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THE UNIVERSITY *of* EDINBURGH School of Divinity

Graduate School Events for Welcome Week Monday-Friday, 9-13 September 2019

MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

9.30 Martin Hall

Welcome - from Professor Helen Bond (Head of the School of Divinity), Dr Emma Wild-Wood (Director of Postgraduate Studies), Dr Sara Parvis (Director of Taught Postgraduate Programmes, Stephen Dolan (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 Hannah Holtschneider (School Equality and Diversity Officer). A representative from EUSA will give an overview of the Edinburgh University Students Association.

13.00 Rainy Hall Sandwich lunch, provided by the School.

14.30-15.15 McEwan Hall, Bristo Square, Principal's Welcome Ceremony 2019

Professor Peter Mathieson, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Edinburgh, welcomes new students (undergraduate and postgraduate). Doors open at 13.45, start time 14.30. No booking is required to attend this event. However, it is strongly recommended that you arrive the for the 'doors open' time as we would expect queues.

15.30 Rainy Hall Tea and coffee with members of the school's postgraduate student community.

16.00 Martin Hall Optional walks around the city centre with members of the postgraduate community.

TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

Today is free of commitments at the school of Divinity to allow you to attend welcome events for the wider university.

For more information on 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>.

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>

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WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER - FULL-DAY INDUCTION WORKSHOP APPROACHES TO RESEARCH IN DIVINITY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Morning: common to all programmes

- 09.00 Martin Hall** An introduction to the School and its postgraduate culture
- 10.45 Rainy Hall** Tea and coffee
- 11.15 Martin Hall** An introduction to wider university resources for postgraduates
- 13.00 Rainy Hall** Lunch provided by the School: meet 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.*
- 14.45 Elizabeth Templeton Lecture Room *PhD/MPhil students*** meet with Director of Postgraduate Studies
- 16.00 Rainy Hall** Tea and coffee with existing students in your subject area.
- 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 12 SEPTEMBER

- 10.00 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!
- 10.45 Rainy Hall** Coffee and cake 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** Dr Emma Wild-Wood: 'The British postgraduate system': for international students
- 14.00 Elizabeth Templeton Lecture Room** Opening of Year Lecture, by Professor Stewart J. Brown, "Why are we here at New College? Some Reflections on John Henry Newman's The Idea of a University, followed by an afternoon tea to mark the re-opening of the Rainy Hall and introduction to Social Bite.

FRIDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

- 9.30-12.00 Martin Hall**, Library resources for research, followed by library tour
- 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.
- 14.00** Lunch provided by New College in Rainy Hall (you are all of course welcome to this without attending the service).