



htw saar

**Hochschule für
Technik und Wirtschaft
des Saarlandes**
University of
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Online Orientation Session International Office htw saar

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**Studying at htw saar & Health Care In
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Online Orientation Sessions International Office Summer Semester 2026

Every Week until our Welcome Event (19.09.2026), *same link*

- ~~18.08.2026: Living in Saarbrücken & Germany's Bureaucracy for Beginners~~
 - ~~01:30 PM in English~~
- 25.08.2026: Studying at htw saar & Health Care In Germany
 - 01:30 PM in English
- 01.09.2026: Q&A Session: Ask your Questions
 - 01:30 PM in English



Direct link to the meetings: click [here](#)

**Save the Date:
September 21, 2026**

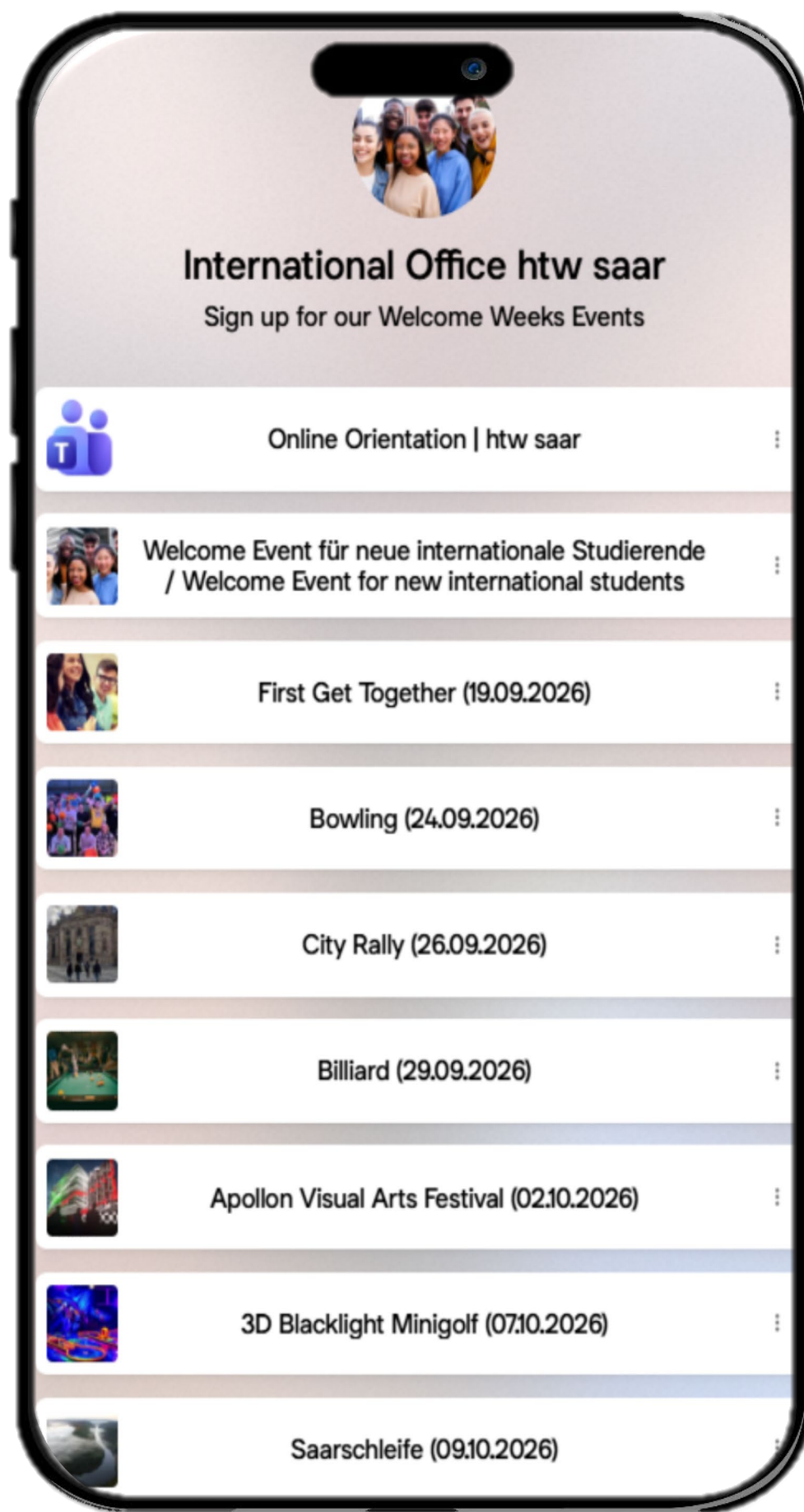
Welcome Event for new international students

Meet the International Office team, your student buddies and other new international students during our official introduction to your new university. Also, find out all about our Welcome Weeks we have planned for you!

Attendance and registration is mandatory for all students that are already in Germany.

[> Register here <](#)





Sign up for your Welcome Weeks!

All important information at a glance:

- [Linktree](#)
- [Welcome Weeks Website](#)
 - Download the Orientation Session slides
 - Important links, information and changes
 - Contacts of the International Office
- [Welcome Event](#): Mandatory registration and participation!
- Welcome Weeks social Events

A photograph showing three students walking away from the camera on a paved path. The student on the left is a woman with long dark hair wearing a patterned shirt and black pants, carrying a blue bag. The student in the middle is a man with a blue backpack. The student on the right is a man with a black backpack. They are walking towards a modern white building with large windows. There are trees with yellowing leaves on the left side of the path.

TODAY'S TOPICS

Your Studies at htw saar & Health Care in Germany

01

Your Studies at htw saar

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- Find support
- Facilities on campus
- Student services
- IT systems

02

Health Care in Germany



- Health & safety
- Health insurance
- Doctors & pharmacies
- Homesickness & mental health support



Your Studies at htw saar · 01

STUDYING AT HTW SAAR

A diverse campus where learning is active

~6,000

students

20%

international students

~70

nationalities learning together

Three habits that make studying easier

- 01 | Respect your classmates and professors
- 02 | Be on time
- 03 | Attend, participate and ask questions

FIND YOUR ROOM & SCHEDULE

[Open Raumservice](#) →

Learn together. Support one another😊.

Log-in only possible once enrolled!

Your htw saar student toolkit

Where to get help, study, stay active and make the most of your student benefits.

WHEN YOU NEED HELP

Start with the right people

[International Office](#) & [Buddies](#)

Orientation, practical questions and support with settling in.

[Career Service](#)

CVs, applications and entering the German job market.

[Psychological counselling](#)

Free, confidential help with personal or study-related concerns.

[See all support services](#) →

STUDY & LANGUAGE

[Free German courses](#)

Free semester, intensive and exam-preparation courses for htw saar students.

[Register with Ms Tina Flauder](#) →

[Library & study spaces](#)

Reserve CAS group rooms by 12:00 on the previous working day (for Monday: Friday).

Book a group room: [CAS](#) & [CRB](#)

CAMPUS LIFE & BENEFITS

[University sports · Hochschulsport](#)

Register early each semester—popular courses fill quickly. htw saar courses are free; check UdS/partner fees [University of Saarland](#)
[Book via Moodle](#) for htw saar courses

[Your htw saar card](#)

Student ID, library access and printing/copying. Validate it again every semester.

CULTURE TIP

[Kulturpakt](#) reimburses selected cultural activities. Rules vary by partner
Keep your ticket, student ID and form.

[Deutschlandsemesterticket](#) : digital regional travel across Germany — covered in the previous session.

Your digital survival kit

Set it up once. Use it all semester.



Activate your account

After enrolment, download your Kennungsschreiben and change the master password. Activation can take up to 24 hours.

[Open setup guide](#) →
[Or watch this Youtube Video](#) →

Organise your studies

[SIM](#) 
[Registration of exams](#), [exam results](#), [certificates](#), personal data and [re-enrolment](#).

[Moodle](#) 
Online learning platform:
Course materials, announcements and online learning.

Stay connected

[eduroam](#) 
Campus Wi-Fi. Follow the setup guide or use the [geteduroam app](#).
(! Log in with @htw-saarland.de !)

[HIZ Mail](#) 
Check regularly official university messages arrive here. Add it to your mobile-phone mail app: [Instructions](#)

Collaborate & get help

[Microsoft 365 & Teams](#) 
Documents, meetings and group work.
(! Log in with @htw-saarland.de !)
[Setup Video](#)

[HIZ Service Portal](#) 
Technical problems, requests and current IT support.

PRO TIP

Keep your Kennungsschreiben. Use the exact username format shown there for each service.

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

No exam registration in SIM : follow the International Office exam instructions.



Key dates at a glance

Welcome Event: 21 SEP 2026 (please register!)

LECTURE PERIOD:

12 OCT 2026 — 05 FEB 2027

The semester officially runs from 1 October to 31 March.

22 SEP – 09 OCT	Intensive German course & orientation
21 DEC – 03 JAN	Christmas break — no classes Plan shopping before 24 December; many places close early on 24 & 31 December.
FEB – MAR	Exam period Exact dates depend on your programme.

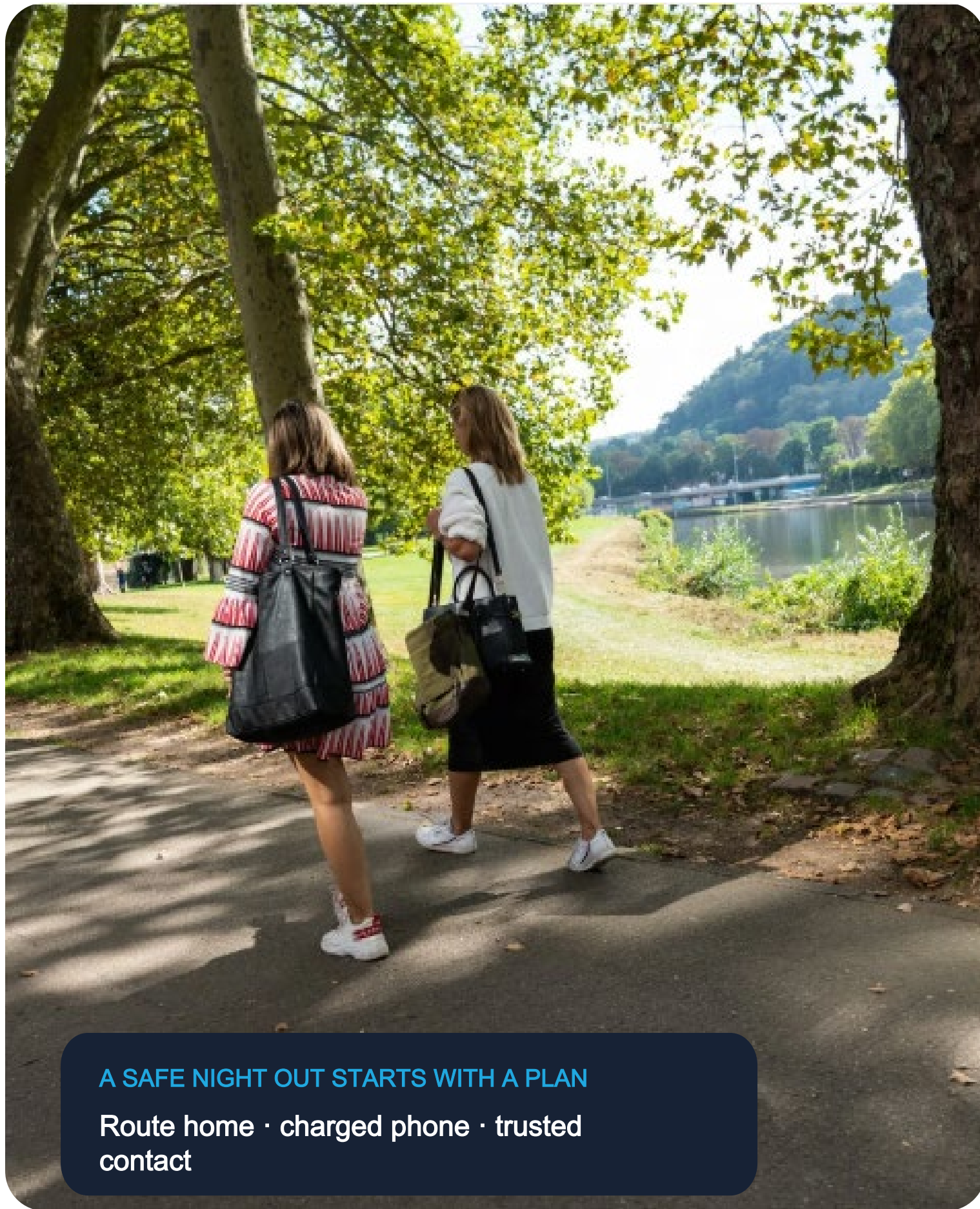
[Official semester dates](#) →

Public holidays in Saarland

Most shops and public offices are closed; htw saar is closed too.

03 OCT	German Unity Day
01 NOV	All Saints' Day
25–26 DEC	Christmas holidays
01 JAN	New Year's Day
26 & 29 MAR	Easter holidays

Simple rule for public holidays: plan as if everything is closed. Public transport usually runs on a Sunday schedule.



Staying safe in Saarbrücken

Saarbrücken is generally safe. These three tools make the journey home easier.



01 · PLAN THE ROUTE

Night buses on weekends

Check the route and departure before you go out.

[saarVV night buses](#) →



02 · IN A PARTICIPATING VENUE

Ask: “Ist Luisa hier?”

This discreet code tells trained staff that you feel unsafe or uncomfortable and need support.

[How Luisa works](#) →



03 · WALKING HOME

Heimwegtelefon · 030 12074182

A volunteer stays on the phone until you arrive. Standard German landline charges may apply.

[Opening hours](#) →

Immediate danger call: 110 Police · 112 Fire & ambulance

A SAFE NIGHT OUT STARTS WITH A PLAN

Route home · charged phone · trusted contact

Getting medical help

Choose the right level of care — and keep these two useful apps ready on your phone.



01 · MINOR SYMPTOMS

Pharmacy · Apotheke

Advice and non-prescription medicine - no appointment needed. [Emergency pharmacies](#) cover nights, Sundays and holidays.



02 · DOCTOR NEEDED

GP · Hausarzt first

A GP (general practitioner ≠ specialist) can treat you or refer you to a specialist. Book directly or use [Doctolib](#) →.



03 · URGENT, NOT LIFE-THREATENING

Call 116117 when practices are closed or in acute situations

You cannot go to the doctor because of a high temperature or strong pains? Then call 116117, available 24/7 in German. They direct you to the appropriate service.



04 · LIFE-THREATENING

112 · Emergency

Call for **severe** illness, major injury or risk of permanent damage. Emergency departments are for emergencies.

Useful health apps



Doctolib



Find and book doctor appointments.

[Apple App Store](#)



[Android](#)



TeleClinic



Video consultations, prescriptions and sick notes when medically appropriate.

[Apple App Store](#)



[Android](#)



Emergency? Call 112 — do not use an app.

Insurance essentials

The practical checks to make before you ever need to use your cover.

YOUR NON-NEGOTIABLE

Health insurance is mandatory

Every student must show sufficient health-insurance status for enrolment. Check what your policy covers!

AT THE DOCTOR

Depending what applies to you: Bring your German health card, private health card or your valid EHIC to the appointment.



01

Take action for enrolment: submit notification to health insurance provider

The health insurance provider ('Krankenkasse') in turn submits digital notification to the university, indicating whether the student holds German public health insurance or is exempted from it.

[Health insurance & enrolment guidance](#) →

02

Verify your cover and carry proof of insurance

Know what is included, how to contact your insurer and whether you must pay first and request reimbursement. Show the health card or EHIC when you see a doctor. An e-prescription can usually be redeemed at the pharmacy with a German student health insurance card.

[Health insurance in Germany](#) →

03

Add private liability cover

Strongly recommended for everyday damage you cause. The coverage included in your semester fee is limited and does not replace it. Recommendation by the Studierendenwerk: [Vela](#) (Liability /Accident Insurance)

[Student insurance details](#) →

Included in your semester contribution: limited student accident, study -related liability and theft cover (by the Studierendenwerk Saarland). Conditions and limits apply.

Homesickness is normal

Feeling lonely at first is common. Small routines and early support can make the adjustment easier.



01

CONNECT BOTH WAYS

Keep home close and join life here

Stay in touch with family and friends, while saying yes to one local plan each week.

02

BUILD A WEEKLY ANCHOR

Give your week a familiar rhythm

Sport, a study group or a hobby helps. In winter, get daylight and move outside when you can.

03

ASK EARLY

Reach out before it feels too heavy

Talk to your Student Buddies, the International Office or someone you trust.

Free & confidential counselling

Studierendenwerk Saarland · German or English

[0681 302-2515](tel:06813022515)

ppb@stw-saarland.de

[Open counselling page](#) →

Need someone now? [TelefonSeelsorge 116 123](tel:116123) — free, anonymous, 24/7 (German)

EQUALITY · RESPECT · CONSENT

Belonging starts with us

Respect is not a slogan. It is how we speak,
listen and act — every day.



SEEN.

Respect every identity

Origin, religion, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation or worldview never decide who belongs.

SAFE.

No discrimination

Discrimination, harassment and exclusion in any form are not tolerated. If something feels wrong, ask for support.

HEARD.

Consent matters

A real yes is clear, voluntary and ongoing. Anyone can pause or change their mind at any time.

Need support? You do not need to know the 'right' office first.

[Diversity support contact](#) →

[Neutral & confidential BIM](#) →

bim@htwsaar.de

Questions?

A cartoon illustration of Homer Simpson from 'The Simpsons'. He is depicted from the chest up, wearing his signature white short-sleeved shirt and pink striped tie. He has a slight smile and is looking towards the right. He is holding a brown clipboard with a silver clip at the top. The background is a dark brown wooden bookshelf filled with various colored books. The overall style is that of a classic animated show.

Can you repeat the part of the stuff
where you said all about the things?

Contact us !



WhatsApp

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/FKg74WEbo9w0mRV2z0nEFq>



Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/internationalstudents.htwsaar/>



Linktree*

<https://linktr.ee/internationalstudentshtwsaar>



YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuq7za9GIgZ8iO2AehDLe3A>

Next Online Orientation Session:

Q&A Session: Ask your
Questions

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