



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 as 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 then 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
- **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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