



THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH
SCHOOL OF DIVINITY

**Graduate School Events for Welcome Week
Monday-Friday, 10-14 September 2018**

MONDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

10.00 Martin Hall

Welcome - from Professor Helen Bond (Head of the School of Divinity), Professor Brian Stanley (Director of Postgraduate Studies), Patrick Brown (Convenor of the Postgraduate Student Committee) and other members of the School.

10.45 Tea and coffee

11.15 starting from Martin Hall Tours of New College, including a visit to the Library

12.00 Martin Hall 'Postgraduate (PG) Study and the Academic Community': Dr Philippa Townsend (School Equality and Diversity Officer), Sarah Moffat (EUSA Welfare & Equality Officer) and Charlotte MacDonald (EUSA Advice Place)

13.00 Oldham-Porteous and Althaus-Reid rooms and adjacent lobby Sandwich lunch, provided by the School.

14.15-15.15 McEwan Hall University Welcome Ceremony 2018

Professor Peter Mathieson, Principal of the University of Edinburgh, welcomes new students (undergraduate and postgraduate). Doors open at 1.30. Free but ticketed.

Booking essential! <https://www.ed.ac.uk/students/new-students/welcome-week>

15.30 Oldham-Porteous and Althaus-Reid rooms and adjacent lobby Tea and coffee

16.00 Martin Hall Join members of the Postgraduate Committee for an informal session that will allow you to meet fellow incoming postgrads.

TUESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

Today is free of commitments at the School of Divinity, to allow you to attend welcome events for the wider university, notably the following:

- **12.00-14.00** Postgraduate Research (PGR) students: Welcome Talk and Services Fair: McEwan Hall, Bristo Square
- **14.00-16.00:** Postgraduate Taught (PGT) students: Welcome Event and Services Fair: McEwan Hall, Bristo Square.
- **16.00-18.00:** Repeat of Welcome Event and Services Fair for PGT students, McEwan Hall, Bristo Square
- **17.00-19.00:** Postgraduate Social Evening, Playfair Library, Old College.

For more information on any of the university-wide events listed above, and a link to register your place, visit: <https://www.ed.ac.uk/students/new-students/welcome-week>. There is also an app you can download for instant access to the latest information from the University about Welcome Week: <https://www.ed.ac.uk/students/new-students/welcome-week/events-app>. If you are an **international student**, please make contact with Edinburgh Global (33 Buccleuch Place, 0131-650-4296). Their International Student Advisory Service can help you with questions such as opening bank accounts, police registration, and so on. Their staff will be available this week to answer questions. Just drop in.

Please ensure you also visit this page listing the top 6 tasks new students need to tackle, and giving a link to a helpful Getting Started Guide: <https://www.ed.ac.uk/students/new-students/getting-started-resources/top-6-tasks>

WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER - FULL-DAY INDUCTION WORKSHOP

Morning: common to all programmes

- 09.00 Martin Hall** An introduction to the School and its postgraduate culture
- 10.45 Oldham-Porteous and Althaus-Reid rooms and adjacent lobby** Tea and coffee
- 11.15 Martin Hall** An introduction to wider university resources for postgraduates
- 13.00 Oldham-Porteous and Althaus-Reid rooms and adjacent lobby** Lunch provided by the School in subject area groups

Afternoon: programme-specific

- 14.00 Martin Hall *Masters students*** gather and divide into programme groups
- MRes students meet with Director of Postgraduate Studies
 - Taught Masters students meet with Programme Directors
- 14.45 onwards is available for 1:1 meetings, but your Programme Director (taught Masters) or Research Supervisor (MRes) may arrange a different time to meet with you. World Christianity students will meet instead on Friday 14th at 09.00 in G.06.*
- 14.45 Elizabeth Templeton Lecture Room *PhD/MPhil students*** meet with Director of Postgraduate Studies
- 16.00 Oldham-Porteous and Althaus-Reid rooms and adjacent lobby** Tea and coffee with existing students in your subject area.
- 19.00 *New College Ceilidh*** at St Catherine's Argyle Church, 61-3 Grange Road, EH9 1TY. A Ceilidh is a traditional Scottish dance/ party/ fun time. Dance to a live ceilidh band! There will be snacks and beverages including sodas, juices. Please bring any other food you wish to share. No alcohol, please, by request of the church. Spouses/partners and children welcome. Wear comfortable shoes! Meet in the quadrangle of New College at 18.30 to walk together to the church.

THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

- 10.00 Elizabeth Templeton Lecture Room** 'The British postgraduate system': for international students
- 10.45 Oldham-Porteous and Althaus-Reid rooms and adjacent lobby** Coffee and doughnuts for the Graduate School community
- 11.15 Elizabeth Templeton Lecture Room** Postgraduate Committee Elections for Subject Area Reps, and Masters and PhD Reps. Come along and cast your vote!
- 11.45 Elizabeth Templeton Lecture Room** Informal Q&A session with PG students. Find out everything you want to know about being a postgrad or living in Edinburgh. This is a good chance to ask about issues like time management, research trips, and relationships with supervisors. Questions about life outside New College are also welcome, e.g. flat-renting, shopping, health, etc. We will do our best to answer them!
- 14.00 Elizabeth Templeton Lecture Room** Opening of Year Lecture by Dr Mark Harris: 'Apocalypses Now: Modern Science and Biblical Miracles', followed by tea/coffee.

FRIDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

- 12.00 Martin Hall [voluntary event]** New College will hold a service to mark the start of the Academic Year and Induction by the Presbytery of Edinburgh of Rev Professor Susan Hardman Moore as Principal of New College, to which all are warmly invited.
- 13.00** Lunch provided by New College in **Oldham-Porteous and Althaus-Reid rooms and adjacent lobby** (you are all of course welcome to this without attending the service).