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| We’re here to help you make the most of your time at Leeds. Send thoughts and feedback to the student communications team. You can also join our [Facebook group for current students](https://www.facebook.com/groups/uolcurrentstudents/?utm_source=studentenewsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=enews7November2018&utm_content=facebookgroup), follow [@UoLStudents on Twitter](https://twitter.com/UoLStudents?utm_source=studentenewsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=enews7November2018&utm_content=twitter) or visit [students.leeds.ac.uk](https://students.leeds.ac.uk/?utm_source=studentnewsletter&utm_medium=newsletter%2014%20December%2018&utm_campaign=newsletter%20autumn%202018) for everything you’ll need while at Leeds. |
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| Welcome to Life at Leeds, a fortnightly newsletter to help you find out what’s going on, and plan how to get the most out of your time here. If you’re new to Leeds, our [new student page](https://students.leeds.ac.uk/info/10101/arrival/977/new_students?utm_source=studentnewsletter&utm_medium=newsletter6sept&utm_campaign=Autumn2019) can help with things to do before and as you arrive.  |
| **What to bring** |
| We have compiled a [list of items to bring](https://students.leeds.ac.uk/info/10101/arrival/978/what_to_bring?utm_source=studentnewsletter&utm_medium=newsletter6sept&utm_campaign=Autumn2019) with you when you arrive at University. It is not a full list but is designed to help you as you start to think about what to pack. There’s certain essential documents, but also some other things you may have forgotten you may need.  |
| If you’re moving into a shared house this year, check with your flat mates about who’s bringing what – nobody needs six kettles. On 30 September the British Heart Foundation is hosting a pop-up charity shop outside Leeds University Union. Remember everything you bring, you’ll need to move again at the end of the year; good planning now can make a big difference later. Read our [5 things you need to do when you move in](https://students.leeds.ac.uk/info/10410/your_time_in_leeds/1257/5_things_to_do_when_moving_in?utm_source=studentnewsletter&utm_medium=newsletter6sept&utm_campaign=Autumn2019) page.  |
| **Staying in halls of residence?** |
| Have you joined our [Residence life Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/UOLResLife/) yet? It’s a great place to keep up to date on general accommodation events and advice, plus you can find the official individual halls groups – perfect for meeting your new flatmates. Don’t forget you’ll need to [pay your accommodation fees](https://accommodation.leeds.ac.uk/info/39/paying_your_rent/63/paying_your_rent) if you’re staying in University accommodation. |
| **Need accommodation for September?** |
| There are a number of rooms still available in University accommodation for the 2019/20 academic year for undergraduates and for postgraduates.  If you’re interested, contact the Accommodation Office by emailing accom@leeds.ac.uk or phone +44 (0) 113 343 7777, Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm. |
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| **International Welcome Week and Freshers’ Week** |
| International arrival week begins on Monday 16September. There are lots of great events during the week, including [Global Post Office](https://www.luu.org.uk/union-events/2019/september/global-post-office-160919/), [trips to IKEA](https://www.luu.org.uk/union-events/2019/september/ikea-16-september-2019/), a [meet and mingle](https://www.luu.org.uk/union-events/2019/september/meet-and-mingle/) and [LUU find out fair](https://www.luu.org.uk/union-events/2019/september/luu-find-out-fair/), as well as the regular [Global Cafés](https://www.luu.org.uk/union-events/2019/september/global-caf%C3%A9-1609/), which are a great place to meet new people.  |
| Freshers’ week begins on Monday 23 September, but the night before there’s a big [official arrival party](https://www.luu.org.uk/union-events/2019/september/freshers-festival-your-official-arrival-party/) in the Union, the [Freshers’ fair](https://www.luu.org.uk/union-events/2019/september/freshers-fair-240919/) throughout the week which is a great place to join clubs and societies, a [night market](https://www.luu.org.uk/union-events/2019/september/night-market/) and one of our favourites – [Pet therapy](https://www.luu.org.uk/union-events/2019/september/pet-therapy-260919/), where you can meet lovely dogs! |
| Check out our blog on eight things you need to know when you’re a [new student](https://medium.com/university-of-leeds/8-things-you-need-to-know-when-youre-a-new-student-e2e0279f0903). Find out [what’s going on in Leeds University Union](https://www.luu.org.uk/union-events). |
| *Getting here* |
| If you’re moving to Leeds or driving near the area on the weekend before freshers’ week, please be sure to leave enough time to travel here. Many people move to Leeds on the weekend of 21 to 22 September, and events across the city and its suburbs are likely to create extra traffic congestion. There is also a planned partial road closure of North Lane, Headingley, on Sunday September 22. |
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| **Facebook competition – win your Best Year Ever!** |
| Are you a member of our [current students Facebook group](https://www.facebook.com/groups/uolcurrentstudents/)? It’s a great way to keep informed of what’s going on, on campus and beyond, to hear about opportunities and to speak to fellow students. Head over there now to find out how you could win an amazing prize, including free bus travel from First Bus, a year’s supply of Yorkshire Tea, and tickets to events on campus and across the city! |
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| **Registering as a student** |
| All students need to register at the start of each academic year. This lets us check your details such as your course, how you’ll [pay your tuition fees](https://students.leeds.ac.uk/info/10210/paying_fees_and_charges/604/tuition_fee_payment_schedule?utm_source=studentnewsletter&utm_medium=newsletter6sept&utm_campaign=Autumn2019) and your identity.  |
| What you need to do to complete registration will depend on whether you’re a new or returning student. [Find out what to do here](https://students.leeds.ac.uk/info/10102/registration/1056/how_to_register?utm_source=studentnewsletterbeginners&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=newsletter1). |
| Some international students may need to complete police registration. [Find out if you need to and how here](https://students.leeds.ac.uk/info/21503/welcome_and_arrival/676/police_registration?utm_source=studentnewsletterbeginners&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=newsletter1).  |
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| **Keeping healthy**  |
| It’s your responsibility to make sure that you’re correctly vaccinated before you arrive at Leeds, specifically against meningitis ACWY and MMR (measles, mumps and rubella). Talk to your doctor if you’re not sure about what vaccinations you have and get these done as soon as possible if you need them. |
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| If you’re new to Leeds, don’t forget to [register with a new GP practice](https://students.leeds.ac.uk/info/10450/health_and_wellbeing/746/health_care?utm_source=studentnewsletter&utm_medium=newsletter6September&utm_campaign=autumn2019) or with the Leeds Student Medical Practice who can also help make sure that you’re correctly vaccinated.  |
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| **Looking after yourself and staying safe** |
| Worried about living away from home for the first time? Don’t worry, it’s perfectly normal, and we’ve got lots of support available for you and [information about staying safe](https://students.leeds.ac.uk/info/10440/staying_safe?utm_source=studentnewsletter&utm_medium=newsletter6September&utm_campaign=autumn2019). Your dedicated police officer PC Hurrell works on campus and is here to support you. You can contact her by email at r.hurrell@leeds.ac.uk or phone 07590359138. Follow her on Twitter [@WYP\_PCHurrell](https://twitter.com/WYP_PCHurrell) or [find out more about campus security](https://commercialcampussupport.leeds.ac.uk/security/).  |
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| **UniLeeds app relaunch** |
| We’re [relaunching the UniLeeds app](https://students.leeds.ac.uk/info/10100/academic_life/1256/unileeds_app_upgrade_2019?utm_source=studentnewsletter&utm_medium=newsletter6September&utm_campaign=autumn2019), which is available to all our current students. We’re making it easier to use and adding new features. You’ll be able to decide on the order you want things to appear within the app, view your emails in the app and see a summary of your library record. You might have already noticed some branding changes, but the full relaunch will happen on 16 September. We hope you like it! |
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| **Apply for settled or pre-settled status before Brexit** |
| If you’re a national of an EU member state, or of Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein or Switzerland, you are advised to apply for either settled status or pre-settled status to confirm your right of residence in the UK.  This is not compulsory, but it will help you to show that you were already resident in the UK before the Brexit date. This will be useful if the UK leaves without agreeing a deal with the rest of the EU, as different rules will apply to those entering the UK after the Brexit date (currently expected to be 31 October 2019.) Find more information about [how to apply](https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/applying-for-settled-status).   |
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| **Welcome to our smoke free campus** |
| Our [campus is now smoke free](https://students.leeds.ac.uk/info/10700/support_and_wellbeing/1215/our_smoke_free_campus?utm_source=studentnewsletter&utm_medium=newsletter6September&utm_campaign=autumn2019) between 8am and 6pm. People are asked not to smoke on the main campus, Western campus (Leeds University Business School), University residences and University sports grounds. You can still vape outside as this can help people quit smoking.  |
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| Do you have any feedback for us on your experience at the University, or student life at Leeds? Tell us [what's on your mind](https://xforms.leeds.ac.uk/forms/form/1435/en/whats_on_your_mind). |
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