

Student top tips.

Starting university can be both exciting and nerve-racking. Before you know it, it'll be arrival day! To prepare you for the big day and ensure things go smoothly, we've put together a few tips to tick off as you go.

- 1 Check what you can take**
 Lots of universities require you to have your electrical items PAT tested before arrival, some may also restrict the use of fairy lights, kettles and mini fridges. Be sure to check with your accommodation provider before you arrive.
- 2 Don't buy all brand new books**
 Don't buy all the books on your reading list, you'll be able to find multiple copies in the library, or buy them second hand much cheaper from final year students.
- 3 There's no such thing as too much fancy dress**
 You can never have too much fancy dress! Make a dressing-up box, it'll come in useful, especially during Freshers Week. Don't forget to take your old school tie with you - there's bound to be a back to school night.
- 4 Tea time icebreaker**
 Take a tin of biscuits or sweets with you and go knock on your neighbours' doors. If you're sitting in your room thinking everyone is out having fun, the people around you are likely to be doing the same! Biscuits break down the barriers.
- 5 Freshers flu survival kit**
 Unfortunately, it's inevitable you'll end up coming down with Freshers flu. Make sure you take a little survival pack with you.
- 6 Take flip flops**
 If you're living in halls with shared bathrooms, take flip flops (you'll thank us for this one)!
- 7 Save your pennies**
 Keep a stash of 50p and pound coins. They are great for the laundry room and the vending machine.
- 8 Do an inventory**
 Take photos of your room when you move in and again when you move out. It'll help if there are any disputes over deposits.
- 9 Explore in numbers**
 Once you've made an acquaintance or two, don't stop there. Use the safety in numbers to go knock on new doors and make some more.
- 10 Society happy**
 Make sure you get involved in clubs and societies as they're a great way to make friends. However, don't sign up to anything and everything as it will cost you a fortune in joining fees.

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