

Brexit as we know it so far

ADVICE FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS CURRENTLY STUDYING AT MILLFIELD

Millfield has been closely monitoring information released from the UK Government to establish how Brexit might affect current students who live overseas. This information provides a practical interpretation of the UK Government's current immigration proposals (Gov.UK) and is based upon the Boarding Schools' Association Autumn Briefing (September 2019).

The information is accurate at time of writing (3 February 2020) and will be updated should there be a change in political circumstances or UK Government policy.

A Brexit deal has been agreed in principle with the EU and the UK and EU have signed the withdrawal agreement. We are now in a transition period in which negotiations are underway to prepare for the new rules which will take effect on 1 January 2021.

Transition Period

31 January 2020 – 31 December 2020

The UK Government intends to introduce a new immigration system that will fully be in place by January 2021. This means that free movement into the UK by European residents will end. We are currently in an implementation (or transition) period from 31 January 2020 to 31 December 2020 during which the pre-exit rules will continue to apply:

- Until 31 December 2020 current rules that oversee students from the EU studying at Millfield will continue to apply. There will be no change during this period. EU citizens will be able to enter the UK, reside and study at Millfield
- From 1 January 2021 a single immigration system will be introduced by the UK Government. EU students will be subject to the same arrangements as students from the rest of the world
- Students who are international, non-EEA citizens will be able to continue to study at Millfield on their Tier 4 visa

From 1 January 2021

The new immigration rules are planned to take effect from 1 January 2021.

In order to remain in the UK beyond the above implementation period, EU citizens must have obtained specific, individual permission to remain in the UK. Those EU citizens resident in the UK by 31 December 2020 will have until 30 June 2021 to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme for Settled Status or Pre-settled Status.

As we receive further advice from the UK Government, we will continue to update current and prospective parents on how to proceed ready for the implementation of the single immigration system from 1 January 2021.

In the meantime, if you have any further questions, please contact your Housemaster or Housemistress.