

General Information - 2026

The Forum's summer school starts at registration on the **Monday from 3pm and closes on Thursday**, after lunch. In early August, delegates will receive a pack **by post**, with all relevant information needed for arrival at Summer School, including a map of the campus.

All routes are on the level, and are a few minutes' walk from the self-service restaurant, quads and teaching blocks. Although the campus is quite compact, with slopes to assist with mobility, delegates would **need a good level of mobility** to cope with moving between the different areas, **even with walking aids**. All meals and breaks are taken in the self-service restaurant.

The Booking Form and the Booking information & Conditions already covers issues of mobility, to enable you to decide if attendance is practicable for you. If you are considering attending the Summer School and need assistance, whether from a carer, partner or other, we ask you to contact us **before booking** on:

Phone: 07714 674245

Email: seforumschool@outlook.com

This will enable us to assist you in deciding if the event will be suitable for you. Members of our Team at the Summer School are not trained carers, nor is the Team large enough to allocate carers during the event. **Please note:** An external carer would be required to pay the same fee as a course member.

Courses

This year we have **13** courses on offer, some of them new to summer school. You can access them via the links indicated on the Summer School page on the South East u3a Forum website – web link: [2026 – South East u3a Forum](#)

You will have the opportunity to select a 1st choice and one other course. If your first choice is full, you will then be assigned your 2nd choice. Please think carefully about your 2nd choice, it would be better to leave it blank, rather than selecting a subject you have no interest in. You will be able to make these selections on your on-line Booking Form, when it is available in May. **Please note:** Bookings are from the booking date in May only; there are **no early reservations**.

Extras: There may be additional fees for some courses; these details are included in the subject's literature, see 'Course Overview'.

All applications are processed **in order of receipt**, and please note, there is **no opportunity to mix courses**. Some courses may have to be cancelled, if there are insufficient numbers, or a tutor is not available on the day - we will then offer you a refund, or with your agreement, a place on another course.

Accommodation

All accommodation is **SINGLE**, **no doubles**, either En-suite or Standard - student design; **not even a 2* hotel**. The rooms are in groups of 4 for **En-suite** or 6 for **Standard**, with a fully equipped shared kitchen.

Each **En-suite** room is equipped with a small kettle, mug and tea/coffee; as you would find in a hotel room and the refreshments can be replenished from the Accommodation Office.

Standard rooms have a wash-basin. Rooms are in groups of 6 sharing a bathroom, shower and toilet facilities, but they **do not** have lifts and are **not** recommended for members with **significant mobility issues**. Tea/coffee & mug are provided, but the kettle resides in the shared kitchen.

In the accommodation blocks that are 3 storeys high, there are lifts to all floors for ease of access. Also, there are a few accessibility rooms available for those with mobility issues. **Bed linen and towels are provided**, with hairdryers and hangers available from reception. Wi-Fi is available in all rooms. **Please note:** You will be staying in student accommodation, **not even a 2* hotel**.

Pre & Post accommodation is available. Book directly with the University on 01243 793477.

Costs

Standard and En-suite accommodation includes all meals and refreshments

En-Suite Accommodation £390.00	Standard Accommodation £360.00
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Non-Residential including lunch and refreshments

Course WITH dinner £220.00	Course with NO dinner £175.00
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Note: *Gratuities for the staff and the cost of the receptions are included in the price.*

All entertainment on campus is included in the price, but an additional cost will be incurred for the theatre trip to Chichester Festival Theatre, which is optional.

Refunds: This information can be found on the Booking Information & Conditions document.

Insurance: All u3a members are covered under The Third Age Trust insurance, and of course, you can have your own personal insurance, if you wish.

Lounge & Bar

This year there will be a lounge area and it will be open from 8.00am to 11.00pm in the evening – more details in members pack in August. Also, there will be an evening bar run from the restaurant which will be open to members from 7.30pm – 10.00pm and from the start of dinner.

Academic Block

Most of the teaching takes place in this block. There are lifts and toilets on all floors and all rooms are easily accessible.

Entertainment

There is a programme of events each evening:

- **Monday** – Quiz night – getting to know each other and having fun
- **Tuesday** – Film night on campus – a recent film **TBC OR**
- **Tuesday** – Theatre visit to the Minerva Theatre – **the production is 'a small quiet light'**
- **Wednesday** – Speaker – **more details to follow**

Theatre visit – The Minerva Theatre is the 'sister' theatre of the Festival Theatre; it is situated in the same grounds opposite the festival theatre. So, we will be able to walk the same route as usual and parking is still in the North Gate car park. More information will be given out at the Welcome drinks about timings and a poster advertising the production can be found on the Forum's website.

University Parking

There is a large car park, which is indicated on the campus map and all delegates are expected to park there for the duration of the summer school. The university has an ANPR (Automated Number Plate Recognition) parking system. So, as you have already submitted your vehicle registration to us, it will have been entered into the university's parking system prior to your arrival. This parking permit will be valid for the duration of the summer school.

Travel

There is a railway station in Chichester, which is about a 10-minute walk from the station to the buses by the Cathedral, so taxis to the university are advisable when travelling by train.

Problems on arrival day – information will be provided for delegates in their Information packs, which are sent by post in early August.

The South East u3a Forum's web link –

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