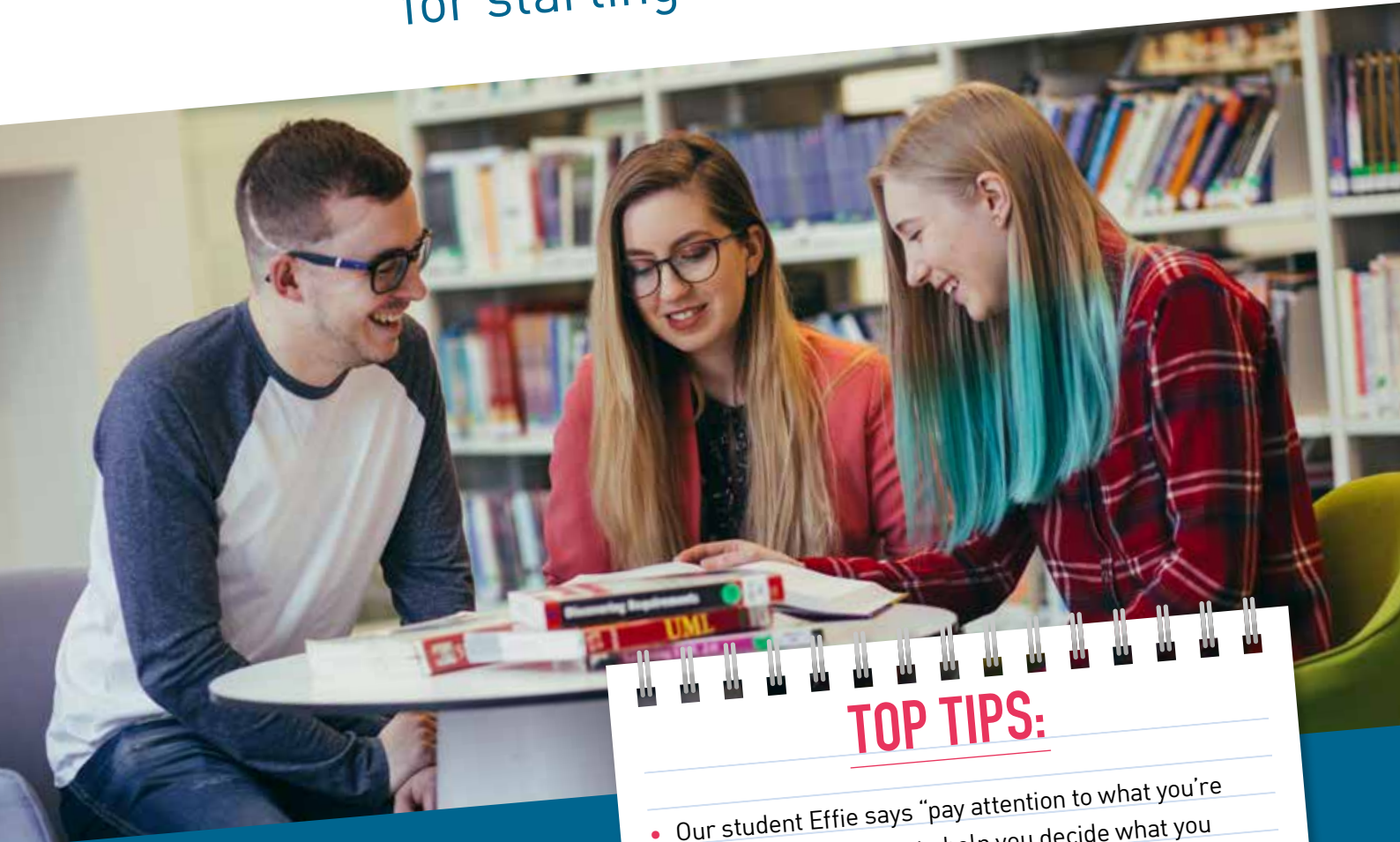




BIRMINGHAM CITY  
University

# THE ULTIMATE CHECKLIST

for starting university



**EXCITED TO BE STARTING  
UNIVERSITY THIS SEPTEMBER,  
BUT NOT ENTIRELY SURE WHAT  
YOU NEED? YOU'RE NOT ALONE!**

**WE HAVE PUT TOGETHER THE  
ULTIMATE CHECKLIST TO HELP  
GIVE YOU THE BEST POSSIBLE  
START TO YOUR UNIVERSITY  
JOURNEY...**

## TOP TIPS:

- Our student Effie says "pay attention to what you're always using at home to help you decide what you need to take with you."
- Be organised. Don't leave everything until the last minute as you'll forget things / panic buy.
- Whether you're commuting or moving, figure out your travel arrangements in advance to avoid any disasters on your first day.
- Use and adapt our list to decide what you can realistically fit in your transport. Take the essentials on the day and then have a 'post-move' shop for the rest.
- Scan / take photos of all your important documents and email them to yourself, so you can access them if something is lost or damaged.
- Try to communicate with your new flatmates beforehand and share out purchasing communal items.
- Don't try and take furniture with you, wait until you've moved in - if you need any at all!

# YOUR ULTIMATE CHECKLIST...

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## IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS:

- ID – a driving license or passport
- University documents including your acceptance letter
- Student finance documents
- Accommodation documents
- Your course acceptance letter
- Your bank details and bank card
- Passport photos (always handy)
- National Insurance card

## ELECTRICAL

- Phone and charger
- Headphones
- Speaker (optional)
- Hair dryer and styling tools if you use them
- Laptop/computer. If you don't own one you should have access to plenty at uni
- External hard drive, to back up your work!
- Ethernet cable and WiFi router. Check with your accommodation to see if you need these.
- TV. Check with your accommodation first as they may already have one
- An extension lead

## BEDROOM

*Make sure you check the size of your bed before you move in!*

- Pillows
- Bed sheets
- Two sets of bedding
- Quilt
- Extra blanket
- Stuffed toy (optional)
- Bin
- Hot water bottle
- Door stop

## LAUNDRY

*Pack the essentials. The rest can wait.*

- Laundry basket/bag
- Clothes horse
- Coat hangers
- Iron and ironing board (optional)

## BATHROOM

- Towels
- Toilet roll
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Nail clippers
- Razor
- Bin
- Shower gel
- First aid supplies: plasters, antiseptic cream, painkillers etc
- Shower caddy

## KITCHEN

*See if you can discuss with your flatmates before you move in so you can share out buying kitchen utensils*

- Bowls and plates
- Cutlery
- Mugs and glasses
- Tupperware
- Bottle opener
- Tin opener
- Saucepan
- Wok
- Cooking knives
- Frying pan
- Oven gloves
- Tea towels
- Vegetable peeler
- Cheese grater
- Sponges
- Washing up brush
- Baking tray

## CLOTHING

*It's a given that you'll pack clothes but here a few ideas to make sure you're prepared for all occasions, going out and job interviews.*

- Seasonal clothing (hats, gloves, scarves, sunglasses)
- Swimwear
- Raincoat
- Winter boots
- Flip-flops
- Everyday clothing and shoes
- Going out clothing and shoes
- Formal clothing and shoes
- Smart-casual clothing
- Nightwear
- Sports clothes or equipment
- Costumes for fancy dress

## STATIONERY

*This can vary depending on what you're studying, but these are the basics:*

- Pens and pencils
- Ruler
- Stapler
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- Pencil case
- Post-it notes
- Highlighters
- Notebook
- Bulldog clips
- Scissors

## MISCELLANEOUS

*These might seem random but are actually really helpful*

- Blu tac or sticky pads that won't mark the walls
- Playing cards
- Batteries
- Umbrella
- A torch
- Change for the washing machines or transport

## THE LITTLE THINGS

*These aren't essential but will help you to make your new place feel like home!*

- Photos of friends and family
- Decorative cushions or blankets
- Fairy lights
- Full length mirror
- Bulletin/notice board

## DON'T FORGET...

- Bank accounts – make sure you have all the necessary accounts set up so you aren't caught short of money
- If you're moving, make sure you register with a GP, so your details can be transferred
- Insurance for all of your valuables because we all know how soul destroying it is when something breaks or is lost!
- If you're commuting to uni, figure out the best travel options. See if you can get any discount on travel or find the cheapest parking spots.