

POSTGRADUATE WELCOME WEEK 2016

WELCOME PROGRAMME



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WELCOME!

Welcome to the University of York!

To help you get settled into life at York, the GSA (Graduate Students' Association) have teamed up with the University to bring you a week of events, social activities and welcome talks to help you get to know the place!

The GSA Social events are the highlight of the week, starting at 8pm every night, there is something for everyone! Each event costs £3 to enter or you can get a GSA VIP Wristband for £15 which covers the entrance cost of all the social events, priority entry from 7:30pm-8pm and discounts on a range of things during the week! Capacities are limited at our social events so make sure to get your tickets / wristband in advance online at www.yorkgsa.org/events

If you need any help or advice over the next few days, look out for volunteers wearing yellow 'Welcome' t-shirts. Otherwise feel free to contact either the GSA or Student Support services (see page opposite).

Although this booklet provides information about most of the events during the week, they are subject to change so keep an eye on www.yorkgsa.org, our Facebook page (facebook.com/YorkGSA) and Twitter (@GSAYork) throughout the week for updates!

Beyond Welcome Week, the GSA will run lots of events during the rest of the year. These range from social events to academic support workshops to trips across the country. You're more than welcome to organise your own events with us too!

Enjoy your time at York!

Rasha Ibrahim
GSA President



UNIVERSITY STUDENT SUPPORT

The Student Support Hub, located in Market Square, is the first point of contact for all central student support related enquiries.

Staff based in the Student Support Hub provide advice about international support, immigration, financial hardship, Direct Loans, housing rights, managing a budget, council tax and many other practical matters.

The Student Support Hub is where information is given and appointments made for the Open Door Team, for emotional and psychological support, and Disability Services.

www.york.ac.uk/sshub

POLICE REGISTRATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

If you need to register with the police in order to fulfil your visa requirements. Welcome Team helpers are assisting students in filling in the online application form during the following times:

10:30 - 12:30 & 14:00 - 16:00 on
20 - 23 & 26 - 30 September in
Market Square Boardroom
(above the Information Centre)

TIER 4 REGISTRATION

Registry are running Tier 4 Registration sessions on 19 - 24 & 26 - 30 September & 3rd - 7th October from 10am-4pm in Derwent College room D/114 and Ron Cooke Hub room 018

GRADUATE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The GSA is the primary representative body for all registered postgraduate students at the University of York. Whether you're doing a Masters and here for a year, or a PhD and here for a few years make sure you get involved!

We aim to provide a social community for postgraduates through our dedicated postgraduate welcome week, regular events, trips, network groups and free sport – see the back of this booklet for more information. We also represent postgraduate views on a variety of university committees, provide academic and welfare support, generate opportunities for project development with funding and offer advice on a wide variety of issues.

The University of York is one of few universities in the UK to have a students' association specifically for postgraduates. Our officers are elected annually in May/June and our Council Positions are elected in October/November. If you'd like to help us and become a council member, come and talk to us about our elections taking place very soon!

www.yorkgsa.org



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SATURDAY 17TH AND SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

EVENTS FOR STUDENTS MOVING INTO STUDENT CASTLE



Student Castle are hosting a range of events for all students moving into their accommodation!

On Saturday 17th from 6pm there will be a Welcome Party in the Student Castle Common Room with free food and drink and there will be a Ghost Walk on Sunday 18th.

There are more events the week after too! For more information visit the Student Castle website: studentcastle.co.uk

MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

DAYTIME EVENTS

SHOPPING BUSES MARKET SQUARE BUS STOP FROM 1PM ONWARDS

Pick up some groceries and essential items from the local supermarket!

CAMPUS TOURS WENTWORTH RECEPTION, VANBRUGH RECEPTION AND RON COOKE HUB RECEPTION FROM 1PM ONWARDS

Find your way around campus with a current UoY student!

EVENING EVENTS

WELCOME PARTY! COURTYARD BAR DERWENT COLLEGE

8PM

£3 ENTRY OR FREE WITH A VIP WRISTBAND

Enjoy some free food and live entertainment whilst meeting new friends!

**Tip: Get your evening event tickets
online at: www.yorkgsa.org/events**

TUESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

DAYTIME EVENTS

OFFICIAL WELCOME TALK

CENTRAL HALL

11AM

Your official welcome to the
University of York!

POSTGRADUATE INFO FAIR

HENDRIX HALL

DERWENT COLLEGE (D/L/028)

12NOON-4PM

Meet local businesses, banks and
University services (and pick up lots of
freebies!)

EVENING EVENTS

COMEDY AND CEILIDH!

RON COOKE HUB

HESLINGTON EAST

8PM

£3 OR FREE WITH

VIP WRISTBAND

Laughs with Edinburgh Fringe
Festival acts followed by traditional
Scottish dancing!

WEDNESDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

DAYTIME EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL ORIENTATION TALKS (COMPULSORY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS)

CENTRAL HALL

10:00AM

HISTORY OF YORK LECTURE

CENTRAL HALL

1:30PM

CITY OF YORK WALKING TOUR

2:15PM

MEET AT INFORMATION CENTRE

EVENING EVENTS

WINE RECEPTION AND

BAR CRAWL!

KING'S MANOR

CITY CENTRE

8PM

£3 OR

FREE WITH VIP WRISTBAND

Enjoy a glass of wine or a soft drink
before exploring the best drinking
establishments York has to offer!
(Non-alcoholic route available too!)

THURSDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

DAYTIME EVENTS

SHOPPING BUSES

MARKET SQUARE BUS STOP

1PM ONWARDS

Hop on a bus to the Monk's Cross retail park! (Free tickets available to book online - www.yorkgsa.org/events)

EVENING EVENTS

COLLEGE NIGHT

Your college will be in touch about their selection of events to help you get to know your college and its members!

FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

DAYTIME EVENTS

PGR INDUCTION EVENT

(COMPULSORY FOR RESEARCH STUDENTS)

P/X/001

9:30AM - 12:00PM

An introduction to life as a research student including speeches from alumni, current students and University departments followed by light refreshments

SHOPPING BUSES

MARKET SQUARE BUS STOP

1PM ONWARDS

Hop on a bus to the Monk's Cross retail park! (Free tickets available to book online - www.yorkgsa.org/events)

EVENING EVENTS

YORK RESEARCH BITES

KING'S MANOR

CITY CENTRE

4PM-7PM

FREE EVENT

Exciting exhibitions of current research at the University of York!

QUIZ NIGHT AND

DISCO BINGO!

COURTYARD BAR

DERWENT COLLEGE

8PM

£3 OR FREE WITH A

VIP WRISTBAND

Big prizes to be won at our tricky quiz followed by the funkiest game of bingo you'll ever play!

SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

DAYTIME EVENTS

**DAY TRIP TO HARROGATE AND
KNARESBOROUGH
MEET AT JAMES COLLEGE
RECEPTION**

9AM

£5 OR £3 WITH A VIP WRISTBAND

Our first trip of the year! Visit two of the most beautiful towns in Yorkshire!

**FAMILY WELCOME EVENT
WENTWORTH COLLEGE
1PM-4PM**

Relax and meet other parents whilst the kids enjoy our bouncy castle!

SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

DAYTIME EVENTS

**SPORTS TASTER SESSIONS
YORK SPORT CENTRE
VARIOUS TIMES**

Have a go at our FREE sports sessions! Check the GSA website for times and sports available -
www.yorkgsa.org/sports

EVENING EVENTS

ROCKEOKE!

EDGE BAR

WENTWORTH COLLEGE

8PM

£3 OR FREE WITH A VIP WRISTBAND

Our biggest night of the week!

What do you get when you cross a live band with karaoke? Rockeoke! Bust our your karaoke favourite or try something new alongside a live band. You can even sing along in the audience! This event is not to be missed!

Tip: Get a VIP Wristband to gain access to the event earlier to guarantee entry!

EVENING EVENTS

MOVIE NIGHT

P/X/001 - PHYSICS

8PM

£3 OR

FREE WITH A VIP WRISTBAND

Grab some popcorn and enjoy a film on the big screen with York Student Cinema!



GET INVOLVED!

Getting involved in the GSA is a great way to make friends at the University of York. Here are three simple ways to make the most of your time here.

1: COME ALONG TO OUR EVENTS AND TRIPS

We have a packed events calendar with our regular on-campus social nights including comedy, karaoke, quiz nights and more! We also organise trips to loads of cities and attractions across the UK from weekend breaks in Edinburgh to a day at the seaside in Scarborough!

Check out www.yorkgsa.org/events for our latest offerings and keep up-to-date by following us on Facebook and Twitter!

2: TAKE PART IN A NETWORK GROUP

Our Postgraduate Networks are great places to meet new and interesting people. We currently have 5 network groups including Masters network, PhD Network, LGBTQ Network, Family Network and College Tutor Network with more being created every year! Each network has a coordinator and organises regular social and academic events to get you to know others like you!

To get involved with a group you can find information about the Network Coordinators and each network's Facebook groups on our website: www.yorkgsa.org/networks

3: BE A PART OF THE GSA COUNCIL OR BECOME AN ELECTED OFFICER!

If you like what you see during Welcome Week and beyond and are interested in being one of the people that helps make all of our activities happen then make sure you run in our elections!

We have two sets of elections each year. Our Council Elections run in October and there are 10 positions to go for including Entertainments officer to College Rep! Our officer elections take place in May/June for our sabbatical positions (President and Vice-President: Wellbeing and Community)

You can also run to be a course representative. This will give you the opportunity to influence the direction your department takes, raise any issues you may have and work with other course representative across departments.

For more information visit:
www.yorkgsa.org/representation



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