

Pre-Arrival Guide

Checklist:

- ✓ Review pre-arrival information on our website
- ✓ Submit your Joining Info Form
- ✓ Submit your photo
- ✓ Arrange travel to St Clare's
- ✓ Pack your bags (see our list below for guidance)

Personal Security

St Clare's provides each residential student with a small safe for storing valuable items (i.e. passport, BRP card, money, jewellery, etc.). We strongly recommend that you do not carry large sums of money around with you as this can result in theft.

Learning Equipment

Students are required to bring a laptop computer with them as much of the school's interaction with them is via digital resources, both administratively and academically. We recommend a new or recently purchased laptop (or at least one that is less than 2 years old) for it to remain compatible with our systems until course completion at St Clare's.

We support both Windows and Apple laptops. We do not support Linux or Chromebook as these are incompatible with our systems. Tablets can be useful in some circumstances, but we do not recommend them as a student's main educational device.

If you bring an electronic device with you that has speakers, please bring headphones that are compatible with the device to facilitate the use of sound in public spaces without causing a disturbance.

Electrical Appliances

British voltage is 240 volts and appliances have a 3-pin plug. If bringing electrical appliances with a different plug or voltage, you will need to purchase a universal adaptor. All electrical appliances will need to be approved and undergo PAT testing by the maintenance team.

What is Provided by St Clare's

- Wi-Fi access in all buildings
- Washers and dryers in residential accommodations
- Bed linen and towels (laundered by St Clare's weekly)
 - Students may bring their own personal bed linen if desired but will be required to wash these along with clothing
- Kitchen essentials in each residential accommodation
- Textbooks and calculator (purchased through the Library)
- Central heating in all residential accommodations

What to Bring

- Passport, BRP card/visa (must be in hand luggage)
- Letter of consent to travel (must be in hand luggage)
- Prescription medication only (recommend in hand luggage)
 - **Please note: Students are not allowed to have any other medication in their room so please do not bring non-prescription medication from home. Medication is administered by the house parent or the nurse.**
- Bank card (recommend in hand luggage)
- Mobile phone and charger
 - Ideally, a dual SIM phone as all students will require a UK SIM card which will be provided on arrival, if needed
- Laptop that supports Microsoft Office and charger
- Universal plug adaptors for the UK
- Toiletry items
- Clothing
 - Students dress casually at St Clare's; however, there may be occasions for students to dress more formally so we recommend bringing at least two formal outfits.
 - British weather is varied and unpredictable. We advise packing accordingly.
 - If planning to take part in sporting activities, bring appropriate equipment, shoes, and clothing
- Towel(s) for swimming or other sports
- Stationery
 - Pens, paper, pencils, erasers, ruler, etc.
 - Dictionary, if needed