September is a month of adjustments for most students. For those in first year, Orientation Week alone can be exhausting - and then there are all the little details that come with moving to a new home and starting a new school year. They’re experiencing a lot of change in their life!

Here’s what you should know about Residence and the transition to university life:

A new community takes time to develop
Orientation Week is designed to help students get to know others in their new home - but the experience can be overwhelming, especially for those who may be shy or hesitant to reach out to others. Our Residence Life team - including live-in staff on each floor - works hard to connect with students and can offer both advice and a friendly ear when needed.

Classes can bring new expectations
University lectures may seem radically different to your student, especially if they have some large classes or need accommodations. Student Academic Success Services offers study tips, workshops and peer mentor programs throughout the year, and the Learning Commons provides adaptive technology services and resources. All students with disabilities requiring academic-related accommodations should be registered with Queen's Student Accessibility Services.

Safety is important
After the initial ‘togetherness’ of Orientation Week, some students may feel anxious about getting out to classes and social activities on their own. There are a number of services available, including SeQure, our safety app, the AMS Walkhome Service and our ‘blue light’ intercom connections to Campus Security, which are scattered across campus.

Important Dates:
- Sept. 12: Fall Term classes begin
- August 23 - September 23: add or drop a course
- Sept. 30: Total student account balance due (fall term residence fees, Student Activity fees, UHIP)
- Sept. 30: AMS opt-out period ends for Student Activity fees and Health and Dental Coverage

For details on other events visit: Queen's Event Calendar

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Wondering About Your Student's Meal Plan?
Visit our Hospitality Services page for information about our meal plan and dining hall menus. Does your student have a food allergy? Learn about our services for students with food allergies.

Questions?
Residence Life Office 613-533-6790 reslife@queensu.ca
Residence Admissions 613-533-2550 reshouse@queensu.ca
Hospitality Services (meal plans) 613-533-2953 dining@queensu.ca
Not sure who to ask? Contact Campus Connection parents@queensu.ca

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