# Life at Leeds





Life at Leeds is the student e-newsletter that's brought to you by the student communications team. The newsletter aims to help you make the most of your time at Leeds. Send your thoughts and any feedback to <a href="mailto:studentcommunications@leeds.ac.uk">studentcommunications@leeds.ac.uk</a>

#### University and College Union three-day strike (11-13 October) and how it may affect you.

The University and College Union (UCU) has called a three-day strike for 11-13 October inclusive. This is in connection with changes to employment procedures, and follows a one-day strike in June.

The University will do all that it can to minimise any disruption to your studies. Visit the <u>student</u> website to find out more about the strike and how it may affect you.

### Deadline to complete student registration

Whether you're a new or returning student, you will need to complete student registration. The deadline is 6 October (the end of this week). Details on how to complete student registration can be found on <a href="students.leeds.ac.uk/registerinseptember">students.leeds.ac.uk/registerinseptember</a>

## Support and wellbeing services

There might be times when you're struggling with life at University and would like some additional support. Whatever your situation, you can find out more about the <u>support and wellbeing services</u> on the <u>student website</u> which includes information about the type of support services you can access.

#### Attendance and absences – what to do if you can't attend a lecture

You'll need to attend all your classes and activities to get the most out of your studies. Sometimes an illness or other unforeseen circumstances may mean that you can't attend. Remember, the

University is here to support you and you can find out what you'll need to do if you can't attend by visiting: the attendance and absences section on the Student website

#### **Settling into Uni life**

Some of you may be returning to University after a year in industry or abroad, others may be settling in for your first year. Whatever your situation, after the excitement of freshers' week and the start of term, you'll begin to find a routine. It's usually at this time that some students start to feel homesick, and this blog on the Save the Student website has some great tips on what you can do if you're missing home.

Remember, you're not the only one feeling like this and we've got some additional <u>tips on our</u> website to help you to get settled.

#### Café culture on campus

Need a hot drink but not sure of the ideal location to get one? Don't worry, we're always on duty and here to help. Here's a roundup of some great places on campus to grab a drink to go, or settle down with your laptop and refuel. A perfect bucket list for this season. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=oa.457729221287170&type=1">https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=oa.457729221287170&type=1</a>

If you like the look of the new Keep Cups that are featured in many of the places, you can find out where you can buy these by visiting <a href="http://gfal.leeds.ac.uk">http://gfal.leeds.ac.uk</a>. You even get a free hot drink when you purchase the cup and get an additional discount every time you use it at any of our cafes.

#### Weekend and evening parking

Don't forget that you'll need to register your car if you're wanting to park on campus for free outside the University's core hours (0700 – 1700, Monday – Friday)

To register your car, email <u>CarParking@Leeds.ac.uk</u> from your University email account with your car's registration number.

Vehicles that are not registered on the system will be issued with a parking charge of £80 (reduced to £40 if paid within 14 days). You can find out more by about our parking terms & conditions on the Universities Car Parking website.

#### Don't miss out on upcoming campus events

Remember to regularly check the <u>calendar on the students' website</u> for upcoming events on campus. A few that you may be interested in over the next fortnight are:

- Light night returns on Friday 6 October 2017 and the University is hosting a series of free events on campus.
- Study Abroad fair Parkinson Court, 11am 3pm on 18 October 2017
- Skills@Library workshops book through <a href="https://library.leeds.ac.uk/skills-workshops">https://library.leeds.ac.uk/skills-workshops</a>

#### In case you missed it

- You're attending one of the top 10 universities in the UK, according to <a href="The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2018">The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2018</a>.
- <u>IT's advice page</u> has some hints and tips on how to spot suspicious emails and what you can do if you receive any.
- Every year Study Abroad run a photo competition for students who are studying abroad. This year's <u>winners have been announced</u> and pictures are fab!
- If you are unable to attend exams on Sabbaths, holy days or religious festivals, please complete the <u>Notification of religious commitments form</u> before Friday 27 October 2017 (for semester 1 exams). The Exams Team will take your preferences into account when preparing the Exam timetable.
- Leeds Nightline are currently looking for volunteers to help run the service. Find out more about Nightline and how to apply by visiting the <u>Leeds Nightline website</u>. The deadline for application is Friday 6 October 2017.
- You'll need to <u>use QLess</u> if you're visiting The Student Services Centre, including the counter services.
- It's no secret that the <u>Uni Instagram account</u> is a hot favourite with students. Last month, we shared the <u>top 20 most photogenic places on campus</u> have a go at recreating these and tagging the University in your shots.

## Don't forget to follow us on social

Stay updated with University happenings by joining our <u>Facebook group for current students</u> and by following <u>@UoLStudents</u> on Twitter.

You can also visit <u>students.leeds.ac.uk</u> for everything you'll need while you're at Leeds.