

5. Frequently Asked Questions

Festival of International Culture: 22nd, 23rd, 30th March (all Key Stages)

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NB: There are 3 Festival events in March this year. Please take note of the relevant details!

1. Summary

EVENT	Date (Audience)	Venue	Arrivals	Departures	Refreshments
LINGUAVISION CIRCUS	Monday, 22 nd March (Primary KS2)	Newcastle University (Bedson Teaching Centre)	10am for 10.15 start	2pm	Biscuits/fruit juice available. Lunch not provided. Please bring a packed lunch.
FESTIVAL OF INTERNATIONAL CULTURE (NORTH)	Tuesday 23 rd March (Secondary KS3)	Newcastle University (BTC; Open Access Centre; Culture Lab)	10am for 10.15 start	3pm	Lunch is not provided. Please bring a packed lunch.
FESTIVAL OF INTERNATIONAL CULTURE (SOUTH)	Tuesday 30 th March (Secondary KS3)	Teesside University (Clarendon Building)	9.15am for 9.30 start	12.30	Lunch is not provided but some light refreshments will be available.

2. Directions

NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY

Map available here: <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/travel/maps/citymap.php>

The nearest metro is Haymarket station and the University is within walking distance from Central Station and nearby bus services. Newcastle is accessible from the A1 with local car parking available on Claremont Rd and in NCPs in town.

There is no parking available on Newcastle campus. If you arrive by coach, you can be dropped off on King's Road, the road that cuts through campus and is 2 minutes walk from the Old Library Building, your registration point.

TEESIDE UNIVERSITY

Map available here: <http://www.tees.ac.uk/sections/about/travel.cfm>

Middlesbrough is 30 minutes from Darlington Station. If you are coming by bus or car, Middlesbrough is linked to the national road network by the A1(M), the A19 and the A66 dual carriageways. Follow signs to the town centre - the University is signposted from there. There is no available parking on the University Campus. Town centre car parks are nearby. If you arrive by bus, you can be dropped off on Southfield Road in order to get to the CLARENDON BUILDING where registration will take place.

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3. Photo permissions

Please ensure that each of your pupils is happy for their photo to be taken and used in future publicity. In previous years, local press covered the event in papers and on Look North.

4. Transport & rarely cover costs

We regret we cannot organise transport or cover costs for you. However, you should be able to access your school's Aimhigher fund for help with covering costs.

5. Cost of event

The event is free of charge as the organisers have received sponsorship from the North East Regional Partnership for Gifted & Talented and ATLAS, the British Council's Regional Network for International Learning as well as ongoing support from Newcastle & Teesside Universities as venues (including Culture Lab) through the Routes into Languages project.

6. Disabled access

All of the rooms are accessible, although some are more restricted than others. Please take care when moving between venues and respect those around you. Please inform us if anyone in your party has particular needs of which we should be aware.

7. Refreshments

Please bring a packed lunch with you. Although there are places to buy food on campus, there is not enough time in the lunch break to do so. You may bring your own food to eat in designated areas. You will not be allowed food or drink in the workshop areas.

For those attending the Teesside venue, the event finishes before lunch time so you may be back in time for school lunch break. However, it may be advisable to bring refreshments with you.

Some light refreshments (biscuits and fruit juice) will be available at Linguavision Circus and the Teesside Festival in the morning.

8. Safeguarding

The visiting pupils are ultimately the responsibility of their guardian or teacher. However, each group has Student Ambassador who will lead them around campus. Although key members of staff have current CRB checks, not all our student ambassadors or session facilitators are CRB checked. There is no intention that your pupils would be left unsupervised on a 1-2-1 basis during the events. However, you may wish to check how this fits with your school policy.

9. Programme & bookings

See separate PDF. There is a whole range for all ages, languages, and stages of learning. Please book in advance; we cannot accept any impromptu arrivals.

10. Attire/equipment

It is advisable that each pupil has a pen at least. And everyone will need to wear clothes that allow them to participate in the more active workshops such as dance or drumming! You may wish to bring an umbrella as you will be waiting in the open air on arrival and walking outside through campus on your way to some sessions.

11. Anything else?

You should bring 3 copies of a names list with you. We will provide the template for this so that you can add emergency contact details too.

ENJOY THE EVENT!