

ARRIVAL GUIDE

For international students joining us in September 2018

WELCOME TO YOUR NEW HOME

We are delighted that you will be joining us soon at Leeds Beckett University. We want you to settle in to your new home from home as easily as possible so you can focus on your studies and start enjoying university life and the city of Leeds. This guide provides the information you need to prepare to travel. It also explains what to do when you arrive at Leeds Beckett.

Leeds is a student-friendly city and a fantastic place to live and study. With a population of 779,000 and a range of cultural activities to suit every taste, we are sure you will feel part of the Leeds community as soon as you arrive.

We are confident that you will have an enjoyable and rewarding time with us and create memories that you will treasure for life.

If you have any questions about arriving at Leeds Beckett University, please get in touch with me.

On behalf of everyone at our University, I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to you and wish you a safe journey.

Kat Firth

International Student Engagement Officer

You can contact Kat on isn@leedsbeckett.ac.uk or ring 44 113 812 4920



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Remember to put these key dates in your diary:

Meet and Greet at Leeds Bradford International Airport

 \rightarrow 7 to 16 September 2018

Welcome Week

 \rightarrow 17 to 23 September 2018

Find more information about arriving at Leeds Beckett, visit: leedsbeckett.ac.uk/internationalarrival

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE AT LEEDS BECKETT

1.

Create an account on our Online Welcome system

Log on to welcome.leedsbeckett.ac.uk. You will be asked to upload a passport photo for your Leeds Beckett campus card.

2.

Book your accommodation

leedsbeckett.ac.uk/accommodation

3.

Accept your unconditional offer

To confirm your place with us.

4.

Pay at least 50% of your fees or provide proof of sponsorship.

5.

Apply for your CAS number

We will ask you to complete a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) form, so you can receive your CAS number to apply for your visa.

6.

Apply for your Visa

You will need to provide various documents and information when applying for a visa. We provide more details on page 10.

7.

Receive your Visa

This will be for 30 days so you can enter the UK. Once you arrive you will collect your full student visa, which is also called a Biometric Residence Permit.

8.

Upload your visa and passport

Log on to your Online Welcome account and upload scans of your visa and passport. This completes the first part of your enrolment.

9.

See your course details

Once you have completed the first part of your enrolment you will be able to view your course timetable and induction times on your Leeds Beckett account.

10.

Book our Airport Meet and Greet

Remember to book our Airport Meet and Greet service. Email meetgreet@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

BEFORE YOU For students from the EU end EEA LEEDS BECKETT

Create an account on our Online Welcome system

Log on to welcome.leedsbeckett.ac.uk. You will be asked to upload a passport photo for your Leeds Beckett campus card.

2.

Apply for a student loan

If you are an EU student you may be able to apply for a student loan for your undergraduate or postgraduate course. Visit gov.uk/student-finance/eu-students

3.

Book your accommodation

leedsbeckett.ac.uk/accommodation

4.

Accept you unconditional offer

To confirm your place with us.

5.

Enrol onto your course online

You will enrol on your course via our Online Welcome system.

6.

See your course information

Once you've enrolled you can view your course timetable and the time and date of your course induction.

7.

Book our Meet and Greet

We may be able to meet you at the airport - email your flight details to meetgreet@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

APPLYING FOR YOUR VISA

If you are from outside the EU and European Economic Area (EEA), you will require a visa to study in the UK. This is called a Tier 4 General Student Visa. Once you have confirmed your unconditional offer and paid at least 50% of your course fees (or provided evidence of your funding if you are sponsored), you can apply for a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number. You will need your CAS number in order to apply for your UK visa.

If you are from within the EU or EEA, or are a Swiss national, you do not require a visa to study in the UK.

When to apply for your visa?

Once you have your CAS number from us you can apply for your UK student visa. You will need to submit your visa application within 90 days (three months) before your course start date. The visa requirements are very strict so you please ensure you provide all the correct documents and are able to demonstrate a sufficient level of funds to support your visa application.

How to apply for your visa?

Follow the instructions on the UKVI website. You may be asked to apply for your visa online and book an appointment at the UK Visas and Immigration Centre in your country.

If you have a problem and are unable to find the answer on the UKVI website, our International Office may be able to help you.

Biometric Residence Permit

When you receive your visa it will be for 30 days so you can enter the UK. Once you arrive in Leeds, you will collect your full visa which is called a Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) and will be for the duration of your studies.

You will collect your Biometric Residence Permit from a Post Office in Leeds within 10 days of arriving in the UK.

Please also note that if your visa requires that you register with the police, you must collect your BRP and take this with you to the police station. You will need to do this within seven days of your arrival in the UK.

Studying for six months or less?

If you require a visa to study in the UK but your course is less than six months, you can apply for a short-term study visa. You will need to be aware that this visa does not allow you to work in the UK and cannot be extended beyond six months.

To apply visit: gov.uk/study-visit-visa/apply

Check the UKVI website for the most up-to-date visa information:

gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration





Useful websites

The UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA) provides helpful and clear information about the Biometric Residence Permit and applying for a visa.

ukcisa.org.uk

The UKVI website is easy to follow and shows you the steps for applying for your UK visa.

gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa

Need further help and advice?

You can contact your agent or our International Office are on hand to help you throughout your visa application process:

YOUR **NEW HOME**

If you haven't already done so, it's time to book your accommodation before you arrive in the UK. You can choose to live in Leeds Beckett Halls of Residence or if you prefer you can arrange your accommodation with a private landlord.

Leeds Beckett accommodation

We have 12 Halls of Residence with lots of different types of accommodation available. You can find more details at

leedsbeckett.ac.uk/accommodation

We will guarantee to find you a place to live but please apply as early as you can for the best chance of getting your first choice.

Private accommodation

You can also rent private accommodation through an organisation called Unipol - a housing agency supported by Leeds Beckett University. Unipol can help you find good quality accommodation in Leeds. They offer free impartial advice and only recommend landlords that have a good reputation.

If you are booking private accommodation, it is important you don't sign a contract until you have seen the property in person. It is a good idea to come to Leeds early and take some time to view different properties to see what is available in your price range.

Your safety

Our Halls of Residence have 24-hour security, emergency call phones, CCTV and secure entry system. The majority of our Halls have an onsite office where you can contact your residential officer and talk to them about any queries you may have.

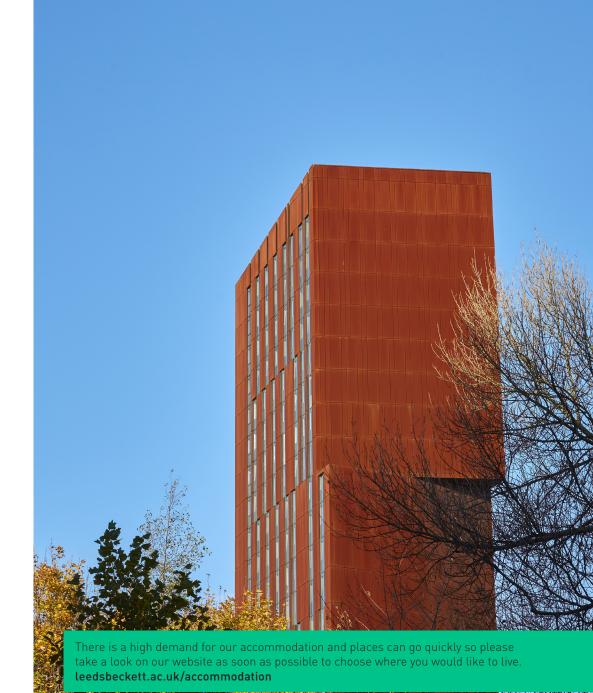
Useful contacts

Accommodation office accommodation@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

leedsbeckett.ac.uk/accommodation 44 113 812 5972

Unipol

hello@unipol.org.uk unipol.org.uk 44 113 243 0169



LIVING COSTS & COURSE FEES

When you have confirmed your unconditional offer, you will be ready to pay some or all of your course fees or show evidence of sponsorship. Here is some helpful information about paying your course fees and budgeting for living in the UK.

Your tuition fees (Non-EU)

If you require a Tier 4 Student Visa, you will be required to pay at least 50% of your first year tuition fees in order to apply for your CAS number. If you have sponsorship you will be required to provide a copy of your sponsorship letter.

How to pay

It is important to include your name and university student ID number when you send us your payment. Full details of how to pay can be found at:

leedsbeckett.ac.uk/studenthub/tuition-fees-payment

leedsbeckett.ac.uk/studenthub/ web-payments

EU students

If you are an undergraduate or postgraduate student from the EU you will be able to apply for a student loan to cover your tuition fees. You should have received information about this in your offer letter. If you have not applied for a student loan, please visit the Student Loans website for EU students:

gov.uk/student-finance/eu-students

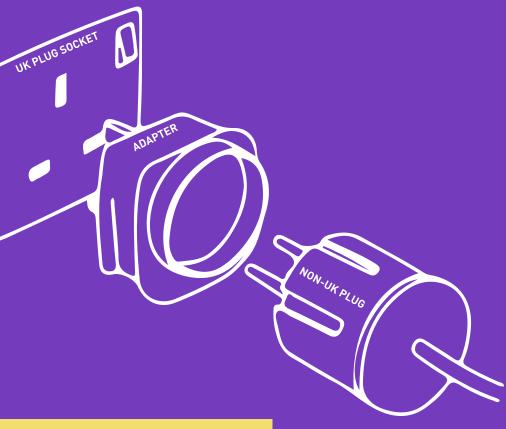
Living costs and personal finances

When preparing to study at Leeds Beckett you should also budget for costs including accommodation, food, transport and social activities. Living costs are dependent on your lifestyle, but the estimated cost for one year is around £9,135, including accommodation.



Learn how to manage your money and build a budget for living and studying in the UK international.studentcalculator.org

WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU



Remember to bring an electric UK plug adapter so you can charge your phone and use other electrical appliances you bring with you.

THINGS TO PACK IN YOUR HAND LUGGAGE

You will need to pack some important documents such as your passport and visa in your hand luggage. Here is a check list of documents you should keep with you as you may need these when you arrive at the UK border control.

THINGS TO PACK IN YOUR LUGGAGE

As well as your clothes and toiletries, there are a few things we recommend you bring with you in the luggage.

Your offer letter from Leeds Beckett University	Sleeping Bag This is especially useful if you arrive in the UK after 5pm
Your passport with your 30 day visa	and the shops are closed. If you've had a long flight you may be tired and want to have a quick nap before you start
Evidence of any funding you have to cover course tuition fees and living costs (a sponsor letter, for example)	exploring Leeds and the local shops. Although your room will come with a mattress you will provide your own bedding – whether this is university or private accommodation.
Your tenancy agreement	
document, the address of where you will be staying and the address of where you will be collecting the keys for your new home	Warm Clothing The temperature in the UK may be a little colder than you are used to so it is good to pack a couple of jumpers for your first night in the UK.
Enough money for your first few	3
days in Leeds	UK Plug Adapter Remember to bring an electric
Some toiletries and any medication for your flight and for when you arrive	UK plug adapter so you can charge your phone and use other electrical appliances you bring with you.
This Arrival Guide in case you need to contact us when	

TRAVELLING TO LEEDS

Once you have arranged your visa and accommodation you will be ready to travel to Leeds. Here is some information about the most convenient UK airports and transport links as well as some key dates for your diary.

FLYING TO LEEDS

Leeds Bradford Airport is the closest airport to Leeds Beckett University. From this airport you can take a taxi to your accommodation, which should cost approximately £25.

Manchester Airport is about 40 miles from Leeds. From Manchester Airport you can get to Leeds by train for about £25 or by coach for about £15. Both the train and coach stations are located within the airport building. A taxi from Manchester will cost approximately £80. A taxi to your accommodation from either the train or coach station will cost about £10.

London Heathrow Airport is a six hour coach journey from Leeds and will cost approximately £20-£40 depending on how early you book your ticket. The coach is a direct journey to Leeds. If you take the train you will need to change trains in the centre of London, which could be difficult with all your luggage. When you arrive in Leeds you can take a taxi from the coach station to your accommodation; this will cost approximately £10.

London Gatwick Airport is a seven hour journey by coach to Leeds and costs approximately £40. As with London Heathrow, you will need to change trains in the centre of London.

KEY DATES

Remember, you can meet us when you land in the UK on the following dates:

Meet and Greet at Leeds Bradford International Airport 7 to 16 September



MEET AND GREET SERVICE

It can feel a little daunting leaving your home to study in another country. To help you feel welcome we provide a Meet and Greet service where one of our student ambassadors will meet you when you arrive. The Meet and Greet service takes place from 7 to 16 September 2018 on the times and dates below.

BOOKING OUR MEET AND GREET

It is important you book at least three days before you arrive in the UK. You will need to book by emailing us with the information listed below. Once we have received your email we will send you confirmation of who will be meeting you at Leeds Bradford. We will give you a phone number to contact us on if your flight is delayed.

In order to book onto the service please send an email to

meetgreet@leedsbeckett.ac.uk with the following information:

- Your full name
- Country of origin
- Your Student ID number
- Date and time of your arrival*
- Your flight number
- Address of your accommodation.

How much does Meet and Greet cost?

There is no cost to use our Meet and Greet Service. Although you will need to have enough money to pay for your taxi, train or bus from the airport to your accommodation.

If you book on to the Meet and Greet service by Thursday 6 September you may be eligible for a free taxi to your accommodation from Leeds Bradford International Airport.

If you have any questions about the Meet and Greet service or travelling to the UK, please contact:

meetgreet@leedsbeckett.ac.uk



between 09:00 and 21:00*

*If your flight is outside this time we will try our best to accommodate your arrival.

^{*}If your flight arrives outside of the core hours of 09:00 to 21:00, we will do our best to accommodate your arrival.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT LEEDS BECKETT

1.

Meet us at the Airport

Book our Meet and Greet service at Leeds Bradford International Airport by emailing meetandgreet@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

2.

Take transport to your accommodation

You can either take a taxi, bus or train to your accommodation depending on which airport you're flying to.

3.

Pick up your keys for your new home and move in

If you booked Leeds Beckett accommodation you will have been given details of where you can collect your keys.

4.

Collect your Biometric Residence Permit

Once you've settled in and unpacked you can collect your Biometric Residence Permit. You should do this within 10 days of your arrival in the UK.

non-EEA and non-EU only

Attend International Check-in at Leeds Beckett

You need to do this so you can fully enrol on your course. You should have received an email with the times for International Check-in.

non-EEA and non-EU only

6.

Welcome Week

Book events for Welcome Week, taking place between 17 and 23 September. Find out more at

leedsbeckett.ac.uk/internationalarrival

7.

International student induction

We will give you advice about health care, setting up a bank account, keeping safe and working in the UK.

non-EEA and non-EU only

8.

Your course induction

Meet your new classmates and collect your Leeds Beckett student card

9.

Start your course

You are now ready start your course and focus on your studies.

If you arrive after Welcome Week and your induction sessions our Student Hub staff are on hand to help you.

To keep up to date with social events contact Kat:

isn@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

SHOPPING IN LEEDS

When you arrive in Leeds you will want to know where you can buy essential items such as kitchen utensils, bedding and your favourite food. Depending on Leeds Beckett accommodation, we've provided the nearest shops to you as well as some hidden gems.

WHERE TO BUY BEDDING

Headingley Accommodation

Includes Kirkstall Brewery and Carnegie Village

If you're based at Kirkstall you are near:

Morrisons - Kirkstall, LS5 3AU Home Bargains, LS5 3BL

If your new home is Carnegie Village:

Wilko's - Headingley, LS6 2UE

There are also very frequent buses from Headingley or Kirkstall into Leeds City Centre for more shopping choice.

City Accommodation

Includes Arena Village, Broadcasting Tower, Carlton Hill, Concept Place, Mill Street, Marsden House, The Plaza, and Woodhouse flats.

If your new home is one of the above you can buy bedding, cutlery, pans and many other kitchen and home items from the following shops:

Wilko's - Albion Street. Leeds City Centre, LS1 6HX

Morrisons - Merrion Centre, Leeds City Centre, LS2 8PL

WHERE TO BUY FOOD

Headingley Accommodation

If you're based at Kirkstall: Morrisons - Kirkstall, LS5 3AU

For Carnegie Village: Sainsbury's - Headingley, LS6 2UE

City Accommodation

Morrisons - Merrion Centre. Leeds City Centre, LS2 8PL

In Leeds city centre you'll be able to find lots of food shops, big and small, including a number of international supermarkets and Kirkgate market which is the largest of its kind in Europe.



OPENING HOURS

stay open until late, but most shops close around 18:00.

ENROLLING ON YOUR COURSE

Before you can start your course at Leeds Beckett you will need to complete the enrolment process which is in two parts. Once you have fully enrolled you will be able to see all your course information.

Enrolment Part One - Online

If you're from outside the EU and EEA area

Before you arrive in the UK you will be asked to upload scans of your passport and visa. This is the first part of your enrolment and you will do this by logging into your Leeds Beckett account and following the directions provided. You can do this by going to welcome.leedsbeckett.ac.uk

Enrolment

Part Two - International Check-in

If you're from outside the EU and EEA area

You will complete your enrolment on your first day at Leeds Beckett University when you attend International Check-in. You should have received an email with details of when and where this takes place, at either City or Headingley campus. On your first day you will need to bring your:

- Passport
- Visa
- Biometric Residence Permit
- Leeds Beckett student ID
- Sponsor letter (if your course is being paid for by a sponsor)

You're ready to start your course

Once you're fully enrolled you are ready to take part in your course induction and social events at Leeds Beckett. You will also be able to collect your Leeds Beckett student campus card which you will use to borrow books and laptops from the library and access the photocopying machines. You can also register on a free course to help improve your English language skills and adjust to life in the UK.

Remember to:

Upload your passport photo to your Leeds Beckett account so we can have your student campus card ready for you when you arrive at Leeds Beckett.

UNIVERSITY WELCOME WEEK

MONDAY 17 TO SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2018

Take part in a variety of events when you arrive at Leeds Beckett University. These range from information sessions about health and visas and tours of our campuses to city tours and trips to destinations within the UK and Europe, including the medieval city of York.

Welcoming you to Leeds Beckett University

To make the most of Welcome Week it is important to arrive before Monday 17 September. During this week you will attend your course inductions as well as information sessions specifically for international students. A full programme of events can be found on our website.

leedsbeckett.ac.uk/internationalarrival

International students' induction session

When you attend your international induction session, you will be able to get all key information about visas, healthcare, safety, banking and working in the UK. There will be a session about making new friends and settling into student life. There will also be an induction session for students from within the EU/EFA.

Any questions?

If you have any questions about welcome week, contact Kat at isn@leedsbeckett.ac.uk



If you arrive late and miss the Welcome Week sessions, you don't need to worry. Contact Kat on <code>isn@leedsbeckett.ac.uk</code>, and she will be happy to help you with any questions you may have.

MAKING NEW FRIENDS

Moving home and settling into a new country can feel daunting and it's only natural to feel a bit anxious. We want you to have a fantastic time at Leeds Beckett so here are a few ways you can easily meet new people and make friends when you arrive.

Join a society

We have many student societies including a variety for international students. You can go on nights out and make new friends at Karaoke, pub quizzes and other social events. Find out more about our student societies by visiting:

leedsbeckettsu.co.uk/groups

Weekend trips

In your first few weeks of your course you can take part in organised trips including one to the historic city of York. We have a partnership with the company 'Don't be a tourist' who organise regular city trips and excursions.

Join our gym

With a variety of fitness classes, you can take part in a host of keep-fit activities. You can book tennis courts, take part in team games or do a bit of yoga. You can also use the pool and gym facilities and with memberships starting from as little as £72 for the year, it's a cheap way to keep fit.

Be a Student Ambassador

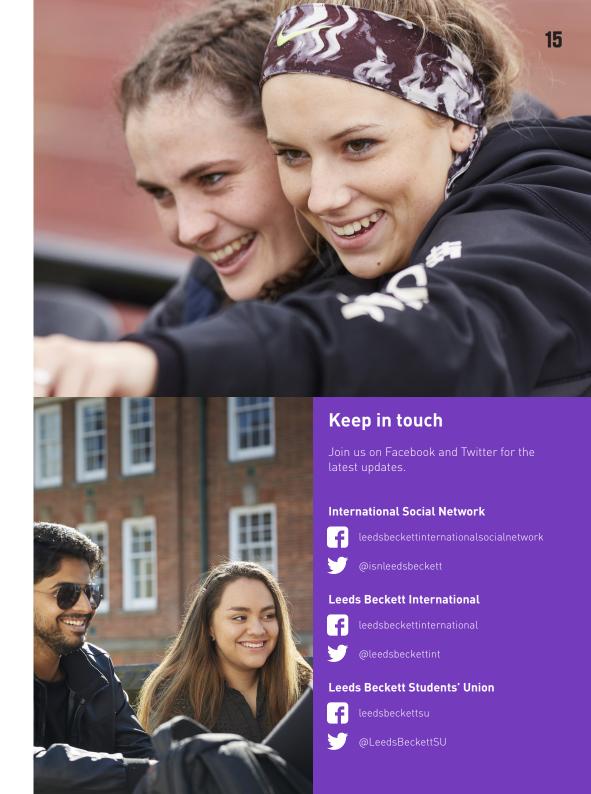
Many of our international students join our Student Ambassador scheme through which you can work at events at the University. This could be at one of our Open Days or working on marketing campaigns. The pay is competitive and can help you out with living costs and study materials.

Make friends on Facebook

A great way to meet new people is to join our Facebook group (see the purple box to the right) and make friends with your fellow students and room-mates before you arrive in the UK.

Be a volunteer

We have a dedicated volunteering team that offer opportunities to help local and international communities. It's a fantastic way to meet new people and do something rewarding.



FIND YOUR WAY AROUND OUR CAMPUSES

HEADINGLEY **CAMPUS**

01	James Graham	10	Fairfax Hall	21	North Lodge
	Building Great Hall Library	11	Carnegie Hall	22	Churchwood
		Carne	Carnegie Annex	23	South Lodge
	Security Reception		Carnegie Sports Reception	24	The Coach House
O2 Campus Central Student Hub Food Court / Campus Shop Students' Union	Campus Central	13	Swimming Pool	25	Carnegie Village
	14	Athletics Track & Field Facilities	26	Landscape Resourd Centre & Experimental	
	Students' Union	15	Carnegie Regional		Gardens
03	Caedmon Hall		Indoor Tennis Centre	27	Changing Pavilion
04	Priesley Hall	16	Carnegie Research	28	Queenswood
05	Leighton Hall		Institute 29	29	Carnegie Teacher
06	Macaulay Hall	17		Education Building	
07	Brontë Hall	18	Blue Hall Green Hall	30	Carnegie Teaching Research Under development
08	The Grange	19			
09	Cavendish Hall	20	The Cottage		

Headingley Campus LS63QS 44 113 812 0000

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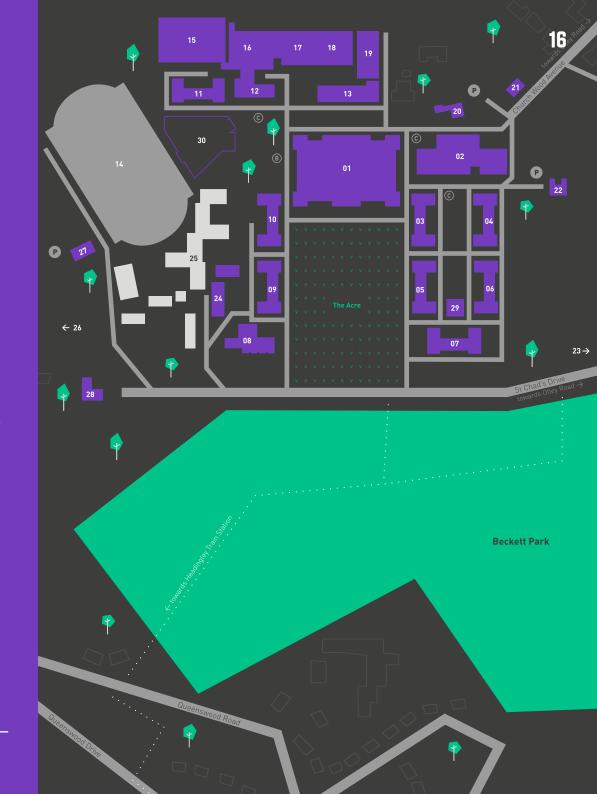












FIND YOUR WAY AROUND OUR CAMPUSES

CITY **CAMPUS**

01 Leslie Silver Building

> Sheila Silver Library Coffee Shop

02 Woodhouse Building

> Students' Union Gym/Fitness Centre

Portland Building 03

Campus Shop

04 **Calverley Building**

05 **Old Broadcasting House**

06 **Broadcasting Place -Humanities Building** Campus Shop

07 **Broadcasting Place -Arts Building**

08 **Queen Square**

09 **Queen Square House**

10 **Northern Terrace**

Rose Bowl

Food Court

12 **Electric Press**

13 The Wellness Centre -10 Queen Square

14 **Creative Arts Building**

Opening September 2020

City Campus LS13HB

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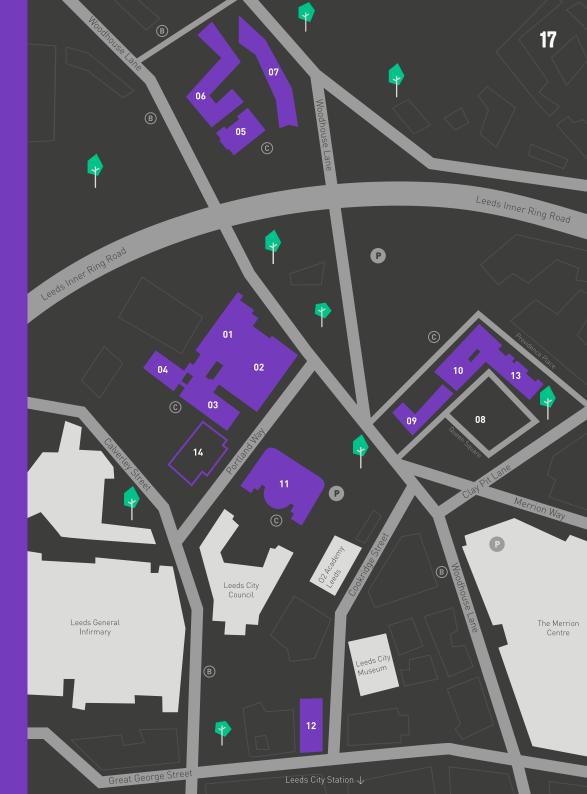








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USEFUL CONTACTS

HELP WITH YOUR APPLICATION

International Office

Brontë Hall Headingley Campus Leeds, LS6 3QW

44 113 812 1111

internationaloffice@leedsbeckett.ac.uk leedsbeckett.ac.uk/international

ADVICE ON IMMIGRATION AND VISAS

Student Immigration Advice & Compliance

44 113 812 5262 siac@leedsbeckett.ac.uk leedsbeckett.ac.uk/studenthub/international-student-advice-and-compliance

HELP WITH FINDING YOUR NEW HOME

Leeds Beckett Accommodation Office

44 113 812 5972 accommodation@leedsbeckett.ac.uk leedsbeckett.ac.uk/accommodation

ADVICE ABOUT ARRIVING AT LEEDS BECKETT

International Social Network

44 113 812 4920 isn@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

CHAT TO A STUDENT

Our current students are on hand to answer any questions you might have leedsbeckett.ac.uk/talk-to-a-student

EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS CONTACT

University Security Office

James Graham Building Headingley Campus Leeds, LS6 3HF 44 113 812 3716



AS SOON AS POSSIBLE



Book your accommodation



Pay the required fees for your course and accommodation



YOUR

CHECKLIST

Apply for your visa

BEFORE YOU DEPART For the UK



Upload your visa and passport to your Online Welcome account



Book Meet and Greet and tell us your flight details



Upload your passport photograph for your Leeds Beckett campus card

WHAT TO BRING TO INTERNATIONAL CHECK-IN

Please bring the following documents with you on your first day, so we can enrol you on your course:



Passport



Biometric Residence Permit (collect in the UK)



Sponsor letter (if your course fees are sponsored)



Student ID number