

Hi Sammie,

We hope you are looking forward to starting your course at the University of Reading soon.

From [planning your travel](#) to settling in to your [accommodation](#), everything you need to know before joining us can be found on our [Welcome Week webpages](#).

Here are some important things you need to do before you start:

1. Check the details of your events

The most important events to attend during Welcome Week are the compulsory introductory sessions run by your School or Department. Find out when and where these are taking place [on our website](#) and stay up to date with our [Welcome Week App](#).

2. Talk to your STaR Mentor

Look out for an email from your [STaR Mentor](#) soon - a current student who is able to answer any questions about and what it's like to study at Reading. Your mentor can meet you in person or online during Welcome Week and will be available to answer any questions throughout term.

3. Let us know if you have any additional needs

If you have a disability, mental health or medical condition, or specific learning difficulty, please contact our [Disability Advisory Service](#) so that we can offer you the appropriate support.

4. Start packing

Read our [checklist of what to bring](#), including important things like your passport or other photo identification, which you will need in order to collect your Campus Card. If you do not have an acceptable form of photo identification, please bring two forms of other identification such as your birth certificate, bank or utility letters which show your name and address.

As an international student, there are some extra things that you [might need to consider before you travel](#). Don't forget to bring something that will make Reading feel like home!

5. Find out how we are making our campuses COVID-19 ready

We all have a responsibility to keep each other safe, so it is important that you read and understand your obligations as outlined in our [collective responsibility health and safety briefing](#) before you arrive. You should also watch our [COVID ready video](#), which outlines some of the key changes to our campuses, such as one way systems.

If you are living overseas, you may like to [read more](#) about whether you need to quarantine upon arrival and the support available on Me@Reading Applicant.

6. Look out for our International Welcome Course for students in quarantine

This course has been designed to support international students completing a period of quarantine after arriving in the UK. It can be completed in your own time and will provide opportunities to engage with fellow students and our student support services. You will be able to access the course on Blackboard, our virtual learning environment, once you have enrolled fully on your programme.

We are looking forward to meeting you soon!

Best wishes,

The Welcome Team

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For the latest COVID-19 information from the University of Reading, please visit our [dedicated webpages](#).