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# Welcome Week 2024

16-20th September

#UofGDumfries

# Welcome Week

## Welcome to #TeamUofG

We're thrilled to have you here as you begin this exciting journey at UofG Dumfries. Whether you're returning to campus or joining us for the first time, this week is all about getting to know each other, exploring everything our campus has to offer, and diving into the vibrant community that makes the University of Glasgow Dumfries Campus so special.



Throughout the week we've got a packed schedule of events, activities, and opportunities to help you settle in, make new friends, and start your academic year off on the right foot. So, get ready to connect, learn, and have fun!

Classes start on 23rd September, and our Welcome Week Timetable starts on 16th September.

Any session marked as mandatory should be treated as such and attendance is required.

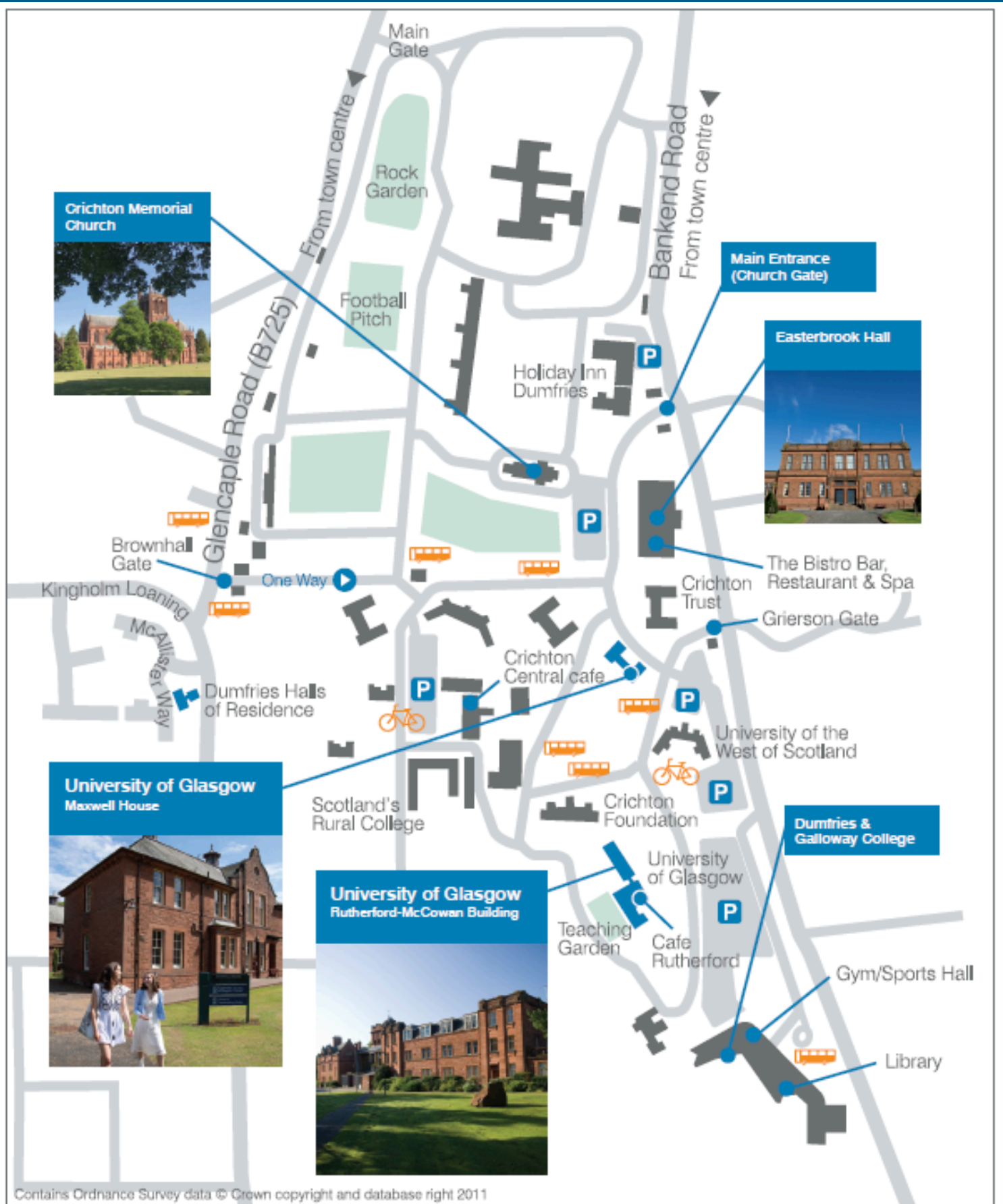
All sessions will be delivered on campus unless otherwise specified. Please note while we endeavour to run all events as advertised all are subject to change or cancellation if deemed necessary by University Staff.

Some sessions require online booking. If you experience any issues with this then please email [dumfries-studentexperience@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:dumfries-studentexperience@glasgow.ac.uk)

Here's to an unforgettable Welcome Week and an amazing year ahead!

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# Campus Map



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# GUDU

## Glasgow University Dumfries Union

GUDU is run by a committee who are elected by the students at the Dumfries campus and works with the School of Social and Environmental Sustainability to organise a range of social events and educational opportunities.

We support the students, clubs, and societies based at the Dumfries campus and are here to assist in any way we can.

Come and join us and make the most of your time here at the Dumfries campus. Member benefits include:

- Discounted tickets for events
- Access to member only events
- Discounted GUDU merchandise

You can sign up as a member anytime by coming along to the Student Hub at R102. We can't wait to see you on Welcome Week!



# Welcome Week Fairs

**There will be a fair taking place everyday from the 16th-20th of September in the main foyer of the Rutherford McCowan building. Each fair will be running from 9:30am-2:30pm each day.**

## **Monday 16th - Freshers Fair**

In the main foyer of Rutherford McCowan, you'll find a diverse range of organisations, including vintage clothing stalls and support agencies like D&G Citizens Advice Service, LGBT+ services, and Independent Living Support. Feel free to explore them at your leisure.

## **Tuesday 17th - Societies Fair**

From environmental groups to art and drama clubs – come and meet a range of different groups who are carrying out exciting activities in Dumfries and surrounding areas.

## **Wednesday 18th - Sports Clubs Fair**

We will have a number of local clubs in the foyer. From table tennis, to rugby, there is something for everyone.

## **Thursday 19th - Volunteer Fair**

We will have some organisations in the foyer that will be available to tell you about their volunteering opportunities which you may be interested in. This is a great opportunity to develop your employability skills.

## **Friday 20th - International Fair**

We're excited to welcome you with a variety of stalls to help you feel at home. Join us to meet the Dumfries and Galloway Multicultural Association, get advice from the Citizens Advice Service, and explore banking options with Barclays.

# Monday 16th September

## Welcome to UofG Dumfries

**10:00am-10:15am**

### **Welcome to the School of Social and Environmental Sustainability!**

Mandatory for new students, open to all students

**Who:** Fabrice Renaud (Head of School)

**Where:** R127

Our Head of School will welcome you to the School of Social and Environmental Sustainability with an introduction all about life, learning and teaching at Dumfries Campus. He will also discuss some interesting developments that are coming up within the school this academic year.

**10:15am -10:35am**

### **The Role of Your Advisor of Study**

Mandatory for new students, open to all students

**Who:** Michele Vincent (Chief Adviser of Studies) and Laura Davidson (Student Experience and Operations Manager)

**Where:** R127

This session will be important to ensure that as a student you know who to go to in terms of academic support and how they can help and support you.

**10:35am-11:00am**

### **Student Support Services and Good Cause**

Mandatory for new students, open to all students

**Who:** Tariq Jankiewicz (Student Support Officer) and Kerri LaBrash (Administrative Officer)

**Where:** R127

Tariq will be highlighting all of the support services and resources available to students. These include:

Finances, accommodation, personal problems, career and employability information, study support, good cause claims, accessing counselling services and support for disabilities.

Kerri will then explain the 5-day extension rule and cover Good Cause in more detail, and how you can apply if you need to.

# Monday 16th September

## Welcome to UofG Dumfries

**11:00-11:45am**

### **Meet With Your Undergraduate Degree Convenor**

Mandatory for new students

**Where:** Meeting at R127

This important session gives you the opportunity to meet your fellow classmates and members of the teaching team for your programme.

**R232** Sarah Stevenson will meet with students from MA Primary Education with Teaching Qualification students.

**Teaching Lab** Michael Muir and Natalie Welden will meet with all BSc Environmental Science and Sustainability students.

**R151** Alistair Hunter will meet with MA Global Sustainable Development students.

**11:45am-12:30pm**

### **Get to Know Your Classmates Board Game**



Open to all students

**Who:** Jeanna Baxter (Student Engagement Coordinator)

**Where:** R127

We will be playing the game Ludo with a fun twist. This is the perfect opportunity to get to know your new classmates.

**12:30pm-1:30pm**

### **Break**

This is the great time to try a coffee or buy some lunch at Café Rutherford, meet each of our stallholders in the main foyer to find out what they have to offer our students at Dumfries Campus.

**You will be provided with a free refreshment to use at the Café Rutherford, 1 per person.**

# Monday 16th September

## Welcome to UofG Dumfries

**12:30pm-1:25pm**

### **Badminton**

Open to all students

**Who:** Connor McGeorge (D&G College)

**Where:** Meet at Rutherford/McCowan foyer at 12:30pm or at D&G College Sports Hall.

Come along and play a few games and a chance to make new friends. All equipment is provided.



**1:30pm-2:00pm**

### **Student Residences Meet and Greet**

Mandatory for new residents

**Who:** Fiona Weir (Manager Student Apartments) and Ellen Thompson (Marketing & Customer Services Manager)

**Where:** R127

A special session for those living in University accommodation and Halls of Residence.

**2:00pm-3:30pm**

### **Campus tour with Mostly Ghostly and our Student Ambassadors**

Mandatory for new students, open to all students

**Where:** Meet at R127

The tour will reveal some of the fascinating characters and events associated with The Crichton from its earliest beginnings, including an insight into the life of Elizabeth Crichton and the history of Easterbrook Hall. This is a fantastic opportunity to speak to our Student Ambassadors and ask them any questions you might have about the campus in Dumfries.





# Monday 16th September

## Welcome to UofG Dumfries

**4:45pm - 5:15pm**

### **FITT 30**

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Monday evening Badminton and Pickleball is played with students and staff. It is played in a friendly manner and varies in level of skill. Choose to either play doubles or singles.

Pickleball is a new sport at Dumfries and Galloway College. Similar to Tennis and Padel. It is played with a plastic ball, paddle and on a badminton court. It is a really fun game to try and one of our most popular at the college. This can be played in singles or doubles. All equipment is also provided.



# Tuesday 17th September

## Making the Most of your University Experience

**10:00am-10:20am**

### **Student Experience and Glasgow University Dumfries Union Welcome**

Mandatory for new students, open to all students

**Who:** Jeanna Baxter (Student Engagement Coordinator)

**Where:** R127 and Student Hub

The student engagement coordinator will give you a tour of our new Student Hub and the Food Pantry, and explain how to find student events and use the UofG Life app. We will also discuss the role of the Student Union and how you can get involved as a member or committee member.

**10:20am -10:35am**

### **Student Representation**

Mandatory for new students, open to all students

**Who:** David Clelland (SSLC Lead)

**Where:** R127

David will be able to tell you more about the Student and Staff Liaison Committee (SSLC), your important role as a student and the benefits that you receive for getting involved as a Student Rep.

**10:35am-10:50am**

### **Find Out More About Paid Employment Opportunities as a Student Ambassador**

Open to all students

**Who:** Amy McCreadie (Outreach & External Engagement Coordinator)

**Where:** R127

Would you like to be a student ambassador for our school? Come along to this information session to find out how you can support our school and make some extra money along the way.

# Tuesday 17th September

## Making the Most of your University Experience

**10:50am-11:05am**

### **Meet your Student Representative Council (SRC)**

Mandatory for new students, open to all students

**Who:** Heri Busquier Cerdán (SRC VP Education)

**Where:** R127

The SRC exists to promote the interests of students to the University and beyond, alongside providing a range of support services as well as social and personal development opportunities. Come along and meet Heri and find out more about how the SRC are here for you.

**11:05am -12:00 noon**

### **Break the Ice Bingo Rutherford and Maxwell Scavenger Hunt**

Open to all students

**Who:** Student Ambassadors and Jeanna Baxter (Student Engagement Coordinator)

**Where:** R127

We will play a fun game of bingo to help you get to know other students in the school and then there is no better way to get to know the university building than through this interactive scavenger hunt. With prizes to be won you don't want to miss this.



**12:00noon-1:30pm**

### **Free BBQ lunch in the Teaching Garden**

Open to all students

We're hosting a delicious BBQ in the Teaching Garden, free of charge, so come and enjoy some tasty BBQ treats. This is also a perfect chance to meet our stallholders in the main foyer and discover what they have to offer students at Dumfries Campus.

# Tuesday 17th September

## Making the Most of your University Experience

**12:30pm-1:25pm**

### **Football**



Open to all students

**Who:** Connor McGeorge (D&G College)

**Where:** Meet at Rutherford/McCowan foyer at 12:30pm or at D&G College Sports Hall.

Come along and join our students and staff for a game of 6 a side football. This has been a very popular session and is now in the process of forming a 11 a side football team. This is played indoor, and trainers should be worn for this.



**1:30pm-2:30pm**

### **Welcome to the Garden**

Open to all students

**Who:** Freya Skinner (Events and Dissemination Lead –NCR) and Michael Muir (Lecturer)

**Where:** Teaching Garden

Step into our green space at our 'Welcome to the Garden' event. Have a go at planting seeds for the future, learn more about our weekly gardening sessions, test your knowledge in the nature quiz and try your hand at our photography competition with prizes to be won.

**2:30pm-3:10pm**

### **Library tour and Sport/Gym introduction**

Mandatory for new students, open to all students

**Who:** Louise Brown (UWS) and Connor McGeorge (D&G College) with support from student ambassadors

**Where:** D&G College, meet at Foyer of Rutherford McCowan

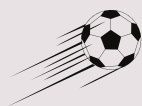
Our Student Ambassadors will take you across to the school library located in D&G college. You will then be shown around the library and shown some of the available study areas. Connor will then show you around the sports hall and gym and tell you about the wide range of sports and activities that are free for University of Glasgow students.

# Tuesday 17th September

## Making the Most of your University Experience

**4:45pm-5:30pm**

### **Football**



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**7:00pm-9:00pm**

### **Quiz Night at Greens Pub**

Open to all students

**Where:** Greens in Dumfries

Kick off your first week with a bang at the Quiz night at Greens —meet new friends and start the semester with a night of fun!



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Dumfries Union**



# Wednesday 18th September

## Safety, Security and Support on Campus

**10:00am-10:20am**

### **Security, Safety and Support on Campus**

Mandatory for new students, open to all students

**Who:** Gary Stephen (Head of Security) and Lesley Firth (Duty Manager)

**Where:** R127

Gary will be taking you through information and advice about staying safe on and off campus. There will be information about our UofG SafeZone App which is a must for every student on campus. Lesley will then introduce you to some of the facilities team and explain how they are here to help you. This includes room bookings and reporting faults.

**10:20am -10:30am**

### **ICT Induction**

Mandatory for new students, open to all students

**Who:** Stephen Patterson (ICT) Manager)

**Where:** R127

Stephen will be going through details on getting set up on the University network as well as security information that is important to know during your time with us.

**10:30am-10:45am**

### **Moodle Walkthrough**

Mandatory for new students, open to all students

**Who:** Erin Watt (Administrative Officer (Erasmus Mundus))

**Where:** R127

Erin will guide you through the basics of using Moodle and share top tips on how to make the most of the platform.

# Wednesday 18th September

## Safety, Security and Support on Campus

**10:45am-11:15am**

### **ICT Support Drop in**

Open to all students

**Who:** Stephen Patterson (ICT Manager)

**Where:** R250

Stephen will be available to support you with your individual ICT issues and support you to access the network.

**11:15am - 12:00 noon**

### **Enrolment and Registration Help and Support drop in**

Open to all students

**Who:** Laura Davidson (Student Experience and Operations Manager) and Mark Firth (Administrator)

**Where:** Student Hub

These sessions are available to all students. You can come along to the Student Hub anytime between 11:15-12noon if u have any questions or issues involving timetable, enrolment, academic, or financial registration. .

**12:00 noon -1:00pm**

### **Break**

This will also provide you with the opportunity to try out Café Rutherford, meet each of our stallholders in the main foyer to find out what they have to offer our students at Dumfries Campus.

# Wednesday 18th September

## Safety, Security and Support on Campus

**12:30pm-1:25pm**

### Table Tennis, Volleyball and Football Tennis

Open to all students

**Who:** Connor McGeorge (D&G College)

**Where:** Meet at Rutherford/McCowan foyer at 12:30pm or at D&G College Sports Hall.

Table Tennis - We have 5 Table Tennis tables available for you to come along and play on. Come and join a friendly group of staff and students who play a round robin set of games against each other. All equipment is provided.

Volleyball - A new sport that has been added to the timetable. Come along and have a shot with our staff and students. All equipment is provided.

Football Tennis - Come along and have some fun with our students playing football tennis. Much like volleyball, the aim of the game is to make sure the ball doesn't bounce in your half more than once and return it to the other side. This is usually played with 5 in each team but can be less.



**1:00pm-3:00pm**

### Guided Cycle Ride: Sustainable and Active Travel to/from Campus

Open to all students, new and continuing (please register your interest in advance, below)

**Who:** Alistair Hunter (Senior Lecturer)

**Where:** Meet at foyer in Rutherford McCowan

Bring your bike in the morning for a FREE check-up by our mechanics, then join us for a guided ride to Dumfries town centre and back to campus. The route will be on a combination of quiet, low-traffic roads and car-free cycle paths, empowering you to travel actively and sustainably to campus throughout your time at university. [arm flex emoji?] Get fit and do your bit for the planet.

If you don't have your own bike, a FREE hire bike can be ordered for you in advance.

Register your interest below:





# Wednesday 18th September

## Safety, Security and Support on Campus

**3:10pm-3:40pm**

### **Personal, Online and Bystander Safety**

Open to all students

**Who:** PC Jen Wilson and PC Rebecca McClung (Police Scotland)

**Where:** R127



**4:45pm - 5:15pm**

### **FITT 30**

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**7:30pm Onwards**

### **Pool Night at Greens Pub**

Open to all students

Head along to Greens pub to meet other students and enjoy some games of pool.



# Thursday 19th September

## Self Care and Discover Dumfries

**10:00am -12 noon**

### **Pets as Therapy**

Open to all students

**Where:** R127

We will have Pets as Therapy Scotland joining us to help you beat your home sickness blues. Come and meet the dogs and enjoy some cuddles with them.

The logo for 'PETS AS THERAPY' is located in the top right corner of the first event block. It consists of the words 'PETS AS' stacked above 'THERAPY' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font, all contained within a yellow rectangular background.

**10:30am-11:00am**

### **ICT Support Drop in**

Open to all students

**Who:** Stephen Patterson (ICT) Manager)

**Where:** R250

Stephen will be available to support you with your individual ICT issues.

**12:00noon -1:00pm**

### **Break**

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# Thursday 19th September

## Self Care and Discover Dumfries

**12:30pm -1:25pm**

### **Multisport**

Open to all students

**Who:** Connor McGeorge (D&G College)

**Where:** Meet at Rutherford/McCowan foyer at 12:30pm or at D&G College Sports Hall.



On Multisport days, we open up the sports hall to everyone to play what they would like. We have a full cupboard of sports equipment to choose from. Name the sport or activity and we probably have it. Come along and have a try at anything you would like.

**1:00pm-4:00pm**

### **Historic tour of Dumfries and Caerlaverock with Solway Tours**

Open to all students

**Where:** Meet outside of Rutherford McCowan



During this historic tour we will visit the Whitesands and Devorgilla Bridge where we will explore the history of Dumfries and Lady Devorgilla. From here will walk to St Michaels Churchyard and Castle Dykes Park and discuss the history of Robert Burns and the history of Robert the Bruce and the Wars of Independence. We will then get back on the coach and take in the beautiful scenery of the Solway coast before visiting Caerlaverock Castle, a moated triangular castle first built in the 13th century. This is the perfect trip to explore Dumfries and the surrounding areas and find out about our incredible history. Booking is essential as spaces are limited.

[Get your tickets here.](#)



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**7:00pm-10:00pm**

### Josephine and the Shades

Open to all students

**Where:** R127

Come join us for a night of amazing music and good vibes with Josephine and the Shades! Get ready to groove to their catchy tunes and let their music transport you to another world. This in-person event promises to be a night to remember, so mark your calendars for a great time.

Greens pub will be providing a bar at the event including wine, beer, pitchers, spirits and a variety of non alcoholic soft drinks. Cash preferred.

There will be delicious Greek cuisine served in the break. Vegetarian, vegan, and gluten free options available.

[Get your tickets here](#)



# Friday 20th September

## Community on Campus

**10:00am -10:10am**

### **Meet with PGT Director**

Mandatory for new PG students

**Who:** Guillaume Tiberghien (Post Grad Director)

**Where:** R127

Our Post Graduate Director will provide an official welcome to post graduate students.

**10:10am-10:30am**

### **AI in Academic Writing**

Mandatory for new PG students, open to all students

**Who:** Douglas Shand (Professor)

**Where:** R127

**10:30am-11:15am**

### **Meeting with Postgraduate Degree Convenors**

Mandatory for new PG students

**Where:** Meeting at R127

This important session gives you the opportunity to meet your fellow classmates and members of the teaching team for your programme. Please see below for the room numbers for each programme.

**R345** - MSc Sustainable Tourism & Global Challenges Lizanne Henderson

**R218** – MLitt Environment, Culture & Communication David Borthwick

**R236** - MSc Environmental Risk Management Sarwar Sohel

**R149** - MSc Ecology and Environmental Monitoring Natalie Welden

**R232** - MSc Enhanced Practice in Education David Lundie

MSc/PgDip/PgCert - End of Life Studies (Online) Marian Krawczyk

If you are a student on the End of Life Studies programme then please use the link below to join your session with Marian on Microsoft Teams.

**Meeting ID: 341 654 325 073**

**Passcode: qAjakL**

# Friday 20th September

## Community on Campus

**10:30 am-12:00 noon**

### **Community Building and Imposter Syndrome**

Open to all students

**Who:** Lauren McDougall

**Where:** R127

**11:15am-12:30pm**

### **Postgraduate Coffee at Easterbrook Bistro**

Open to all PG students



**Where:** Meet at Foyer of Rutherford/McCowan and walk across to Easterbrook Bistro

Come along and meet postgraduate students from across all programmes at the School of Social and Environmental Sustainability! We will leave Rutherford McCowan at 11:15am to walk across to the Easterbrook Bistro. This will be a fun event with plenty of opportunity to meet other PG students and teaching staff from across the School and enjoy a coffee/tea/hot chocolate and traybake.

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**2:00pm-2:30pm**

### **Immigration and Visa- Drop-in Sessions**

Open to all students

**Who:** Erin Watt (Administrative Officer (Erasmus Mundus))

**Where:** Student & Academic Operations at School Office

The University is required to check the immigration status for all students who are not nationals of the UK or Ireland, including home fee payers and those who do not require a Student Visa.

If you are a Student Visa holder and already have your Biometric Residence Permit, you can bring your BRP and passport to our drop-in session for scanning.

Please note that we are unable to issue and BRP's and student cards at this session. This is purely to send a copy of your passport and BRP card (if required) to our Immigration Compliance team based at the Glasgow campus.

**2:30pm-3:00pm**

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# Café Rutherford

We're delighted to welcome you to Café Rutherford, based in the Rutherford McCowan Building on our campus.

The perfect place for lunch, a coffee or snack - with fresh food and a welcoming atmosphere.

Opening times vary daily.

## Menu

We have lots of tasty options for you to choose from such as breakfast rolls, pies, sandwiches, salads, paninis, traybakes and sweet treats and soup. We also have teas, coffees, and hot drinks as well as a selection of cold drinks.

Please note we accept contactless payments only. We cannot accept cash.

## Pre-Order Collection Service

We're excited to now offer a Pre-Order Collection Service to all staff and students. Simply collect a form from the Café Rutherford counter, select your order and time for collection, and your order will be ready and waiting for you whenever you choose.

The School of Social and Environmental Sustainability is part of the College of Social Sciences at the University of Glasgow.

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