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Congratulations on receiving an offer to study at Keele.

Choosing a university is an exciting time but we understand that the process can appear overwhelming at first. In this guide we hope to help you through the next steps and provide you with the information you need to know to help you make your decisions.

As well as the information in this booklet, visit www.keele.ac.uk/int-offer-holders/findoutmoreaboutkeele which will provide you with more information, including a Welcome Talk, videos, details of accommodation etc.

One of the best ways of getting a feel for a university is to visit, so if you are in the UK why not come and visit, we have organised Visit Days www.keele.ac.uk/visiting, if you are not able to attend one of these visits, contact the International Recruitment Team international@keele.ac.uk
The Keele Experience

Keele learning

To enable Keele University to really stand out from the crowd, we have created the Distinctive Keele Curriculum (DKC). The DKC develops students’ intellectual, personal and professional capabilities, enhancing graduate employability, and offers a professionally recognised qualification which is accredited by the Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM). Our high quality teaching and support gives graduates the best possible chance to achieve their potential, with 93% of graduates being in full-time employment or further study within six months.

For more information visit www.keele.ac.uk/distinctive

Life on campus

With over 600 acres of landscaped parkland, fields, woodlands and lakes, our campus is self-contained, with student and staff residences, all teaching buildings (except for some health courses), the Library, a restaurant and cafes, the Students’ Union, shops, supermarkets, a bank, the Chapel, a sports centre, NHS dentist and health centre. In the last ten years we have invested over £115 million in our campus, helping us to provide an outstanding student experience.

KeeleSU

Keele University Students’ Union (KeeleSU) is at the heart of campus life. KeeleSU represents and supports students and is the focal point of your social life, providing a fantastic line up of entertainment, award-winning bars and a full range of services including food outlets, a print shop and post office. ASK is also based in the SU and provides free, impartial and professional advice whenever you need it. Find out more at www.keelesu.com

Turn the page to see a list of the societies and clubs you can get involved with!
## Over 100 Societies

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There are five Halls of Residence on campus and one off campus, each with its own character and with different room types to suit a variety of budgets, ranging from single rooms sharing bathrooms and kitchens, to rooms with en-suite facilities. The accommodation is grouped into flats, houses and traditional student accommodation blocks.

Campus Halls have alcohol-free common rooms; some have the more traditional student bar. Halls also have their own welfare support for students. The Residence Support Team are responsible for the well-being of students in Halls. They are available 24 hours per day and have a wealth of experience in welfare and support services. Resident Support staff are based in the Student Support Centre during the day and supported out-of-hours by Resident Support Assistants (a team of student volunteers).

All Halls of Residence have kitchens so there is no excuse for not cooking! You will need to bring or buy on arrival pots and pans, crockery, cutlery and a tin opener but don’t worry the kitchens have cookers, fridges and freezers. You can buy food at the Campus Store, a licensed convenience store that has fresh fruit and vegetables, pasta and rice, spices and ready meals, plus a good range of authentic ethnic foods and other grocery essentials. There are also three smaller shops on campus: Shop@Hawthorns near the Hawthorns Bar adjacent to Hawthorns Restaurant in Keele village, at Lindsay Café Bar and a shop in the Students’ Union. Some blocks at Hawthorns are catered, which means that meals are included in the cost of your accommodation.

Every Tuesday there is a fresh food market held outside the Students’ Union. There are also three large supermarkets just a bus ride away in Newcastle-under-Lyme, plus markets and specialist food shops locally.

The great thing about living in Halls is that there are no hidden extras – the rent includes utility bills, cleaning, internet access and insurance. And if you live on campus, you’re on the doorstep for lectures, using the Library and visiting the Students’ Union. Many students live off campus and rental costs in the local area are among the cheapest in the country. The Student Accommodation Office provides advice and support in finding suitable rooms locally.

The accommodation available locally is advertised on www.keelestudentpad.co.uk

The offer

The University has over 3,000 bed spaces available across the five Halls of Residence. There is consistently high demand for Halls and therefore rooms are allocated on a priority basis.

International students can have University accommodation for the duration of their course, if they apply for it.

Further information can be found at www.keele.ac.uk/accommodation
Types of accommodation

Each hall has its own community providing you with a ‘home from home’ on campus. All rooms are fully furnished and include a telephone and access to Wi-Fi. In all campus accommodation you will need to provide your own bed linen, towels, cutlery and crockery. There are five main room types:

**Traditional University Accommodation Blocks**
These blocks have between 14 and 80 study bedrooms per block with communal kitchen and bathrooms. Some rooms have their own washbasin.

**Flats**
4 study bedrooms with a communal kitchen/diner and bathroom.

**Premier Flats**
6 study bedrooms with a communal kitchen/diner. Each bedroom has its own shower room and toilet. Each block also has a lift.

**Premier En-suite**
Study bedrooms with shower room and toilet, ½ bed with built-in storage and 8 students sharing a kitchen/diner. Lifts and communal lounges are available in all blocks (except Oaks B).

**Single Occupancy Flats**
We have a selection of self-contained flats which are available for single occupancy. These may appeal to those who want to experience campus life, without communal living. They are located within the Halls of Residence and are within walking distance of bars, launderettes and common rooms.

**Single Gender accommodation**
We have single gender accommodation in our traditional blocks (rooms with or without a washbasin or shared four person flats). All our premier flats and premier en-suite rooms are mixed gender since these rooms have their own bathrooms – kitchens are shared between male and female students.

(Prices 2014-2015)
*prices for 2015/16 will be slightly higher – please check website for details.

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*Only available for Freshers
Looking after you

Halls have their own welfare support for students. Residence Support is a team of staff and students whose aim is to make your experience whilst living in Halls a great one. Residence Support Assistants are students who live in each Hall and are responsible for student support and wellbeing. They also organise lots of events and activities to ensure that all students have the opportunity to get involved, feel part of a vibrant community and experience all that Halls life has to offer. Residence Support Assistants are on call throughout the night and at the weekend and are supported by a dedicated team of Residence Co-ordinators who provide 24-hour support and have a wealth of experience in welfare and support services.

Accommodation Services Managers look after the Halls of Residence and make sure they are kept clean and are well maintained.

Residence Co-ordinators are based in each Hall and look after the support and welfare of students living on campus. They provide guidance and support and will be able to point you in the direction of the right service or individual if you require additional support and/or advice.

Resident Support Assistants live in the Halls. They are students and as such know Keele like the back of their hand. They are responsible for supporting students in Halls and for making sure that your experience in Halls is a great one. International Student Support can provide specialist help and advice with any visa or immigration queries, information on working in the UK and assistance with any personal or academic issues. They also organise trips to locations around the UK and events both on and off campus. www.keele.ac.uk/iss

Keele Nightline is a listening and information service, run by students for students. Open at night, 9pm-3am. You can ring them to talk about anything you like and you don’t even need to give your name. www.keelenightline.co.uk

Advice and Support at Keele (ASK) ASK offers independent advice on academic matters, University regulations and processes. They have a special section on their web page for international students. They are open from 10am-4pm during the week and hold drop-in sessions from 12.30-4pm, Monday to Friday. You can also contact them at su.ask@keele.ac.uk

Disabled students and students with additional needs

We will make every effort to meet the requirements of students who have special accommodation needs. We have a range of accommodation to suit students with disabilities and health issues. It is important that you notify Disability and Dyslexia Support of any requirements you have before you apply for accommodation at Keele, so that your needs can be discussed and any necessary adjustments made.

Staff in Disability and Dyslexia Support can recommend a range of options from campus accommodation for the duration of your course to specific adaptations for your room.

New Undergraduates/Freshers

For new students starting a course between September 2015 and June 2016, applications will be available from March. If University accommodation is not available, there is advice on our website including a list of local, University-accredited properties available for students.

We will do our very best to meet your requirements; however, we cannot guarantee that you will receive your first preference of room type. It is therefore important that you complete all sections of the accommodation application form, indicating your second and third preferences.

Please check your course dates and pick the occupancy period that best fits your requirements as some courses may require you to be at Keele over the Easter vacation, e.g. Physiotherapy and Social Work - for these you will need 37 week occupancy, and for Nursing 51 week occupancy.

In order to accommodate as many Freshers as possible, a number of rooms are set aside each year for two students to share on a temporary basis.

If you are holding an unconditional or deferred place, you will receive details of how to apply in March. You will be amongst the first group to receive an offer of accommodation.

If your admission to Keele is conditional upon examination results, your application for accommodation will be considered after your results are released and upon confirmation of your acceptance.

Rooms are allocated on a first come, first served basis.
Keele campus
Living off campus

International students have priority for University accommodation, but if you want to live off campus, The Student Accommodation Office can help advice you. We also have a useful guide with top tips on what to look for, information on the local area and the properties available. The ‘Looking to live Off Campus’ guide is also available online at www.keele.ac.uk/livingoffcampus

Where do you want to live?

Moving to a new area can be difficult – you don’t know where anything is, what the transport links are or the differences between the various neighbourhoods.

Newcastle-under-Lyme
The closest town to Keele, is about a 10 minute bus journey on the number 3 bus. These are timetabled to come onto campus every 10 minutes at peak times or you can walk. It’s downhill all the way from Keele! Newcastle is a market town with the usual high street stores and plenty of pubs, takeaways, supermarkets, banks, cafés and restaurants. The town also boasts a theatre and an 8-screen cinema.

Stoke-on-Trent
Known as The Potteries, and famous for its links to the UK ceramic industry, Stoke-on-Trent is actually six towns that all run into each other. Rather confusingly the heart of Stoke-on-Trent is Hanley (City Centre on the signs) and NOT Stoke. Hanley has the large shopping centre known as The Potteries Centre and a wealth of high street shops.

Shelton
Shelton is within the area known as the ‘University Quarter’ and has subsequently seen continuing regeneration in recent years. It is on the other side of the A500 to Stoke, so it’s a bit further away. The number 3 bus travels between Keele and Shelton.

Silverdale
In the borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme, Silverdale is a former coal mining village. Residents enjoy excellent road links, while the stunning countryside of Shropshire and Cheshire is only a short distance away. Silverdale is on the direct bus route to Keele and is only a five minute drive or a 30 minute walk away.

Crewe
Crewe developed into a thriving town due to the railway industry. Best known for its railway station, you can get to London, Glasgow, Liverpool, Manchester and North Wales from here. The number 85 bus travels to Crewe from the campus.

How to find off campus accommodation

The Student Accommodation Office
Based in the Darwin Building on campus. The team can provide advice and information on the local area and properties within it.

Student Pad
www.keelestudentpad.co.uk this online list contains properties that are accredited by the local council. If it’s on the list you know that:
• The property has a valid Gas Safety and Electrical Safety Certificate
• The property has an Energy Performance Certificate
• The Landlord is a member of the North Staffordshire Landlord Accreditation Scheme

Keelestudentpad.co.uk shows a property’s location, charges, facilities and photos.

Other places to check out

Letting Agents
There are a number in the local area. Look out for agents who are registered with professional bodies such as ARLA (Association of Residential Letting Agents) and NALS (National Approved Lettings Scheme). Beware of paying money to them in advance!

The Sentinel Newspaper
www.thisisstaffordshire.co.uk – the local paper features a range of properties.

Facebook Group
Keele Student Accommodation – a popular way of getting in touch with others in the same situation.

Summer Housing Fair – 15 August 2015
Held on campus on the first weekend after A-level results are published (date to be confirmed).
Your two major costs as a student will be tuition fees and living costs.

What are tuition fees?
Tuition fees are the annual fees you pay for studying at university. The tuition fee at Keele does not include the cost of books, equipment, accommodation, field trips or any other additional costs you may incur.

Foundation Courses

| International Degree Programme (first year) | £9,600 |
| International Foundation Year (one year)   |       |

After the first year students will pay the tuition fee for the degree combination they select, see the table below.

Dual Honours and Single Honours Programme
Please note that fees for undergraduate courses are set for the full degree course and annual payments are at a fixed level, for the duration of your study.

Degree Course Payment per Year

| Combination of subjects in the Social Sciences and Humanities (including Mathematics but excluding Music and Music Technology) (three-year degrees) | £12,500 |
| Combination of subjects which include one laboratory science* or Music or Music Technology, and Single Honours Music and Music Technology (three year degrees) | £13,800 |
| Combination of two laboratory science subjects (including single honours*) (three-year degrees), Nursing (three-year degree), Physiotherapy (three-year degree) and Pharmacy (four-year degree for MPharm) | £15,100 |
| Medicine MBChB (five-year degree) | £25,120 |


These tuition fees are subject to confirmation by Council.
Living costs

What will my living costs be?
Your living costs will depend entirely on your personal circumstances and the type of accommodation you choose. If you live off campus you will also have to take into account travel expenses. For this reason it is very difficult to tell you exactly how much your living costs are going to be. However, in order to meet with UK Home Office requirements you will need to show that you have £820 for each month of your course, up to a maximum of nine months, for maintenance which covers both accommodation and living costs. This means that if you are studying on a course lasting nine months or more, the maximum amount that you will need for visa purposes is £7,380. (This in addition to the monies required for your tuition fees for the first year of your course or the entire course if it is one year or less), your actual expenditure may be higher.

Scholarships and Bursaries for Overseas Students

Available to Undergraduate applicants only

Foundation Year Bursary
All students who have progressed from one of Keele’s foundation courses will receive a minimum tuition fee reduction of £1,000 per year of study, of their main degree programme, for any subjects except for Health courses. Full details can be found on our website.

Faculty of Natural Science Bursary
£1,000 bursary to all students enrolling on an eligible course taught within the faculty. This is deducted from tuition fees in the first year and is a one-off award.

Pharmacy International Prestige Award
Available for new international students who apply for the MPharm or the three year BSc degree in Pharmaceutical Science, Technology and Business by the closing date. This is a tuition fee discount of £2,000, for each year of study.

Keele International Student Scholarships
The Keele International Student Scholarship for undergraduates is worth £2,000, deducted from the annual tuition fees, for the duration of your course. The scholarships are awarded to applicants demonstrating excellence in at least two of the following areas:

• Academic qualifications
• English Language ability
• Understanding of the course and motivation to study at Keele
• Extra-curricular or work experience

Please note Medicine and Pharmacy students are not eligible for this award.

www.keele.ac.uk/scholarships-international
Student Stories

Charles Edward Rice
Hong Kong, Studying BSc Computer Science
It won’t be easy moving away from home to a different country, it may be difficult at first but there are plenty of supporting facilities for anyone struggling in any area. The entire experience is definitely worth every single second, you probably won’t get another chance like it ever again. It’ll open your eyes. Definitely would do it all over again.

Vickram Ragunath
Kuala Lumpur, BA (Hons) Accounting and Criminology
I chose Keele because of the dual honours courses and degree flexibility which I think will improve my employability. I’m pursuing a BA (Hons) Accounting and Criminology degree, and I was recognised for my individuality and secured sponsorship from the Malaysian Securities Commission. My advice? Take the chance to explore and take a second major in something you love to distinguish yourself from others.

Xixi Li, China
Studying BA Media, Communications and Culture and Philosophy
Being of Chinese descent, I know that the quality of education plays a focal point in picking a university. Keele offers very versatile degrees and a variety of electives that you could choose from to tailor to your own individual liking. In this highly competitive world it’s always good to have an edge that sets you apart from the rest. The student union keeps your calendar filled with great social events year around and the international office offers trips around the UK so that you get to experience the country on a much broader level.

Lorraine Muganda
Kenya, studying Law and Media, Communications and Culture
Keele University immediately felt like my second home. I love the way the university is so student based, how friendly it is, and how there are many societies that you can join. You will never feel alone and I love how there is something to do everyday. The teaching staff at Keele is very helpful and they will go out of their way to make sure you understand. My student experience is amazing so far and I cannot wait to go on to spring semester.

Olabisi Adeoye
Nigeria, studying BA Accounting and International Business
The lecturers are amazing and very pleasant. They really do not get tired when you ask a lot of questions, in fact they encourage you to! Although you are here for the purpose of getting a good degree, do not forget to balance it out with exploring and enjoying the beautiful environment. There is something for everyone in Keele!
Where do Keele graduates work?

At Keele, we are proud of the high number of graduates who go on to have outstanding success year after year, and across all degree programmes, in finding relevant employment or further training. At 93%, our graduate employment rate is well above the national average.

Although employment is the goal of many Keele students, the Keele Careers and Employability team make full provisions for those interested in research, further study, training, voluntary work, taking time out to travel or starting their own business.

Keele graduates progress into an incredibly diverse range of careers working for organisations across all sectors and in all parts of the world.

Graduates have gone on to the following roles:

- Age UK, Senior Campaigns Officer
- Boots UK Limited, Pharmacy Manager
- BSG Solicitors LLP Ltd., Solicitor
- Citizens Advice, Gateway Assessor
- Deloitte UK, Graduate Consultant in Data Analytics
- Great Ormond Street Hospital, Site Surveillance Officer
- Financial Times, Deputy Chief Sub Editor, FT Weekend Magazine
- Heart of England NHS Trust, Laboratory Manager
- Keele University, Development Officer
- KPMG LLP (UK), Actuary
- Merlin Entertainments Plc, Marketing Graduate
- Mitchells and Butlers Plc, Assistant Manager
- Red Alligator Group Ltd., Events Co-ordinator
- Shell UK Ltd., IT Consultant
- Staffordshire County Council, Social Worker
- Theatre by the Lake (Keswick), Head of Education and Participation
- The Royal Bank of Scotland, Data Quality and Control Operation Analyst
- Transpak Equipment Corporation, Foreign Sales Representative

For more information about Careers and Employability at Keele, visit [www.keele.ac.uk/careers](http://www.keele.ac.uk/careers)
Next steps

Check your details
- Check you are happy with the details of your offer and that it matches the qualifications you are taking
- If any of your details change don’t forget to let us know

Keep in touch
- Why not join our eMentoring scheme which will put you in touch with a current Keele student? Just visit [www.keele.ac.uk/keeledesire](http://www.keele.ac.uk/keeledesire) to find out more and sign-up
- You can also join us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter (@KeeleUniversity) and Instagram
- If you are in the UK why not come and visit, we have organised Visit Days, if you are not able to attend one of these visits, contact the International Recruitment Team [international@keele.ac.uk](mailto:international@keele.ac.uk)
- Talk to one of our current students to see what it is like at Keele. We will contact you with further details about this

Respond to your offers
- If you have made an application through UCAS and you have received decisions from all your chosen institutions, you will be asked by UCAS to decide on two institutions, your first (Firm) and second (Insurance) choices. If you would like to hold Keele as your firm or insurance choice, you should indicate this on UCAS Track.
- If your firm choice is unconditional then the place is yours. If it is conditional, it’s yours if you meet the conditions of your offer.
- If you have made a direct application, you need to email the International Admissions Office to accept your offer – [admissions.international@keele.ac.uk](mailto:admissions.international@keele.ac.uk)

Check you’re prepared
- If you are planning to live in University accommodation, details of how to apply will be sent in March. Apply early!
- Do you need a Pre-sessional English Language course? [www.keele.ac.uk/pre-sessional-academic-englishlanguagecourses](http://www.keele.ac.uk/pre-sessional-academic-englishlanguagecourses)
- Make sure you know what documents are required for your visa application, so that you are ready once you come to make the application. Details were sent with your offer letter.
- Do you have a valid passport?
- Check if you need any vaccinations
- Look into the clubs and societies you could join

Meet the conditions of your offer
- Send us copies of your results as soon as you receive them
- Once we have your exam results and providing you have met all the conditions of your offer, Keele will confirm your place. If you have applied through UCAS, you can look on UCAS Track or contact the International Admission Office [admissions.international@keele.ac.uk](mailto:admissions.international@keele.ac.uk)
- If you don’t meet your offer, please contact us, we may still be able to accept you on to your original course or offer you an alternative course

Get ready to arrive – September ’15
- Pay you deposit so that we can issue you with your CAS
- We will send you information on the ‘Welcome Programme’ and links to online information to help you settle in
- Plan your welcome week activities
- Join the chat on social media and start to make friends
- Arrival Date – Wednesday 23 September 2015