



## **Mature Student: Frequently Asked Questions**

**Can Brockwood Park School support my visa application for a visa start date earlier than the course start date? This could allow for me to travel in Europe before joining the course.**

No. The mature student programme is for 11 months commencing in August and therefore we are unable to process any application sponsorship with a start date earlier than August.

**Are there student fees for the mature student programme?**

No and therefore bursary support is not applicable to mature students. Mature students are given £40 per month as pocket money

**Where would I live?**

You would live in one of three buildings in the main campus or in one of our cottages just off the main campus. You are likely to live in a shared house but could also be allocated to a self-contained apartment or a simple single room.

**Would I need to bring my own bedding and linen?**

No. The School will provide bedding, linen and towels for your use both during the prospective week and during the course.

**What would be the nature of my work?**

Mature students normally work within the facilities department: school kitchen, school vegetable garden, Brockwood Park grounds. There are also two positions for mature students in the Krishnamurti Retreat Centre and the Krishnamurti Foundation Trust. From time to time, some mature students are called upon to participate in the school curriculum as part of their course of work.

**Would I be paid for the work that I do?**

No. You would work for 20 hours per week in return for your board and lodgings.

**Would there be any opportunity to do paid work?**

From time to time the opportunity for mature students to do paid work may arise at the school. However, it can only be offered to those whose visas do not restrict it.

There is little or no opportunity for paid work in the local area. Furthermore, you would be discouraged from such an undertaking since your focus and presence in the community is a valuable part of your participation here.

**Is the Mature Student Programme an internship for a staff position at Brockwood?**

No. Although mature students work closely with staff, they are distinct positions and there is neither automatic transferral nor qualification from the mature student programme to a staff position.

**Is it possible for mature students to participate in the classes and curriculum offered for students?**

The curriculum is designed primarily for the student body. If their work schedules allow their attendance at a course, mature students may approach the teacher to request to join.

Mature students are welcomed to offer workshops or courses in areas of their interest in their own time.