

2021-2022
FIRST YEAR
STUDENT
HANDBOOK



KING'S BUSINESS CLUB

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WELCOME TO KING'S!



Starting university is an exciting foray into adulthood and independence for most Freshers. Whether it's making friends, getting good grades, or simply finding the best place to eat on campus, the King's Business Club has you covered with our 2021-22 Student Handbook!

SURVIVING FIRST YEAR

Moving to a new college, city or accommodation in London comes with a plethora of perks! With a University and the KBC having your back, surviving the first year has never been easier!



FIRST YEAR MYTHS, DEBUNKED



It's hard to make friends in your first year of university, especially in city-based universities without live-in campuses.

All I need is a 2:1 to make it through

1st Year is only about parties, socialisation and finding a group to fit in with.

Making friends is fairly easy in 1st and 2nd year – as long as there's a reciprocated effort. Attend classes in-person, sign up, join, and participate in societies and any extracurriculars you enjoy.

Never limit yourself and your capabilities. Instead of just getting by, try to organise your workspace to complement your work timings and maximise your efficiency. The higher you aim, the better you're likely to do!

All social aspects of university are important but can easily be balanced with academic work. Finding the sweet spot between the two will give you the best of both experiences.

ONLINE LEARNING

Studying online might not be ideal for most students, but that doesn't mean your education or social life needs to be any different.

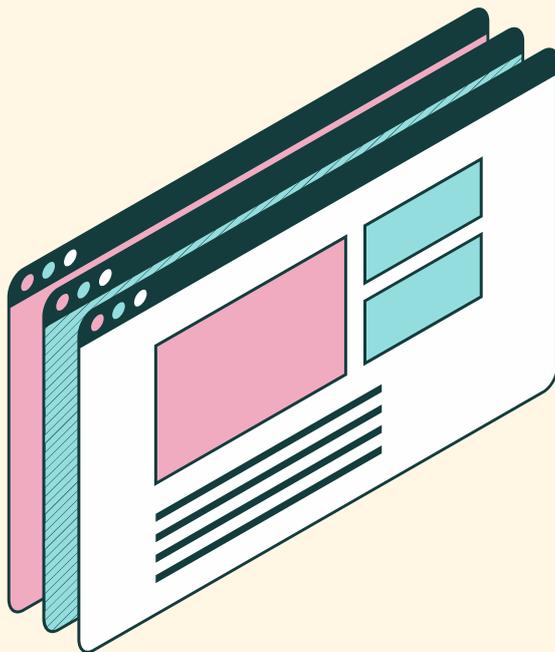
Get familiar with [KEATS](#), King's e-learning platform

Make notes of your lectures alongside the online recordings to gain a simplified and personalised understanding!



Take full advantage of **online resources** for free E-books such as BibliU

Almost all online submissions will undergo plagiarism checks via TurnItIn – be sure to always submit original work!



ACADEMIC TIPS

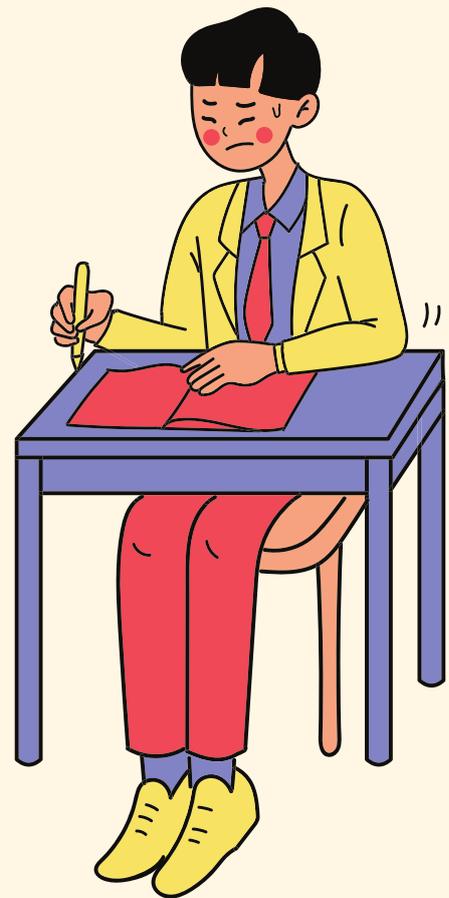
Your **professors** are just an email away! Compile multiple queries and message them for support in academia!



Make full use of the **libraries** and their free rentals (up to an assigned time)!

Always attend **lectures** in person and then watch the recording for maximum retention!

Submit all **formative assessments** – while their grade won't be counted, they can reveal essential factors, tips, and weaknesses you could've made in the summative assessment!



Make a **calendar** with all your assessment deadlines at the start of the term!

LIFE IN LONDON



Settling in London might seem overwhelming, but don't worry we got you! From transport links to budgeting, this bit will come in handy!



TRANSPORT

The London **tube** is the fastest way to travel long distances across central London.

The **bus** is also a great alternative if you don't like the underground or if you want to save a bit of money. It's also a nice way to sightsee while commuting on the top floor of a double decker bus!

Navigation is made easier with your preferred map app - we recommend **Citymapper** or **Google Maps**.

You can conveniently pay for both of these options via contactless or by purchasing an **Oyster Card!**
Get an 18+ Student Oyster Photocard plus a travelcard to save more money!

Other methods of transport also include **cabs** – which can be hailed at the best prices using Uber, Kapten and Bolt!

TIPS FOR USING THE TUBE

- Check your map carefully - make sure you are on the **correct platform**
- Check the final destination of the incoming train - make sure you board the correct train that goes to the **right direction** and that it **will stop at your preferred destination**
- Stand on the right on escalators
- Let other passengers off first before you board



FOR USING THE BUS

To go on, you **must tap in**. But unlike other public transport, you **do not need to tap out** when exiting the bus.



WEATHER

The weather app is the best gauge of what the day will look like – and is the most accurate on the same morning.

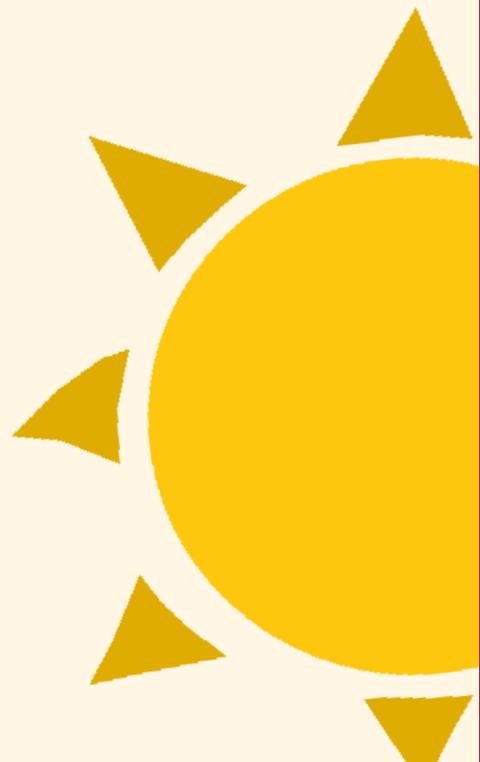


While fairly unpredictable on a weekly basis, two things about London winters are near guarantees – you’ll probably need a **coat**, and you’ll definitely need an **umbrella**.



Prone to rains and winds in the winter, a pair of **gloves** and **waterproof shoes** also come in handy from September to March.

London summers bring along bright sunny days, making them the perfect time to go for a picnic, a cycle ride or enjoy the great outdoors – prepped with a casual temperate wardrobe.



FOOD

London offers one of the most diverse food ranges of any city in the world – offering nearly every cuisine and catering to most food lifestyles from veganism to gluten-free.



King's four campuses boast multiple cafes to grab a quick bite between classes and studies..

Groceries are also available at variety of chain stores ranging from budget friendly Aldi, Lidl, Tesco and Sainsbury, M&S Food.



Don't feel like going out?
London offers plenty of quarantine friendly food delivery options such as Deliveroo and UberEats.

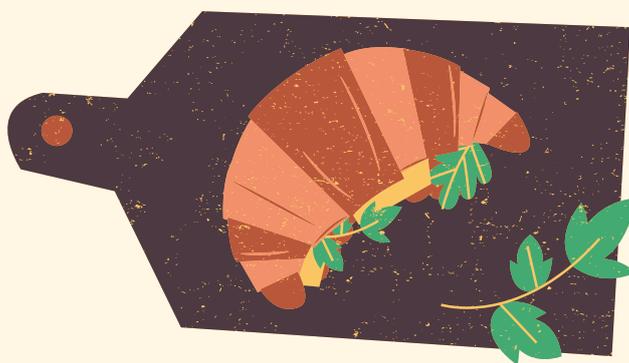
OUR RECOMMENDATIONS

Brunch
Mildreds
Pantehnicon



Coffee
be-oom
Origin Coffee

Bakery & Dessert
Arome Bakery
Pearl & Grove



Dinner
Ceviche
Dishoom

Bar
Blues Kitchen
Simmons

CLICK HERE
FOR MORE!

LEISURE ACTIVITIES

WITH KCL

Join a club to gain access to all the facilities ranging from Basketball to Brazilian Jiu Jitsu!

Join an activity group to become a member of the Chess, Brass Band, Gospel, Robotics Society, among many others!

Keep a look out for various events, ranging from boat parties to networking functions!

IN LONDON

With the richness of history and metropolitan status of London – both domestic and international students have plenty of opportunities to visit places such as:

- Tate Modern – A world-renowned, free entry Art Gallery
- Winter Wonderland – A winter themed amusement park in the Hyde Park – running from November to January and celebrating every spirited Christmas joy!
- Oxford Street – Exotic food? World famous stores? Top notch restaurants? All found in 1 street of international fame in the heart of central London!

OR PLAN A TRIP AND VENTURE OUT OF LONDON!

BUDGETING TIPS

Budgeting is made easy by using a variety of **apps** to aid in the daily consolidation of your £, such as Spendee, intu Pocket, Curve and the ever convenient Monzo.

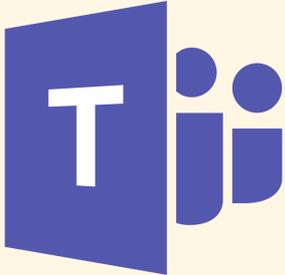


An easy way to save money with groceries is to **set a weekly expenditure limit on groceries** and buying a week's stock at once – prevents food waste and overspending.

Monthly plans on Oyster Cards for tubes are convenient and budget friendly alternatives to pay-as-you-go.

KCL also helps in adding to your budget and offers **part time employment** via the King's Talent Bank, Student Ambassador Programmes and through KCLSU

ESSENTIAL APPS



Microsoft Teams



Monzo



Santander Cycle



Citymapper



Unidays



Student Beans

ABOUT KING'S: CAMPUS LIFE



Now that you know the basics about London (arguably the harder part), your journey continues as a King's student, but that should be pretty easy because all the help King's has to offer!

HEALTH AND WELLBEING SUPPORT

Looking for someone to discuss personal problems? King's offers **free and confidential** online counselling. Specialist services outside the university are also available. Find out more [here](#).

For other health services, make sure to register with a GP. As a King's student, you can register with the King's College NHS Health Centre at Bush House South East Wing, Strand Campus.

About Free COVID-19 Testing on Campus and in Residences: [here](#)

About King's Vaccination Centres (20/09 - 01/10)

COVID-19 vaccination clinics are available between 10am and 5pm. Walk-in appointments are available, but booking is recommended to guarantee your appointment.

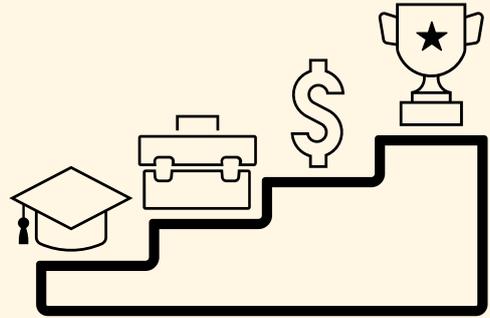
Only your **student ID** is required.

For more info and booking: [here](#)

CAREER AND ADMIN SUPPORT

King's Career Connect is an amazing platform for any career support!

You can also book an appointment with a Careers Consultant via the same platform. Please note, disabled students are entitled to longer one-to-one appointments which must be booked by emailing careers-disability@kcl.ac.uk.



We recommend accessing [Student Services Online](#) which stores updated **answers to common questions about King's services** for students, from administration to disability and housing support, and money advice.

For **module-related issues**, you can contact the module convenor or your programme officer.

STAYING ACTIVE AND PRODUCTIVE

Looking to start or continue your fitness journey? Enjoy discounted rates at our campus gyms – Strand, Waterloo, and London Bridge.



Looking to stay on top of your modules and enhance focus on academics? Take advantage of free access and rentals from our [libraries](#) across the different campuses – IoPPN, New Hunt's House, The Maughan, Franklin-Wilkins! You also have access to many external libraries such as Senate House and the British Library!

SOCIETIES

KCL proudly boasts over 200 societies ranging from archery all the way to biotechnology and synthetic biology. Almost every sport, country and major has a special dedicated society and can be signed up for during the KCLSU Freshers Fair or on [KCLSU.org](https://www.kclsu.org).





GET INVOLVED WITH KING'S BUSINESS CLUB



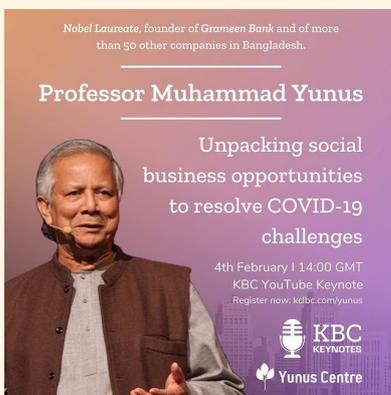
King's Business Club (KBC) is the largest society in King's College London, with a focus on business. We strive to provide our student community with abundant opportunities to achieve their personal aspirations.

JOIN KBC

LONDON'S LARGEST BUSINESS AND FINANCE SOCIETY

AND

Engage in insightful and enriching events



Nobel Laureate, founder of Grameen Bank and of more than 50 other companies in Bangladesh.

Professor Muhammad Yunus

Unpacking social business opportunities to resolve COVID-19 challenges

4th February | 14:00 GMT
KBC YouTube Keynote
Register now: kclbc.com/yunus

KBC KEYNOTES
Yunus Centre



King's Business Club

How to Hack the CV Algorithm

HR & Enterprise Event
Speaker: Mosh Patel

Mosh Patel is a recruiter working at Wynne Consulting Preston and is the EMEA Sector Specialist with prior retail banking experience

THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2020
18:00 - 19:00 ON ZOOM
Register for free following the link: kclbc.com/patel



King's Business Club

FROM THE MODEL WORLD TO HIGH-END REAL ESTATE

Maren Tschinkel
German international model and Miss Earth Germany 2018, now works in real estate.

29th January | 18:00 GMT
Live on Zoom
Register at kclbc.com/tschinkel

Gain new skills and practical experiences

Apply for positions at KBC!

Our 9 departments offer you the opportunity to dive into fields ranging from Law to Technology.

Expand your networks

Connect with King's alumni working at your dream companies, industry leaders, distinguished young professionals, and fellow KBC members who could be your future partners!

OUR DEPARTMENTS



LEADERSHIP

Comprised of the President, Vice President and their heads of departments, they drive the society and determine its direction each academic year

 @kingsbusinessclub



CONSULTING

Provide exclusive networking and insight events with top-tier companies, tailored consulting application advice, and take part in the organisation of London Case Competition



MARKETING

Responsible for the promotion and reinforcement of the society by gaining the attention of key potential audiences and partners and maintaining relationships with them

FINANCE

Educate and inform on all matters relating to the finance industry through a plethora of career-orientated events

ENTERPRISE

Connect students with industry leaders and top founders to inspire, gather contacts and spread innovation, through competitions, networking panels and more

HUMAN RESOURCES

In charge of key society functions from recruitment to monitoring KPIs, altogether giving direct hands-on experience with managing a diverse and dynamic team



PUBLICATIONS

Responsible for the King's Business Review, an online publications platform harbouring the creative and academic insights of students, academics, and professionals

 @kingsbusinessreview

LAW

Bridging the distance between your academic studies and the commercial law industry through tailored networking and workshops with world's leading law firms, legal professionals and non-profits



TECHNOLOGY

Central to all technology projects within KBC from web and mobile app developments to hosting events with prominent players in the technology sector showcasing the utility of technology in the finance and commerce world

OUR PROJECTS



KING'S CAPITAL

A prestigious student-led investment fund supporting financial literacy and seeks to develop the foundations of money management within its members, and encourages them to take responsibility of their finances for the future through fortnightly stock pitches delivered to peers and industry professionals.

 @kingscapitalkbc

Enable talent, encourage initiative, and empower leadership to lift up the next generation of advisory service professionals through education, mentorship, and hands on experience, while upholding the highest standard in delivering the best services to our clients.



KING'S CONSULTING

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WHO WE WORKED WITH



McKinsey
& Company



VOGUE



The
Guardian

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOU



- 20/09 - Freshers Internship
[Applications Open]
- 22/09 - Networking Freshers Fair
- 22/09 - Annual Boat Gala
- 23-24/09 - KCLSU Freshers Fair
- TBC - Chelsea Club Night



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latest news and upcoming
events! Good luck!