



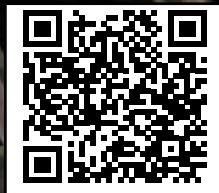
University
of Glasgow

#UOFGDUMFRIES

14th - 20th September

Welcome Week 2026

School of Social & Environmental Sustainability



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Welcome to Dumfries *#TEAMUOFG*

We are delighted to welcome you to the University of Glasgow Dumfries Campus as you begin this exciting new academic year. Whether you're joining us for the first time or returning to campus, Welcome Week is your opportunity to meet new people, settle in, and start feeling part of our supportive and close-knit campus community. Welcome Week will take place from Monday 14th September, giving you plenty of time to settle in before classes begin on Monday 21st September.

Across this week, you'll take part in a range of events and activities designed to help you get to know the campus, connect with staff and fellow students, and prepare for the year ahead. There will be plenty of opportunities to ask questions, explore available support, and enjoy everything that makes studying in Dumfries so special.

Please note that any sessions marked as mandatory (M) must be attended by new students. All sessions will be delivered on campus unless otherwise stated. While we aim to deliver all events as scheduled, sessions may be subject to change or cancellation if required by the University.

Some activities require advance online booking. If you experience any difficulties with this, please contact dumfries-studentexperience@glasgow.ac.uk for assistance.

We look forward to welcoming you to campus and wish you a fantastic Welcome Week and a successful year ahead.

Find out more details of each event and view the full programme on the website by following the QR code or visiting our website
gla.ac.uk/schools/ses/students/welcome



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Welcome Fairs

Over three days, the campus will be packed with organisations, groups, and opportunities for you to explore.

Community and Opportunities Fair

Discover volunteering, part-time work, student projects, and local organisations you can get involved with.

Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th from 11:00 - 14:00.

Sustainability Fair

Meet people driving change in areas such as climate action, ethical living, and social impact. You'll also have the opportunity to connect with local organisations looking for student volunteers.

Wednesday 16th from 11:00 - 14:00.



Campus Tour (Mandatory)

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 14:00 - 15:30 we'll be running a campus tour including a library, sport and gym tour which is mandatory for new students to attend. These tours are a great way to get familiar with your surroundings and feel confident heading into your first week of teaching. Pick up from Cafe Rutherford.

[Book here:](#)



Questions? Check In With Our Friendly Student Ambassadors

Our friendly Student Ambassadors will be available everyday this week from Monday to Friday from 13:00 - 13:30 in The Student Hub to come and speak to and ask any questions you might have. No need to book, just come along.

Registration & Enrolment Drop In

If you have any questions or issues involving timetable, enrolment, academic, or financial registration then please come along to the Student Hub. These sessions are available to all students on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday during Welcome Week from 15:30 - 16:00.



Swap Shop

Looking for a few essentials or want to give your unwanted items a new home? Visit the Swap Shop in The Snug, Rutherford, every day during Welcome Week! Simply bring along clean, good-quality items you no longer need and swap them for something that's useful to you, or just browse what's available. From kitchenware and stationery to clothing and household items, you never know what treasures you might find.

The Swap Shop is a simple way to save money, reduce waste, and support a more sustainable campus community. Drop in throughout Welcome Week, see what's on offer, and discover how easy it is to swap, share and reuse.

Community Pantry & The Student Hub

Need a little extra support with your food shop? Our Community Pantry is here for all students, providing access to free food and everyday essentials in a welcoming, judgement-free environment. Whether you're looking to stretch your budget, grab a quick snack between classes, or pick up a few cupboard staples, the pantry is available to help whenever you need it.

While you're in the Student Hub, you're also welcome to make use of the kettle, microwave and fridge facilities. It's the perfect place to prepare a hot drink, heat up your lunch, store food during the day, and connect with other students in a friendly and supportive space.

Feeling Peckish?

UofG students can enjoy a 10% discount at the Easterbrook Bistro, Bar & Spa and Crichton Central. You'll also find a Costa Coffee, a small shop, and a cafeteria at D&G College for refreshments throughout the day.

We are hopeful that Café Rutherford will reopen soon. To stay up to date with the latest developments, keep an eye on the Dumfries Student Experience Newsletter, delivered directly to your inbox every fortnight.

Visa Registration

On Wednesday 23 September, in R204, visa registration appointments will be available for our students. **Book here:**



Make The Most of Your Evenings with GUDU

Make the most of your evenings - Welcome Week doesn't stop when the daytime sessions end! Join us for a packed programme of evening events including Quiz Night, UV Night, Bingo Night, Open Mic Night, and more. These informal events are the perfect opportunity to meet new people, create lasting memories, and have fun as part of your new student community.

Time	Description	Location
Monday from 19:00	Quiz Night. Arrive for 19:00, Quiz Starts at 19:30	Greens
Tuesday from 19:30	UV Party Night	Greens

DON'T MISS A SINGLE GUDU EVENT! GRAB A WELCOME WEEK WRISTBAND FOR JUST £15, COLLECT AT RUTHERFORD/MCCOWAN AND ENJOY ENTRY TO ALL GUDU EVENTS.

GRAB YOURS NOW!



Time	Description	Location
Wednesday from 19:00	Bingo Night. Arrive for 19:00, Bingo Starts at 19:30	Greens
Thursday from 19:00	Open Mic Night	Riverside Tap
Thursday from 20:00	Games Night Drop in	Greens
Friday from 19:30	Pub Golf - Explore Dumfries Pubs	Meeting at Greens
Saturday from 19:30 - 22:00	Ceilidh with Live Band	Railway Club

FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ALL OF THESE EVENTS ON THE WEBSITE.



GUDU
Glasgow University
Dumfries Union

Gym & Sports Activities

FREE FOR ALL UOFG STUDENTS

Every day during Welcome Week and beyond, sports sessions take place at D&G College from 12:30 to 13:30 and 16:30 onwards. Join in, get active, and meet other students.

Check out the [weekly timetable here](#):



Bossman Street Food

Wednesday 16th of September from 11:00 - 14:00

Serving up authentic chicken shawarma, homemade falafel, grilled halloumi and loaded fries - handmade with passion, fire, and flavour.



THE WORKOUT
Opening Times



MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
07.00-09.00	07.00-09.00	07.00-09.00	07.00-09.00	07.00-09.00
12.30-13.25	12.30-13.25	12.30-13.25	12.30-13.25	12.30-13.25
15.00-17.45	15.00-19.30	16.00-17.45	15.00-19.30	

SportDumfries@uws.ac.uk



Glasgow University Dumfries Union - More About Your Union

Glasgow University Dumfries Union (GUDU) is the student-led organisation representing students based at the University of Glasgow Dumfries campus. GUDU is here to help you make the most of your time at university by creating opportunities to connect with others, get involved in campus life, and take part in a range of social, educational, and community activities. Whether you're looking to make friends, join events, share your ideas, or enhance your student experience, GUDU is here to support and represent you every step of the way.

Buy your [Welcome Week pass](#) now to gain access to all GUDU Welcome Week events for only £15!

FOLLOW US ON SOCIALS: @GUDUMFRIESUNION



THE WORKOUT
Dumfries Campus



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
	07.30 - 08.15 Functional Fitness		07.30 - 08.15 Functional Fitness
17.00 - 17.30 Core	17.15 - 18.00 Strength	17.00 - 17.30 Core	17.15 - 18.00 Circuits

Email: SportDumfries@uws.ac.uk to book

UofG Services Showcase

Tuesday 29th September 2026

Discover Your Support Services Fair
from 11:00 - 14:00 in Rutherford Foyer

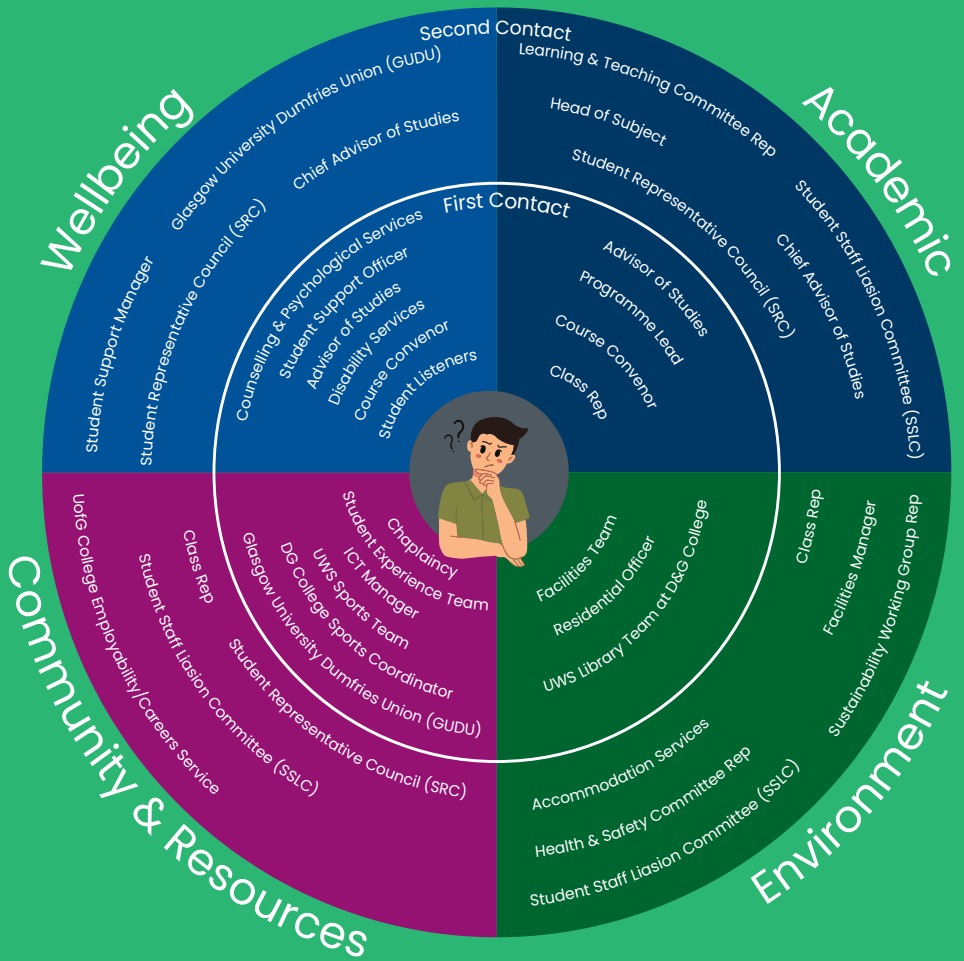
Come and explore the wide range of services and opportunities available across the university.

Career Coaching Appointments
from 14:00 - 15:30 in R103

Email dumfries-studentexperience@glasgow.ac.uk for more information.



Student Feedback & Support Pathways



Still unsure?

Scan the QR code and we can direct you to the correct support



TWO DAYS

THREE VENUES

UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITIES

GRADUATE JOBS & INTERSHIPS

SKILLS SOUNDBITES

FREE FOOD

INSIGHTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

FUTUREFEST

WED 23RD
SEPTEMBER

BUS LEAVING RUTHERFORD AT 9AM

SIGN UP NOW



MORE INFORMATION?



JOIN US FOR A CEILIDH

20TH
SEPTEMBER
2026



WHERE: RAILWAY CLUB IN DUMFRIES
FREE SHUTTLE FROM DUMFRIES
HALLS

LIVE CEILIDH BAND

FREE ENTRY WITH A GUDU
WRISTBAND

What do you love?
What are your superpowers?
How can you help solve, act, inspire?

(All new
and returning
students welcome!)

In It For The Long-game

Climate
Action
Workshop



An opportunity to get to know new friends better and think deeply about being part of a solution-based response to climate change which is quite literally life-changing.

WHY? Free vegan, fairtrade, 8-corp chocolate
WHEN? Wed. 16 Sep 2026 (16:00 - 17:30)
WHERE? Rutherford/McCowan R236
WHO? YOU!



Book Free
Ticket Now:



- ✓ Meet others who care deeply about our planet
- ✓ Make new connections, potential friends
- ✓ Increase your impact through community
- ✓ Be the future you want to see



UOFG DUMFRIES STUDENT EXPERIENCE
& GUDU PRESENT

SPORTS & FUN FEST

SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2026
FROM 2:00-4:30PM

FRONT OF RUTHERFORD MCCOWAN

Rounders, Gladiator Bouncy
Castle, Sack Race, Egg and
Spoon Race & More!



Monday 14 September - Arrival & Belonging

Welcome to your first day on campus! Today is all about getting you settled and warmly welcoming you into our school community. Please make your way to the main foyer at Rutherford McCowan to register on arrival. You'll be greeted by our friendly team of Student Ambassadors, who will be easy to spot in their bright pink attire. They will assist you with signing in each day. Please note that all new students are required to attend the sessions marked (M), as these are mandatory.

Time	Description	Location
10:00 - 10:15	Welcome to the School of Social and Environmental Sustainability! (M)	R127
10:15 - 10:30	The Role of your Advisor of Study (M)	R127
10:30 - 10:55	Student Support & Extenuating Circumstances (M)	R127
10:55- 11:10	Student Representation (M)	R127
11:10 - 11:45	Explore Community & Opportunities Fair	Ruther- ford Foyer
11:45 - 12:15	GUDU to Meet You & SRC Welcome (M)	R127
12:15 - 12:30	Your Student Experience & Student Hub (M)	R127



Time	Description	Location
12:30 - 12:45	Security, Safety & Support on Campus (M)	R127
12:45 - 14:00	Break & Explore Community & Opportunities Fair	Ruther- ford Foyer
13:30 - 14:00	Student Residences Meet & Greet (M for Those Staying in Student Accommodation)	R127
14:00 - 15:30	Meet your Undergraduate Degree Convenor (M for New UG Students)	R127 Pick Up
15:30 - 17:00	Tour of the Toon with Student Ambassadors. <u>Sign up:</u>	Foyer of Ruther- ford



Tuesday 15 September - Connections & Community

Today is your chance to make new connections, explore what's on offer both on and off campus, and start feeling at home in our vibrant community. From meeting local partners and discovering support services to enjoying a BBQ in the Teaching Garden, taking part in our community café crawl, and cheering on (or joining!) the student-staff football match, there's something for everyone.

Time	Description	Location
11:00 - 11:15	Moodle Walkthrough (M)	R127
11:15 - 11:25	Meet the Facilities Team (M)	R127
11:25 - 11:35	Staying Active on Campus (M)	R127



Time	Description	Location
11:35 - 11:55	Staying Safe with Police Scotland (M)	R127
11:55 - 12:30	Selfie Scavenger Hunt & Bingo	R127
12:30 - 14:00	Welcome BBQ In The Teaching Garden. Sign Up: 	Garden
13:45 - 14:00	ICT Supporting You To Get Online (M*). Sign Up: 	R247
14:00 - 16:00	GUDU Cafe Crawl (limited spaces) Book mini bus: 	Meet in Foyer of Rutherford
16:30 - 18:00	Student vs Staff Football Match Sign up: 	Crichton Playing Fields

*Mandatory to attend one session throughout Welcome Week

Student Feedback

We'd love to know what activities you'd like to see on campus this year. [Please tell us](#) what interests you and what you'd like to get involved.



Wednesday 16 September - Sustainability & Global Citizenship

Learn more about the values, people, and opportunities that define the School of Social and Environmental Sustainability. Through interactive stalls and activities, you'll explore how sustainability, social justice, and community engagement are embedded in everything we do, helping you develop the knowledge and skills to create meaningful change.

Time	Description	Location
10:00 - 12:00	Cycle Tour Around Dumfries Sign up:	Rutherford Foyer
11:00 - 14:00	Sustainability Fair, Bike Repair Services & Pet Therapy	Rutherford Foyer



Time	Description	Location
12:00 - 15:00	GUDU Coffee & Cake Mixer	Student Hub
12:00 - 13:00	Craft Society Natural Collage Making	R236
12:45 - 13:00	ICT Supporting You to Get Online (M*). Book here:	R247
13:00 - 14:00	Welcome to the Garden	Garden
14:00 - 15:30	Screening of People's Emergency Briefing	R127
16:00- 17:30	In it For the Long-game, In it For the Love: Climate Action Workshop. Book here:	R236



Thursday 17 September - Wellbeing & Heritage

Today is all about getting active, exploring your surroundings, and supporting your wellbeing. From friendly Sports Day activities to a guided walk and a visit to local historical landmarks, you'll have the chance to connect with others, discover more about the region, and enjoy a healthy balance of fun, learning, and community.

Time	Description	Location
10:00 - 12:30	Visit Caerlaverock Castle with the Walking Society & Dumfries Student Experience Book here:	 Rutherford Foyer
12:45 - 13:00	Becoming a Student Ambassador	R127
13:30 - 14:00	GUDU Find out more about becoming a Committee Member	R127
14:00 - 16:30	Sports & Fun Fest with GUDU & Dumfries Student Experience	Front of Rutherford

Friday 18 September - Discover & Succeed

Through opportunities to meet your Programme Director and Degree Convenor, connect with fellow postgraduate students, and equip yourself to thrive both academically and personally throughout your time with us.
M1- Mandatory for Post Graduate Students

Time	Description	Location
10:00 - 10:10	Meet the Postgraduate Director (M1)	R127
10:10 - 11:30	Meet the Postgraduate Degree Convenor (M1)	R127
11:30 - 12:45	Postgraduate Coffee Morning	Crichton Bistro
12:45 - 13:00	ICT Supporting You To Get Online (M)*. Book here:	 R247
13:00 - 13:30	GUDU International Student Welcome	R236
13:30 - 14:00	Beach Clean Society Quiz	R236



