Introduction
Hello,

You are about to start the next chapter of your life and you will hopefully be with us for the next few years. We appreciate this is a big step for you and over the next few weeks you will be bombarded with information, so we’ve made this guide to help you through your move to Newcastle, settling in and starting your first week.

We are expecting a real mix of Stage 1 students and we would like to do as much as possible to help you settle in.

Have a read and if you have any more questions please get in touch.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and we will see you soon,

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Phone: 0191 208 6900

Other Useful Information
Where you can find us?
The School Office is based on the ground floor of the Agriculture Building. It is the best place to go for any enquiries, if we can’t help, we can point you in the direction of someone who can.

Phrases we use a lot!
We have realised we use a lot of abbreviations and a lot of the time it goes over peoples heads - so try and familiarise yourself with some of these terms.

SNES: School of Natural and Environmental Sciences
DPD: Degree Programme Director
AGR: Agriculture
AS: Animal Science
FMN: Food Marketing and Nutrition
ES: Environmental Science
RS/CM: Rural Studies / Countryside Management
ABM: Agri-Business Management
NESS: A computer tool to submit assignments and receive marks
SSC: Staff Student Committee
S3P: Student Self Service Portal
BOS: Board of Studies
BOE: Board of Examiners
RAS: Remote Application Service - you can access your university files from home
Your First Week
Welcome Week will be taking place from Monday 25th September to Friday 29th September. You can find your schedule here www.ncl.ac.uk/nes/induction2017/undergraduateinduction2017

Formal teaching begins on Monday 2nd October

What to expect:
Welcome Week will give you a chance to meet your course mates, tutors and familiarise yourself with the campus.

The School staff have planned sessions to give you an insight in what the next three, possibly four years, will entail. As part of your Welcome Week, your course may be taken on a field trip. Don’t worry, you will be given more information about your field trip at the beginning of the week.

What to bring to Welcome Week:

♦ Notepad - yes, you will need to take notes.

♦ Pen - you would be surprised how many people forget one!

♦ Timetable - sessions are dotted across the week, know where you need to be and set your alarm

♦ Campus Map - you will be all over the campus in your first week, we don’t want you to get lost. Keep one in your bag!

♦ Any forms you have yet to return - you must return your medical questionnaire!

Societies
The School plays host to course related societies, that you may want to get involved with. These are open to the rest of the University, so there is a chance to meet lots of different people!

♦ Agric Society
♦ Student and Staff Soil Science Society (S5)

Sports
The University is home to over 60 different sport clubs and teams. There is also a chance to try new activities through the Give it a Go scheme. And don’t forget our Intra mural league which competes in a number of different sports.

If none of these take your fancy, the Student Union is home to hundreds of sport clubs and societies, you can find more information about what’s on offer here: www.nusu.co.uk/activities/
Things To Do Before You Arrive

You probably have a huge “to do” list before you move and start your course, but use this list as a guide.

- Have an up to date Tetanus vaccination - you won’t be able to go on field trips without having it.
- Complete the medical questionnaire and return to the School Office in before the start of term – office email is agriculture.reception@ncl.ac.uk
- You must order your lab coat - the deadline is Monday 11th September. If you have missed this then email us on agriculture.reception@ncl.ac.uk ASAP! Check your emails for more information. This is not relevant for those on the Agri-Business Management single degree programmes;
- Get all your finances sorted - banks are always busy in

What To Pack

Here are the things you’ll have forgotten on your IKEA trip...

- **Alarm clock** - No matter how late (or early!) you stay out in Newcastle, you’ll still have to make it to lectures in the morning. Don’t forget an alarm clock to ensure you get there on time.
- **Dressing gown** - It’s most likely the fire alarm will go off at some point in your halls and you will have to traipse out into the Geordie winter. A dressing gown will definitely come in handy!
- **Ear plugs** - There will be times when you need a decent nights sleep and if you are in halls, this can’t always be guaranteed.
- **First aid kit** - You will be worn out after a manic few weeks of meeting people and partying so bring plenty of cold and flu medication. Painkillers and plasters also come in handy!
- **First week food supplies** - You will be so busy during Freshers Week that a trip to the supermarket is unlikely. Bring cereal and a big bag of pasta to ensure you get fed properly during those crazy seven days.
- **Oven Gloves** - It’s a nightmare when you don’t have any and it’s usually because everyone forgets them, make sure you bring a pair
- **Warm waterproof coat** - You are moving up North, it does occasionally rain and get a bit chilly!
- **Wellington boots/sturdy walking boots** - If you are on a course that involves field trips make sure you bring your wellies!
Do you still have any questions? Please get in touch.

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