



THE UNIVERSITY *of* EDINBURGH
SCHOOL OF DIVINITY

**Events for Undergraduate Students in Welcome Week
Monday–Friday, 09th –13th September 2019**

Monday 09th September

University welcome events include the Principal's Welcome Ceremony, which is free but arriving early is essential: <https://www.ed.ac.uk/students/new-students/welcome-week/welcome-ceremony>

Tuesday 10th September

09.30 School of Divinity Welcome, Martin Hall, New College

Welcome to all new Undergraduate students at the School of Divinity - from Professor Helen Bond (Head of the School of Divinity), Dr Anja Klein (Director of Teaching), Dr Hannah Holtschneider (Director of Equality & Diversity), and Dr Alexander Chow (Senior Personal Tutor). Introductions to the Student Support Officers, Student's Association (tbc), Undergraduate School Representative (Kirsty Munro) and other members of the School.

10.15 Meetings with UG Programme Directors

An opportunity to discuss the course options for each Programme, including outside courses. Student Programme Representatives will be on hand to advise and answer any questions.

- Bachelor of Divinity; MA Divinity/Classics; Master of Divinity: Sandy Forsyth and tbc (McIntyre Room)
- MA/BA Religious Studies; MA Religious Studies/English Lit; MA Religious Studies/Scottish and English Lit: Arko Longkumer and Marc Livingstone (Elizabeth Templeton Room)
- MA Philosophy and Theology/MA Theology: David Grumett and Josep Marti I Bouis (Martin Hall)
- International/Study Abroad Students: Ulrich Schmiedel (Baillie Room)

11.00 Rainy Hall: Coffee and tea, tours of New College and an opportunity to arrange to meet with your Personal Tutor and agree course choices at some point during the week.

14.30-16.30 EUSA Course Options Fair at 50 George Square and DHT Lower Ground (Doors open 12:00 for all students)

An event for undergraduate students who have an element of choice within their degree programme. Schools and subject areas have 'stalls' at the event where you can speak to staff, pick up information and discover some courses you might not have considered already (<https://www.ed.ac.uk/students/new-students/welcome-week/undergraduates/course-options-fair>).

Wednesday 11th September

15:30 Tour of New College Library (meet at the library helpdesk). This event is voluntary, but come along if you want to get to know New College Library! Another opportunity for a tour is Wed, 18th September, 10:30am

19.00 New College Ceilidh in Rainy Hall. 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. Spouses/partners and children welcome. Wear comfortable shoes!

Thursday 12th September

09.30-11:45 Martin Hall *Hit the Ground Running* (Anja Klein and others)

- 09.30-10.30 - Support for Success (Anja Klein and Mate Varadi, Learning Technologist)
- 10:30-10:45 - Coffee Break (Rainy Hall)
- 10.45-11:45 - Tutorial Skills (Joanna Young, IAD)

These sessions give you an idea what it will be like to study here, and what skills you will need for a successful start.

Further opportunities to meet your Personal Tutor to plan the year ahead.

12.00-13.00 F21, Psychology Building, 7 George Square Undergraduate Welcome Talk for Joint Philosophy and Theology Students Introduction to Philosophy and meeting with staff over refreshments. For students on Joint Philosophy degrees who will attend some courses in the Schools of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences (PPLS), and/or Literatures, Languages and Cultures (LLC).

14.00 Elizabeth Templeton Lecture Room Opening of the Year Lecture by Prof. Jay Brown (Professor of Ecclesiastical History)

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*Why Are We Here at New College?
Some Reflections on John Henry Newman's The Idea of a University*

This will be followed by an **afternoon tea reception** to mark the re-opening of the newly refurbished Rainy Hall and introduction to Social Bite, our new caterers.

Friday 13th September

13.00 Martin Hall [voluntary event] New College will hold a Christian service to mark the start of the Academic Year, to which all are warmly invited. The preacher will be the Principal of New College, Professor Susan Hardman Moore, and the New College Choir will lead the singing.

14:00 Lunch for the whole community in the Rainy Hall, provided by New College (you are of course welcome without attending the service).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- **New College Away Day (Sat, 28th September):** A Great Day out in Dunblane; see flyer for details.
- **“Support for Success” (Wed, 16th October, 2-5pm):** An afternoon with Study Skills Session and Well-Being workshops; programme and booking information will be circulated closer to the date.