

## Official stuff – best kept in a concertina document folder

- Driving licence, both parts
- Passport
- 8 passport-sized photos – these always come in handy
- Visa paperwork for international students
- Birth certificate
- Exam certificates
- Topped-up phone card or Skype password
- All your bank stuff like chequebooks, paying-in books, past statements
- Oyster card if your university is in London – you can get a student Oyster that gives you discounted fares
- National Insurance card
- Payslips and/or P45 and P60 – these will come in handy if you want to work alongside your studies
- NHS card or certificate – to sign up to doctor and dentist
- All your student finance paperwork
- Insurance documents for car, possessions etc.
- Any kind of tenancy agreement
- Television licence



### Inside tip

**'Leave a copy of your new address at home. If anything needs to be redirected or sent to you it's quick and easy.'**

*Dan, 21, Lancaster*

## University stuff – you can buy a lot of this on campus

- Lined paper
- Sticky dots, drawing pins or Blu-Tack® – remember that Blu-Tack can leave stains on the wall and drawing pins make holes, so check with your university or landlord before you cover the walls with photos of nights out!
- Pencil case
- Pencils, sharpener, ruler and rubber
- Highlighters
- Permanent marker, for writing your name on all your stuff
- Scissors, hole punch, stapler
- Calculator – for all that budgeting
- A4 ring binders
- Notebooks
- Books from your reading list
- Personal books and magazines
- e-reader or tablet device if you have one, plus charger
- Dictionary and thesaurus
- Academic wall planner
- Postcards, writing paper and envelopes – postcards are a cheap, fun way to keep in touch
- Laptop, charger and case/sleeve
- External hard drive and USBs for keeping work backed up and secure
- Ethernet cable

## Bathroom and bedroom stuff – check what your hall or accommodation already supplies

- Towels (hand and bath)
- Sponge, loofah, flannel etc.
- Shower gel
- Flipflops – for shared bathrooms
- Shaving equipment
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Shampoo and conditioner

- Deodorant
- Toilet roll – there may not be any in your room on the first day
- First aid kit – you never know when you may need it
- Painkillers – a fresher's must-have, whether it's the killer speakers or the hangover(s)
- Plant – optional
- Small bin for bathroom
- Cleaning products
- Wash basket
- Extension lead
- Plug adaptor if necessary
- Batteries
- Lamp
- Pinboard/whiteboard and pens
- Phone charger
- Alarm clock for when your phone dies
- Camera
- Music player docking station or speakers
- Headphones – I couldn't live without these in the library!
- Duvet
- Duvet covers and sheets
- Pillowcases
- Photos of family and friends
- Bean bag
- Sleeping bag – very handy for parties
- Laundry detergent/powder, fabric softener
- Hangers
- Kitchen and housekeeping stuff – again, check what is already there
- Bottle opener
- Cutlery
- Tin opener
- Weighing scales
- Measuring jug
- Toastie maker – for quick snacks

- Potato masher
- Pizza cutter (though large kitchen scissors work just as well)
- Grater
- Plates
- Cereal bowls
- Pans
- Kitchen foil
- Clingfilm
- Sieve
- Wok
- Steamer (really good for multitasking – can cook three layers of food, like vegetables, potatoes, even pasta)
- Colander
- Lasagne dish with lid – not just for lasagne, good for storing stuff too
- Oven tray
- Tea towel
- Blender
- Apron
- Loads of Tupperware or save and bring plastic takeaway boxes
- Mixing bowl
- Cake tray – cupcakes are always a winner at fundraising events
- Snacks for the first day



### Inside tip

**'I got loads of cooking stuff, like plates and spatulas, from the local charity shop. Everything was so cheap and I even picked up some funky vintage plates!'**

*Ashika, 20, York*

### Recommended extras

- Torch – for finding your way back to your room at night
- Umbrella
- Board games – great for socialising and getting everyone together
- Superglue
- Earplugs
- Clothes horse for drying clothes
- Old school tie and afro wig for fancy dress