Teaching & Assessment Methods

Most WBS modules will have lectures video uploaded online. Attendance for lectures is usually not required, but there will be attendance for seminars.

Sports & Recreation Facilities

not much information can be provided due to COVID-19

Finance & Banking

Although it is a must to bring a certain amount of cash with you, I mostly spend with my credit cards and Apple pay is commonly used in the UK. Get a debit card from the UK's digital banking is also an option.

Social Clubs & Networking Opportunities

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Health & Safety

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Food

I usually cook my own food in the shared kitchen while doing my grocery shopping in Aldi and Tesco. If you want some Chinese or Korean food, there are Chinese and Korean grocery stores in the same shopping mall. I also recommend a restaurant named Farm House in Coventry. For those who can't cook well, every two weeks, there would be a lot of food trucks on the campus and that's a great opportunity for you to grab something delicious.

Transportation

To get around the University, there is a school shuttle. Off-campus, we normally take the bus to get to Coventry. Make sure you register for a railcard to save your transportation fee.

Climate

The weather at the University is better than in London. Yet, it is still cold in January and rainy all the time.

Communication

I suggest not to purchase your sim card at the airport since it is much more expensive. Vodafone is a better choice compared to Three.

Cautionary measures

Pay attention to the road and better not to do not walk alone outside the campus at night.

3. Items to Bring

Passport	(HKID)	Cash	Letter of support of visa	Sim card
Gloves	Scarf	Clothes	Debit card/ credit card	Umbrella
Chargers	Laptop	Face Cream	Medicine	Stationary

4. Useful Links and Contacts

Accommodations:

<https://warwick.ac.uk/services/accommodation/studentaccommodation/undergraduate/>

my.wbs: <https://my.wbs.ac.uk/?event=login>

tabula: <https://tabula.warwick.ac.uk/>

moodle: <https://moodle.warwick.ac.uk/>

Transport:

<http://www.trainline.com>