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Welcome to UWS Residences!

I hope you are settling into your new home.

Our dedicated team are always on hand to make your stay an enjoyable one. We are here primarily for your comfort and safety so please feel free to reach out to us with any questions you might have or if you need our support. Our team are onsite 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You don't need to make an appointment – just drop in and see us and we'll be happy to help.

We want you to make the residence your home away from home and when you leave university we want you to not only have the qualifications you came for, but lifelong friends as well.

Each month we prepare The Resident magazine to provide you with the latest updates on what's happening within the residences and the wider university. I hope you enjoy reading this first edition for the academic year 2025-26.

Best wishes,
Gabriella Pacitti
Residences Operations Manager



**Here to support you 24 hours a
day, 365 days of the year!**

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New to UWS Residences?
Or returning after the holidays?

WELCOME AND WELCOME BACK



Let's have a great start to the year and make 2025/26 a year to remember! There's lots on for arrivals week so be sure to get involved.

WELCOME BAG!

Have you picked up your welcome bag? Full of freebies and your welcome booklet, full of useful information to get you started in residences. Pick it up when you check in or if you missed it, drop into reception and ask for one.



WELCOME WEEK ACTIVITIES!

We have lots on for arrivals! Check out our Welcome Week Timetable! Come and meet your hallmates and enjoy a variety of activities, from scavenger hunts to parties!



Follow us
@UWSresidences

for details about events and
activities during Welcome Week
and throughout the year

Meet the Residences Team



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Welcome Week at the Residences!



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Week 1 – Monday 25th August – Friday 29th August

Day and time	Location	Activity	Description
Monday 7pm	Common room	Games Night!	Meet your hallmates at games night in the common room!
Tuesday 7pm	Common room	Creative Night!	Let your creative energy flow with paint and clay!
Wednesday 7pm	Common room	Games event!	Meet your hallmates in the common room for another round of games!
Thursday	Common room	Brodie's Bike Group Cycle 10:30-11:30am Tea with the Team 11:30am - 12:30pm	Join us for a group cycle around Ayr! Bike provided! Places are limited. Book a bike at reception! Office staff will be in the common room available for a chat! Drop down, say hello and have drink and a snack!
Friday 8pm	Common room	Movie Night!	Relax with a movie and popcorn with your hallmates!

Week 2 Monday 1st September – Friday 5th September

Day and time	Location	Activity	Description
Monday All day	Common room	Flatmate Scavenger Hunt	You'll find a mystery envelope in your kitchen! Work together with your flatmates to complete the scavenger hunt and win a prize!
Tuesday	Common room	Tea with the Team 11am - 12:30pm Speed-Friending 2pm - 3:30pm	We're back for a chat! Come and say hi! Meet a new friend at every table! Book a place at reception.
Wednesday 6pm	Common room	Quiz night!	Test your knowledge and be in with a chance to win a prize! Who will be the quiz master?
Thursday 7pm	Common room	Movie night!	Relax with a movie and popcorn with your hallmates!
Friday 8pm	Common room	Welcome Party!	Let's finish off our Welcome Week with a bang! Music, pool and karaoke! Don't miss it!

Follow us on Instagram @UWSresidences for what's on in the residences | For more information, drop into reception or email us at accommodation@uws.ac.uk



Group Cycle

Thursday 28th August | 10.30am–11.30am

Meet in the Common Room

Limited spaces available so book your bike quickly before they go! **Scan the QR code to book a bike!**



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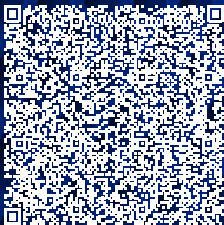
Student Services



International Student Support



Visit the **[International Student Support SharePoint page](#)** for comprehensive advice and information including how to contact the team (note that you must sign in to your UWS Microsoft 365 account to access the SharePoint site).



Check out the **[International Student Support Events page](#)** for information on all upcoming sessions for international students.



A range of Welcome and Induction events for new UWS international students are available to help you settle into your new surroundings including support drop-in sessions, our Life in the UK event, a Walk 'n' Talk around Paisley town centre and a free visit to the Sma' Shot Cottage. For full information, see the **[UWS website](#)**. These events do not need to be booked in advance – we hope to meet you soon!

Would you like the opportunity to stay with a British family and find out more about the Scottish / UK culture and traditions? HOST promotes international friendship and understanding by arranging for international students at UK universities to meet UK residents in their homes. See **www.hostuk.org** to find out more about this exciting opportunity and if you have any questions, see the **[International Student Support SharePoint page](#)** for information on how to contact the team (note that you must sign in to your UWS Microsoft 365 account to access the SharePoint site).

Need to speak to the International Student Support team?

**Come along and get answers to your questions:
Tuesdays or Wednesdays
12 – 1pm | in the HUB**

Check availability on the UWS events
calendar at tinyurl.com/uwsdates

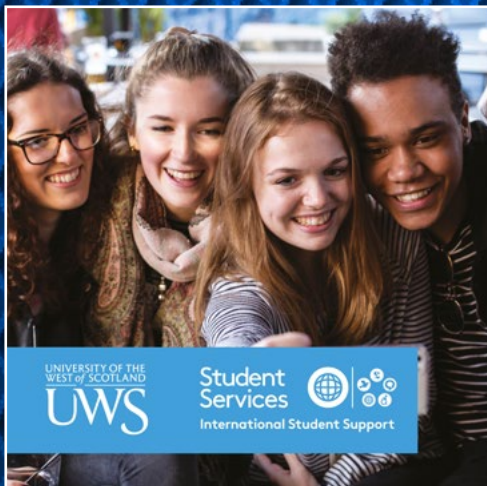


Q & A International Student Support

Quick appointments for general queries
on Microsoft Teams

(Immigration, Travel, Work)
Available weekdays

Bookings 24/7 at:
<https://tinyurl.com/uwsqa>
Choose the date/time that suits you!



Graduate Route Visa

Online Information Session

Tuesday 8 July, 12 – 1pm

Wednesday 6 August, 12 – 1pm

Wednesday 3 September, 12pm – 1pm

Find out if you are eligible for the Graduate Route
visa and how to prepare to apply for this visa
whilst on a student visa.

This Information session is online via Zoom.

For joining instructions, go to
<https://tinyurl.com/uwsintevent>
(no booking required)

Student Visa Extension Workshop

**THURSDAY
17 JULY
11.30AM – 12.30PM**

**WEDNESDAY
13 AUGUST
12PM – 1PM**

**TUESDAY
16 SEPTEMBER
12PM – 1PM**

Find out if you are eligible to apply for a
student visa extension from within the UK.

This Information session is via Zoom.

For joining instructions,
go to <https://tinyurl.com/uwsintevent>
(no booking required)



The Funding & Advice Team

We're here for you right from the start and whenever you need us.

Whether it's navigating the right funding path or ironing out a budget, we've got the toolbox **YOU** need to thrive as a student.

Get started: take a look at the Student Funding Payments webpage to understand when your funding payments can start, and what you need to do to make that happen.

Money In verses Money Out: funded or not, you'll need to think *priorities*, and find the right balance for you.

For most students, keeping up with accommodation payments is going to be Priority No1.

When you've got a payment plan for your accommodation costs safely in place, it's time think about everything else!

Explore our online money management resources on Food, Travel, Lifestyle, and more!

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CHILD CARE FUNDS AT UWS



Are you a parent?

Does your child attend childcare while you study?

Do you have to pay for this childcare?

You may be eligible for some financial support to help you meet the cost of study-related childcare. **Scan to find out more...**



DISCRETIONARY FUNDS AT UWS



Are you a UK student?

Have you got your full package of student funding?

Are you worried this might not be enough to cover your expenses?

You may be eligible to apply to the Discretionary Funds, which can provide extra financial support to help you meet your basic costs of living while studying, and prevent financial hardship. **Scan to find out more...**



WHAT IS STUDENT SUCCESS?



What we do

Support students to succeed in their personal uni journey! Organise and run fun student events (including your welcome festival West Fest). Listen, signpost and provide guidance and advice. Reach out to help you with any concerns or issues you may have during your studies.

Why might we call you?

Every student's journey is unique and sometimes you may need some additional support. From time to time our friendly Student Success Assistants will reach out first by phone or email to check in and make sure you have everything you need to succeed as a student.

What is Early Intervention?

We have a dedicated team of Early Intervention Specialists who work with you and your school to help you achieve and to get back on track should you need support during your time at university.



CONTACT US

GOT A QUESTION,
CONCERN OR NEED TO
TALK ABOUT AN ISSUE
WITH YOUR STUDIES?

SCAN TO BOOK A CALL



Where else can I get support?

The Student Hub

Your Student Hub can answer many questions via the online portal.

Visit **hub.ac.uk** or contact the WhatsApp chat on **0141 848 3998**

Your programme team

School office emails:
Business and Creative Industries – **bci@uws.ac.uk**

Computing, Engineering and Computing Sciences – **ceps@uws.ac.uk**

Health and Life Sciences – **hls@uws.ac.uk**

Education and Social Sciences – **ess@uws.ac.uk**

EMAIL US ANYTIME: **STUDENTSUCCESS@UWS.AC.UK**



Explore your career options; develop your skills; job searching; CVs and applications; preparing for interviews; and much more!



**Online resources including:
Employability Programmes, Career Assessments,
CV Writing, Interview Simulator, Job Search,
Careers Guide for International Students**



Appointments & Events Calendar to book:
One-to-one Appointments
Online & On Campus Careers Events & Workshops

Events to support students find Part-Time Jobs

Employer Mentoring Programme opens for Applications

**Log in via the Student App
or at: uws.ac.uk/careers**



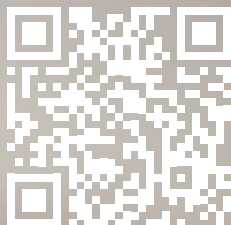
YOU'VE HEARD
OF SPEED-DATING.

TRY SPEED- FRIENDING!

MEET NEW PEOPLE AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

TUESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER | 2PM
IN THE COMMON ROOM

Scan the QR code
to sign up for a space!



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SCAVENGER HUNT

Follow the trail to find
the secret phrase



Prizes to be won!

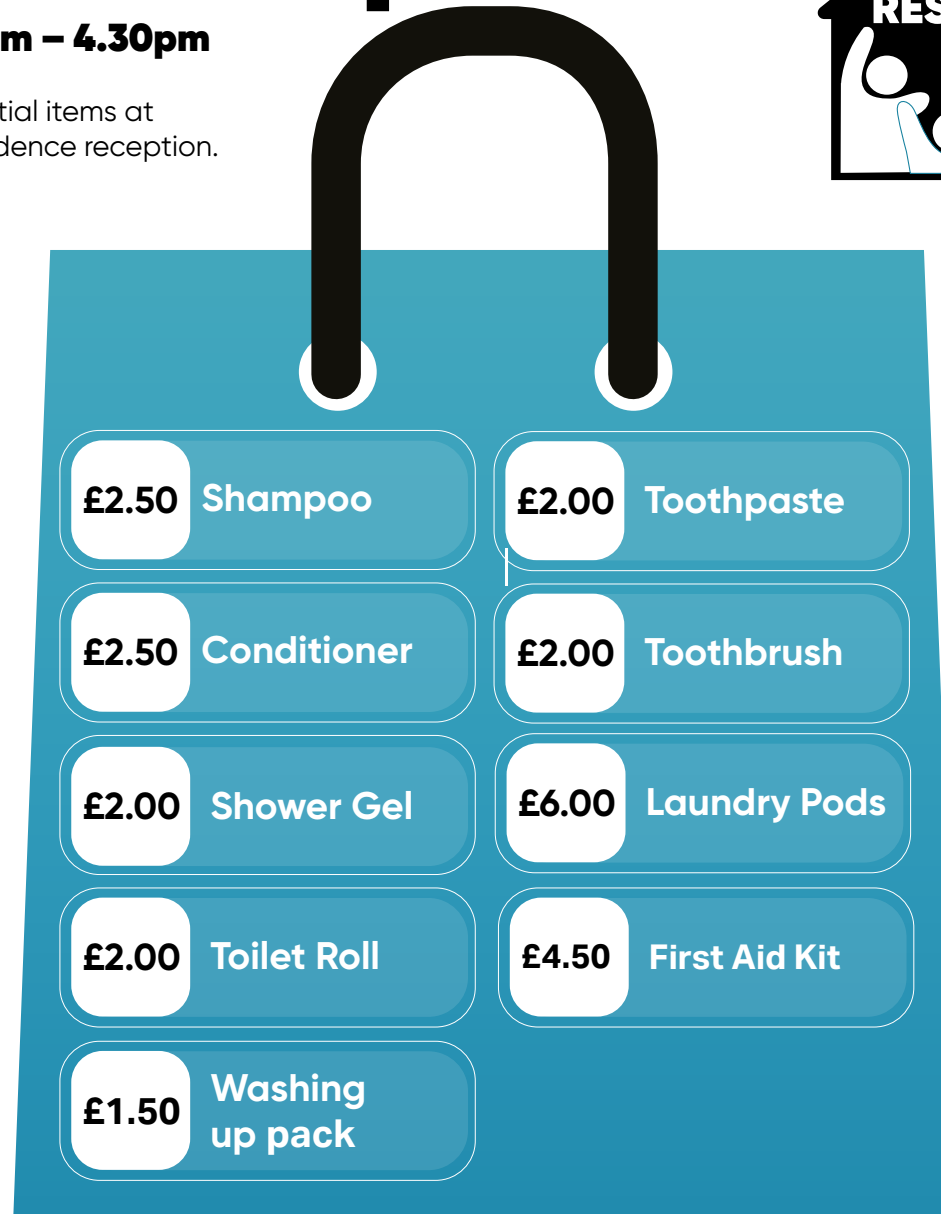
SEE YOU AT WESTFEST

Ayr ResLife Shop

Open: Monday – Friday, 9am – 4.30pm

You can purchase a variety of essential items at our ResLife shop, located at the residence reception.

See below for a list of prices.



Earn 4 loyalty points for every £1 spent at UWS catering outlets

- Add money to your account or use the Guest Top-Up feature for someone else to top up your account such as a parent or guardian
- Exclusive offers, discounts and promotions
- View your loyalty points, receipts, balance and more all in one place!
- Spend your loyalty points across our full range

What are you waiting for... Download the UPay app and use the affiliate code **"UWSStudent"** to register

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Sanitary Products... Are you still paying?

Look out for Daisy!



Where you see a daisy, free sanitary products are stored.

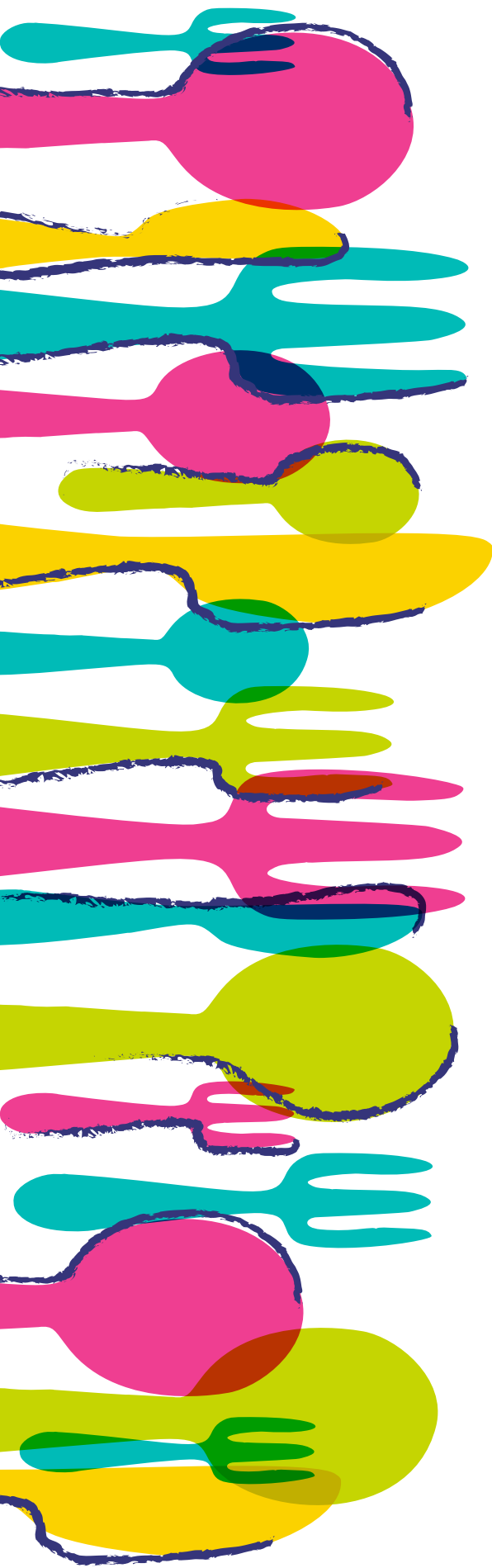
You can find Daisy at the following locations:

Paisley Residences: In the accessible bathroom, block 2, near the laundry room

Ayr Residences: In the laundry room

Why pay when you can get them for free? Pick up what you need, when you need it

uws.ac.uk/FreeisFabulous



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A GREAT RANGE OF FOOD AT UWS

OPENING HOURS

COFFEE BAR

08:30-16:00

THE ATRIUM

BREAKFAST
08:30-11:30

LUNCH
12:00-15:00

New product range in all outlets from 11 August 2025!

- All food is Halal, not including beef products.
- Various dietaries needs catered for.
- Always check with the server for any allergens or dietary requirements.
- Please return all cutleries after use and put used crockery away in the designated areas.
- All catering outlets are card payment only.
- Outlet closing times are subject to change.

Water dispensers available on campus.

Bring your own water bottle for use
at the water dispensers.



Are you looking for ways to get involved in the ResLife community?

Do you enjoy social events?

Maybe you're doing a course in Events Management?

Or are you looking for something to boost your CV?

What does being an Eventeer involve?

Being an Eventeer involves being part of a team that helps to develop the community life in the Residences through events and projects that better the experience of the students living here. It is a flexible role that can be worked around your studies, as much, or as little, as you can. Some of the things you could get involved in include:

- Bringing forward ideas for events or projects that could be put in place in the residences
- Supporting communication and sharing of information between the ResLife team and the residents
- Planning and helping with the setting up of events
- Attending events to assist in the smooth running of the activities
- Assisting in projects to improve the living experience of the residents, such as befriending

Looking for something to enhance your CV?

Being an Eventeer can be used to apply for the Volunteer Recognition Award (VRA). Visit the UWS Careers and Academic Skills web page for more information and VRA registration forms. If you would like to be an Eventeer, send an email to grace.thomson@uws.ac.uk or drop into reception.



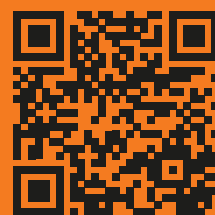
LOVE VOLUNTEERING?

UWS Volunteer Recognition Award

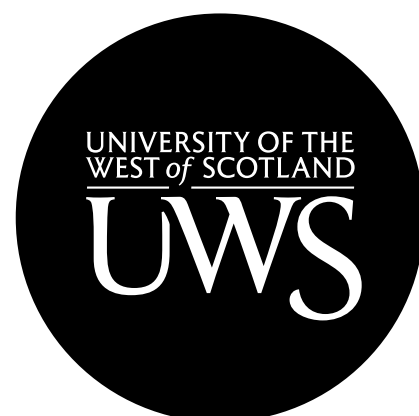
Did you know... You can have your volunteering activity recognised by the University as an award?



**FIND OUT
MORE...**



e: recognition@uws.ac.uk



Tell us what you think...

The Resident magazine is for students, so we want to hear from students on how to make it better

What would you like to see in The Resident?

- Do you have a talent for drawing and would like a residents' art/photo page?
- Do you have a knack for writing and want a student story page or student voice column?
- Do you have an event you want to promote?

If you have any ideas or would like to get involved, let us know.
Send an email to accommodation@uws.ac.uk
or drop us a message to our UWS ResLife Instagram page @uwsresidences

We'd love to hear from you!

