



# AT A GLANCE: YOU GOT INTO UNI: NEXT STEPS

## WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

- **Accept your place:** Check UCAS Track for formal confirmation of your place. Chase your uni if not.
- **Student finance:** Ideally you applied back in May, but if not, do it now. It can take 6 weeks to process.
- **Accommodation:** Assuming your uni has housing available, they should be in touch with an offer soon. If not, contact the uni accommodation office. They can probably also advise about other housing in the local area too.
- **Student bank:** If you haven't got a student account, best to open one. Top tip: Usually it's best to go for the largest possible free overdraft (ie. 0% interest). See [bit.ly/MSEStudentBanks](https://bit.ly/MSEStudentBanks)
- **Find your flatmates:** Check your uni halls Facebook page to connect with new flatmates.

## WHAT DO I NEED TO PACK?

- Check out Push's checklist of what you do and don't need to pack: [Packing \(push.co.uk\)](https://push.co.uk)
- Try to coordinate with your flatmates so you don't all end up bringing a kettle each.

## HOW DO I BUDGET?

Your student grant or loan is paid at the start of each term. Learn to make it last:

- **Create a budget:** Work out how much money you'll have (loan, parents, part-time jobs, etc), divide by the number of weeks in the term and work out how much you can afford to spend.
- **Apps:** Apps such as Mint and Yolt track and categories your spending to help you budget.
- **Use cash:** It's easier to stick to your budget when you physically have your money.

## STUDENT EXTRAS

- **Student discounts:** Get a discount card (such as TOTUM) or use an app (such as Unidays).
- **Travel card:** A 16-25 Railcard or a Young Person's Coach Card can save you 1/3 off travel.

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