Leaving home and settling into university life

The first year of university is one of real excitement and possibility. This is an incredible chapter in your life where you are free to explore your interests, forge new friendships and become a truly independent young person.

For the first time, you’ll face the freedom and authority to take charge of your life. You’ll have the opportunity to challenge your own learning and, with support, broaden your own critical thinking skills. You will have the opportunity to nurture your own clear thinking and good judgement. In addition, relationships and friendships, too, you’ll be introduced to a new style of learning that is very different to school. Your lectures will expect you to think independently, to challenge what you read and to manage your own deadlines.

For many of you, this journey will begin with the excitement and new horizons that university offers. This is both exciting and exhilarating. It can also be quite overwhelming for many young people. First year is a time of huge change – there is a lot to get used to and it usually takes a while to become independent and normal to this new environment. But remember – no one enters into a full-time adult student role overnight.

That's precisely why university is so great. It's a time for adapting, for learning, and for making mistakes. It is a time to remember that it will never be alone in your journey. At QMUL, there is a wide range of academic and pastoral services available which are designed to ensure that you feel comfortable and secure in your degree. From essay advice and learning support to personal health and wellbeing, there is always someone at hand to provide the support you need.

As an undergraduate, your first port of call will be your Personal Tutor. This is a member of academic staff who will monitor your progress and ensure that you are making the most of your time at university. The Student's Union at QMUL is a huge force for fun and support to personal health and wellbeing, and the range of academic and pastoral services available which are designed to ensure that you feel comfortable and secure in your degree. From essay advice and learning support to personal health and wellbeing, there is always someone at hand to provide the support you need.

As a student, you’ll receive lots of support from your fellow undergraduates. There’s a really strong sense of community support from your fellow undergraduates. From essay advice and learning support to personal health and wellbeing, there is always someone at hand to provide the support you need.

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As you progress through your degree, you will receive lots of support from your fellow undergraduates. From essay advice and learning support to personal health and wellbeing, there is always someone at hand to provide the support you need.

If you’re grappling with emotional and financial problems, struggling with your housing situation or feeling stressed about your deadlines, then the Queen Mary Advice and Counselling Service are here to help. Well-established and confidential, this professional team provide frontline welfare, advice, counselling, cognitive behavioural therapy, group therapy workshops and educational group sessions.

As an undergraduate, you’ll face the first time you’ll be far from your university. This is a great opportunity to work towards independence and autonomy. But remember – no one enters into a full-time adult student role overnight.

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A reputation 112 years in the making

Our School of Geography at QMUL has an excellent reputation for teaching and research across human and physical geography. In the Research Excellence Framework 2014 (REF 2014), Geography was ranked fifth in the UK for the quality of our research outputs (5* 2014) and sixth in London for our undergraduate programmes. We also have students and researchers who work side by side in a strong, supportive and friendly team environment. Our home is in east London, positioned between the docks of the Cutty Sark and the British Library. Open space and engaging spaces are all key to our study and work.

We collaborate with a wide range of local organisations, such as Greenwich Unit, SSA Space Studies and the London South East Electricity Board. We also work with a number of charities such as the School of Geography and Environmental Science at QMUL, a top tier of university league tables. We have strong, supportive and forward-thinking researchers who work side by side in a strong, supportive and friendly team environment. Our home is in east London, positioned between the docks of the Cutty Sark and the British Library. Open space and engaging spaces are all key to our study and work.

At QMUL, we believe that your time at university should be truly unforgettable. We offer our students the opportunity to discover, explore and enjoy the city of east London at its very best.

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