

Welcome to Oak House

Oak House is going to be your “home” for the next academic year so I’d like to take the time to welcome you and wish you an enjoyable experience whilst you are here. For many of you it will be the first time away from home, which can be a daunting prospect. Please don’t worry, we do have a support system in place to help you with most problems that you may encounter.

Most residents will be arriving between Thursday and Sunday. If you are one of the early birds please feel free assist the later arrivals around and help make them welcome. Knock on each other’s doors in your flat and introduce yourselves.

The bar will usually be open from about 7:00pm from Thursday and some of last year’s residents will have arranged “Welcome Week” which will start, officially, on Sunday evening. The Students’ Union will be holding elections for the new Committee soon after Welcome Week so, if you fancy helping out this year with organising socials, sport, charity stuff, etc, look out for the notices telling you how to stand.

The Pastoral team will also be around in the evenings. Your Flat Tutors will introduce themselves during the first few days, so look out for the announcements they will make and try and be available at that time. Don’t be afraid to contact us if you have a problem or question. It’s what we are here for. There is a duty mobile that you can ring during the evenings and at the weekend to get in touch with the duty tutor and your flat tutor will be providing you with a way of contacting yourself. If you want to speak with your Deputy Warden or myself, we can be contacted via reception or via your tutor.

During your first mandatory flat meeting in the first week your flat tutor will, amongst other things, introduce the pastoral system to you. We will also be able to give a few pointers on how things work, the “do’s and don’ts” to make your year here as enjoyable as possible. The second meeting will be a fire and safety talk by the fire and police services. Details of dates and times will be displayed around Hall when you arrive and you also should have received a notice of this meeting with your initial information.

I hope you are looking forward to your stay with us and to your first year at the University. Don’t forget – we are to help so if you need us don’t hesitate to come to see us.

For the first time this year, we will also run a number of other routes to provide you with information. There is the official pastoral Facebook Page (“Oak House Hall of Residence”) and our pastoral Twitter Feed (“@oakhousehall”), which we will use for announcements, useful info, etc. (Please note that they are not emergency contact routes to the pastoral team! ☺)

I expect the Residents’ Association will also set up their own Facebook group.

Regards,

Marc, Lee and Paul