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Welcome 2013

What to bring checklist:

You've probably got a fairly good idea of what you need to bring with you already, but there are some things that might not immediately spring to mind when you come to pack your suitcase and you'll wish you had thought of once you get here!

Below are some suggestions of useful items that might help make it easier to settle in during your first week here. This is by no means an extensive list, but it should help you to get started.

You will also receive a 'What to bring to Halls' list from our Accommodation Team later in the summer.

Important documents:

- ID (e.g. passport, driving licence)*
- Any official paperwork you have received from the University
- Bank details, cards, cheque book and paying in book
- National Insurance Number (if applicable)
- NHS card (if applicable)
- Details of your student finance arrangements (if applicable)

*You will need these if you want to take part in some extra-curricular activities (like helping in local schools or becoming part of the Peer Support team) - you will also need an official document with your address on.

Things for your room:

- Alarm clock (for early lectures)
- Drawing pins for pictures and posters
- Bed linen - including sheets, duvet/blankets, pillows and cases
- Towels
- Clothes (including some fancy dress for themed parties!)
- Coat hangers
- Extension lead
- Socket adapter (for international students)
- Stereo or iPod/PC speakers
- Personal items and toiletries, such as soap/shower gel, shampoo, shaving equipment etc

Kitchen equipment:

- Tin opener
- Knives

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- Saucepans
- Frying pan
- Baking tray
- Plates and bowls - microwavable ones are a good idea
- Cutlery
- Mugs, cups and glasses
- Corkscrew
- Vegetable peeler
- Measuring jug
- Grater
- Masher
- Cling film
- Foil
- Tea towels
- Recipe book

Things for your course:

- Stationery, including pens, pencils and highlighters
- Dictionary and thesaurus
- PC/laptop (including all the cables you need!)
- USB drive/memory stick
- Lined paper and notepads
- A4 ring binder
- Post-it notes
- Paper clips/treasury tags
- Scissors
- Sellotape
- Stapler
- Envelopes and stamps
- Any work from A level, Baccalaureate, BTEC etc that you think might come in handy

Other bits and pieces:

- Your address book, or at least a list of important numbers in case you lose your mobile
- Enough cash to get you through your first few days while you wait for your loan to come through
- Something to eat on your first night
- Your mobile phone and charger
- Torch
- Washing powder
- Paracetamol/aspirin
- Your favourite snacks to keep you going
- Superglue
- Games/balls/sports equipment
- Umbrella
- Sewing kit

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