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Get Ready for Success @ Heriot-Watt University

Programme Timetable

30th August - 1st September 2023



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Welcome to Get Ready for Success @ HWU!

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This three-day programme will provide you with a head start at Heriot-Watt University. We are so excited to welcome you to Heriot-Watt!

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The programme for the three days is detailed below. The events will take place in various locations around the university, and our helpers will keep you on track and make sure you are in the correct place.

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Do you have any questions?

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There will be a Your Questions Answered session at the end of each day, where you will have the opportunity to ask the staff and helpers anything. If you would rather submit them by email, please do so at studentsuccess@hw.ac.uk.

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Remember, there is no such thing as a silly question!

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Time	Event	Content	Room
9.00-9.30	Registration	Register & pick up document pack	Sunken Lounge outside Lecture Theatres 2&3 Hugh Nisbet Building
9.30-10.00	Welcome	Welcome, programme outline, introcutions	Lecture Theatre 1 Hugh Nisbet Building
10.00-11.00	What can I expect from University?	An opportunity to start to find out about what University will be like	Group 1: David Brewster 1.14 Group 2: David Brewster 1.15 Group 3: Scott Russell 1.12 Group 4: Scott Russell 1.14
11.00-12.00	Student Card Collection	Please remember to bring some photo ID with you for this!	Student Service Centre Hugh Nisbet Building
12.00-12.45	Lunch	You will receive vouchers to purchase lunch	Catering Outlets
12.45-13.15	Real Student Stories	Hear from current students and what they wish they'd known when they started! There will be time for you to ask questions.	Group 5: David Brewster 1.14 Group 6: David Brewster 1.15 Group 7: Scott Russell 1.12 Group 8: Scott Russell 1.14
13.15-14.15	Finding Your Way Around Campus	A campus tour will be led by our current students.	Same groups as Real Student Stories
14.15-14.45	Getting Connected @ HWU	Introduction to essential HWU IT systems including your Portal, Canvas and timetables.	Lecture Theatre 1
14.45-15.15	Your Questions Answered	No such thing as a silly question!	Lecture Theatre 1

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10.00-10.45	Essential Guide to Success for New Students	Our panel will discuss how to make the most of our first year at university and present some of the support available!	Lecture Theatre 1
10.45-11.30	Academic Writing: What is it and why does it matter?	An exploration of what lecturers want in academic writing and what will get marks	Lecture Theatre 1
11.30-11.45	Break	Take some time out, have a snack and a drink!	Sunken Lounge
11.45-12.45	Hands-on Introduction to the Library	A practical session to help you find your way around the library and its resources	Cameron Smail Library
12.45-13.45	Lunch	You will receive vouchers to purchase lunch	Catering Outlets
13.45-14.45	References and Using Sources	Referencing is a very important part of academic writing. Our Librarians will give you their best tips and tricks to help you succeed!	Group A: David Brewster 1.14 Group B: David Brewster 1.15 Group C: Scott Russell 1.12 Group D: Scott Russell 1.14
14.45-15.00	Break	Take some time out, have a snack and a drink!	Sunken Lounge
15.00-15.45	Critical Reading	How do you find the information you need from study sources? The session will explore how.	Lecture Theatre 1
15.45-16.15	Your Questions Answered	No such thing as a silly question!	Lecture Theatre 1

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10.00-10.15	Welcome Back	Outline of the day's programme and any important information	Lecture Theatre 1
10.15-10.45	Maximising your income and making the most of your money	Angela from the Student Union will share her best tips on stretching your budget as a student!	Lecture Theatre 1
10.45-11.15	Introduction to your Careers Service	How to use the Careers Service effectively from the start of your degree.	Lecture Theatre 1
11.15-11.30	Break	Take some time out, have a snack and a drink!	Lecture Theatre 1
11.30-13.00	The Ideal Student & Group presentation skills	Looking at what you need to succeed as a student and an opportunity to practice working as a group to create a presentation.	Group 1: David Brewster 1.14 Group 2: David Brewster 1.15 Group 3: Scott Russell 1.12 Group 4: Scott Russell 1.14
13.00-13.45	Lunch	You will receive vouchers to purchase your lunch	Catering Outlets
13.45-14.30	What happens next?	A brief guide to Welcome Week and to the start of teaching, plus introductions to the Student Union and Sports Union	Lecture Theatre 1
14.30-15.00	Your Questions Answered	No such thing as a silly question!	Lecture Theatre 1
15.00-16.00	Cuppa & Chat	Finish the week with a cuppa and a biscuit!	Sunken Lounge