ORIENTATION SCHEDULE
SPRING 2005
JANUARY 11-14, 2005

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**Tuesday 11th January**

8:45 am  All students assemble outside their accommodation to be escorted to the orientation venue at Senate House by a member of staff.

*Please remember to bring your orientation folder and tube pass with you.*

9:45am  **Introductions and Programme Overview**  
**Senate Room, Senate House**  
The Director Will Migniuolo and the London staff will introduce the Arcadia study abroad programme.

10:00am  **Cultural Adjustment**  
Will Migniuolo gives his unique insight into living in the United Kingdom.

11:00am  **Safety and Security**  
Andy Booth, Crime Prevention Officer with the Metropolitan Police, gives a talk about personal safety during your stay.

11:30am  **Coffee Break**

12:00 pm  **“This is Britain”**  
Dr. Joan Alcock, one of the foremost authorities on Britain and its Capital, presents a history of Britain.

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*Dr. Alcock is Senior Academic Tutor in the School of Hospitality & Product Management at South Bank University. She graduated from London University with a degree in History and has since gained further qualifications in Art, Archaeology and Educational Administration. Dr. Alcock lectures on all aspects of London's history and her published works include books and articles on history and archaeology. Dr. Alcock's current area of research is the history of food. She is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and of the Royal Society of Arts.*

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1:00pm  **Lunch**  
You are free for lunch – there are a number of places to eat in the area around the orientation venue. *Please be back in your seats by 1.50pm.*

2:00pm  **Politics and Current Affairs Panel Discussion**  
The panel, chaired by Assistant Director Duncan de Silva, consists of Julian Brazier MP and Diane Abbott MP representing the House of Commons and Lord Taverne representing the House of Lords. This is a unique opportunity to question these distinguished public figures on any aspect of politics or current affairs.
Diane Abbott MP

Ms Abbott was educated at Harrow County Girl’s Grammar School and Newnham College, Cambridge. She has worked for the National Council for Civil Liberties, as a television journalist, and as an Equality Officer. From 1982 to 1986, she served as a member of Westminster Council. In 1987, she was elected the Labour Member for Hackney North and Stoke Newington, thereby becoming Britain’s first black female MP. A staunch opponent of the war in Iraq, she is a highly vocal and well known MP and a regular on the media circuit.

Julian Brazier MP

Mr Brazier, a member of parliament for Canterbury since June 1987, holds degrees from Brasenose College, Oxford and the London Business School. Prior to his election, Mr. Brazier worked in corporate finance, was a management consultant and conducted economic research. Defense, Economics, Law and Order, Family and the Countryside are particularly critical issues for him. During his tenure in the House of Commons, Mr. Brazier has served on the Defence Select Committee, as Opposition Whip and Secretary of State for Employment.

Lord Taverne

Lord Taverne was educated at Charterhouse School and Balliol College, Oxford. He was called to the bar in 1954 and became Queen’s Counsel in 1965. He entered Parliament in 1962 as Labour MP for Lincoln and subsequently served as Minister in various offices including that of Financial Secretary to the Treasury. After resigning from the Labour Party, he was elected as the only independent MP in Parliament from March 1973 until October 1974. He is now a leading member of the Social and Liberal Democrat Party. Outside of party politics, Mr. Taverne was the founding director for the Institute for Fiscal Studies and more recently the Public Policy Centre. He is the author of Economic and Monetary Union in Europe and The Future of the Left. He was raised to the House of Lords in January 1997.

4:00pm Boat Trip

Embarkment Pier

Take a cruise down the River Thames and see the sights of London from a different perspective. Staff will lead you from the lecture via the tube to the boat. The trip down the river will last about an hour and will end at Embankment Pier, from where you will be escorted to the dinner venue.

5:30pm Welcome Dinner at the Anchor Bankside

Arcadia staff welcome you to the UK with a surfeit of fine cuisine and cakes.

Wednesday 12th January
8:00am  Students assemble outside accommodation
Once everyone is assembled, you will be escorted to the orientation venue at Senate House.
Please remember to bring your packs and theatre tickets

9:00am  How not to Fail!
Senate Room, Senate House
Holly Jagger and Jennie Davies detail ways of adjusting to the British learning environment.

10:00am  Homestay
Assistant Academic Officer Jennie Davies introduces the exciting world of homestay and the challenges and rewards of time spent living with a British family.

10:30am – 12:30pm  Academic Programme Meetings
This is your opportunity meet with your programme coordinator, and to ask questions about your specific University: e.g. registration, classes, student services, housing, sport and recreation facilities. The meetings take place as follows:

10:30 am  London Semester Programme               Room 104
11:30am  Bangor                                         Room 104
11:30am  Events Sign Up Session
Come with Cash in Pounds Sterling (sorry – we can’t accept credit cards or travellers cheques) to sign up for the activities of your choice. Spaces are limited for many of the events and excursions, so now is the time to get your social/travel calendar organized.

4:30pm  Thoresby House Meeting – Basement Lounge
Mandatory meeting for all students permanently residing at Thoresby House. Confused about the plumbing, light fixtures, and appliances? Your GR will clarify all information necessary to successfully adjust to your environment, as well as provide expectations for living in Arcadia Housing.

4:30pm  Palace Court House Meeting – Palace Court Lounge
Mandatory meeting for all residents of Palace Court.

7:00pm  Cinderella at the Royal Opera House
Please meet promptly outside the world-renowned Royal Opera House, Bow Street entrance for this acclaimed ballet. Dress smart-casual.
What better treat could there be than the return of *Cinderella* in its lavish new production from last Season. A downtrodden young girl, a glass slipper and a handsome prince combine to make the perfect piece of story-telling, and with a fairy godmother around, anything can happen: pumpkins become coaches, rags turn to ball gowns and there's bound to be a happy ending.

Ashton's first full-length ballet, given its premiere in 1948 to great acclaim, draws together a wealth of 39 beautifully drawn characters, portrayed against the wonderfully evocative themes and colours of Prokofiev's great score.

This is a mysterious and magical fantasy world, where the comedy of Cinderella's pantomime step-sisters - unlucky in looks and love - provides the perfect foil for the developing romance of Cinderella and the Prince. The scintillating choreography for the Stars and Seasons and the delights of a Royal Ball, with its very energetic jester and the fateful midnight chimes, complete the fairytale picture.

Meet outside the Royal Opera House's Bow Street Entrance.

The nearest Underground Station is **Covent Garden** (Piccadilly Line). From Palace Court or the Hotel, take the Central Line Eastbound from Queensway or Notting Hill Gate and change at Holborn for southbound Piccadilly Line services. From Thoresby House, take the Northern Line Northbound from Angel to Kings Cross and change for Southbound Piccadilly line services.

**Thursday 13th January**

The following programme departs for *homestay*:

**University of Wales, Bangor**

The following programme has a *free day*:

**London Semester Programme**
Friday 14th January

LONDON SEMESTER PROGRAMME REGISTRATION

Tait Building, City University

MANDATORY session for all London Semester Programme Students (see academic section [4] for more information)

1:00pm  LSP students at Palace Court meet outside your residence for escort to City University.

1:30pm  LSP students at Thoresby House meet outside your residence for escort to City University.

2:00pm  REGISTRATION – Tait Building, City University
        See section 4 (academics) for more information.