

A guide to your first week in Student Accommodation



▼ Be Social!

Time for the fun bit! It's not all about getting organised! Remember everyone will be in the same situation as you so make the most of getting to know one another and enjoy yourself! There will be a whole host of social activities planned so check out RGU ResLife Facebook page for the events and bus trips they have planned for this year and also RGU Union for their events calendar, including Freshers Fayre, where there are lots of clubs and societies you can sign up for.



▼ Get Organised!

Your first week in halls can be an exciting yet stressful time; not only are you moving away from home and meeting loads of new people, you also have to get used to living in a new place and get things organised before you start your studies! If you have any questions get in contact with your ResLife team on site or go to The Student Help Point on campus. On the reverse of this page you will find a checklist of things you should get organised when you arrive to keep you on track.



▼ Personalise your space

Combat homesickness and get settled in by personalising your living space with items that show your personality and make you feel at home! Put pictures up of friends and family back home and display posters in your room of your favourite bands, films or tv shows. You might find your flatmates have common interests!

▼ Explore

Get to know your new home- Aberdeen! It is important to familiarise yourself with the area you will be staying in. Getting to know your surroundings will help you get the most out of your experience in halls. Take a walk round your accommodation site to meet site staff and fellow students. Explore your local area to find the local amenities like supermarkets and bus stops. Get to know Aberdeen and go on a walking tour or explore the city centre, Aberdeen beach or Garthdee where the University campus is!



Find your First Week In Halls checklist on the reverse of this page!

Checklist for your First Week in Halls

▼ Organise

- Set up all your devices to WiFi in your flat (see leaflet in pack for instructions)
- Complete your online inventory thoroughly as soon as you move into your flat
- Unpack your belongings and put up posters and pictures to make your room feel homely
- Buy your bedding and towels if you haven't brought some with you
- Remember to enrol and get your student card
- Buy any stationery or text books so you are prepared for your course
- Log onto CampusMoodle and check your course timetable
- Buy your student bus pass from The First Travel Centre, The Union shop on campus or online
- Set up your student bank account- remember your student card and bank letter!
- Register with your local GP (doctor) and dental practice (see your health information leaflet for your nearest practices)

▼ Familiarise

- Take a walk around your accommodation site and meet other residents, site staff and your ResLife team
- Get to know your local area and find your amenities (cash machine, doctor, dentist, pharmacy, supermarket, post office)
- Find your nearest bus stop and plan your journey to campus (Garthdee)
- Have a look around campus and make sure you know where to find places such as the library, Deeview Store, Student Help Point, Union Offices and food outlets.
- Explore Aberdeen! Visit the city centre and the beach to get to know the city

▼ Socialise

- Organise a get-together with your flatmates to get to know each other
- Sign up to any clubs or societies at Freshers Fayre
- Follow ResLife and RGU Union on Facebook to keep up to date on events and trips
- Speak to your ResLife Team to find out what on-site events they have planned
- Join our RGU Student Accommodation 19/20 Facebook group to find others living near you or others on your course