Staff guide: Welcome Week 2018

Welcome Week 2018 takes place 24 - 28 September and introduces new students to the University of Reading. During the week, new students will complete enrolment, meet their academic School and attend University and Reading University Students’ Union (RUSU) events.

Information for new students

Information about Welcome Week and support with starting university is available at reading.ac.uk/welcome

There are also dedicated sections for international students and postgraduate students.

Welcome Week events

The University and RUSU organise over 100 events that are designed to help new students settle in, make friends and prepare for academic study. Some events are tailored for specific groups of students that may need additional support. Take a look at the full schedule of Welcome Week events.

Support available

There is lots of support available to new students throughout intake weekend and Welcome Week to help them find their way which can be found at the Support Centre Information Point in the Palmer Building. In addition to University and RUSU staff, trained Student Welcome Ambassadors, STaR Mentors, Freshers’ Angels and Hall Wardens will be on hand to answer questions and offer support.

Several guides are also available to students to help with their start at Reading:

Welcome Wallet: Once enrolled, students receive their Campus Card in a Welcome Wallet. This has key information for the first 24 hours here, including a map, how to connect to Eduroam Wi-Fi and retrieving their University log in credentials on the RISIS portal.

Welcome Guide: Provided to all students at Enrolment, the Welcome Guide provides an overview of the support and opportunities available at Reading. It can be referred to throughout the year.

Welcome Week Event Guide: This contains details of all the scheduled compulsory and recommended events during Welcome Week and beyond. It is provided to all students at Enrolment and available here.

International Student Guide: Information and support for international students to help with living and studying in the UK. Download a copy here.

Private Accommodation Guide: To help students find private rented accommodation in the local area. The Private Accommodation Guide can be referred to throughout the year.

Support available after Welcome Week

Support Centres should be the first port of call for new undergraduate and postgraduate taught students with any questions. Postgraduate Research students should go to the Graduate School.

Students can also access more information, opportunities and support by logging on to the Me@Reading student portal and Essentials webpages.

Staff contact

Welcome Week is coordinated by the Student Success and Engagement team. Staff should contact Chantelle Turner (c.j.turner@reading.ac.uk) or Hannah Geddes (h.geddes@reading.ac.uk) with any questions.