

Campus Connection



December 2017 Edition



Planning for December

Is your student stressed about exams? Reminding them to stay positive and giving them words of encouragement as they prepare can really help as the semester comes to a close. Exams run from December 7 – 21, and your student's exam schedule is posted in their SOLUS account.

There are many resources at Queen's to help them manage stress and organize their time – for example, [Student Academic Success Services](#) offers a number of workshops, time management tools and one-on-one appointments to help students prepare for exams and manage stress. Residence counsellors and residence staff are also available for students who feel overwhelmed and need someone to talk to.

There are also several online resources to help your student prepare for exams:

- [Exambank](#) is a database of past exam questions from courses offered at Queen's
- [Exam FAQs](#) provide details about taking exams, schedules and what students can and cannot take to the exam hall.
- [Student Health 101](#) is an interactive online magazine with tips for staying healthy and managing stress.

Quiet Hours

Quiet Hours (**22 hours of quiet each day**) began on November 26th and continue daily from 9 pm to 7 pm until the end of exams to provide a quiet study environment. Relaxed hours are from 7 – 9 pm each day, however, students are expected to be courteous to others during these hours as well.

Exam Care Packages



[Q Gifts](#) has a number of gift baskets available for your students. The new [Rice Krispies® Treat Sheet](#) is a great way for your student to share some holiday cheer with their friends! You can also order Flex Dollars in \$25, \$50 or \$100 denominations – order by December 13th and your gift will be mailed to you to give in person.

Planning travel home over the holidays for your student?

In order to maintain a quiet study environment, we require all students to vacate their residence within 24 hours after their last exam. Please keep this in mind when making travel arrangements. Students who need to stay in residence more than 24 hours after their last exam or past December 22nd must request approval in advance via the [Holiday Stayover Form](#). The campus is completely closed with no services as of 4:30 pm on December 22rd and will re-open on Tuesday January 2, 2018. Dining halls will open on January 6, 2018.

A Don will be on call throughout the holiday closure for those who are staying over through the holidays, and Campus Security is also available 24 hours a day.

Second Year Accommodations

Students often worry about finding second-year accommodations, but they shouldn't feel rushed into making a decision. There are many options, as well as campus resources to help students negotiate a lease.

For students who wish to stay in residence, [applications are now available](#) for upper-year rooms in David C. Smith House. Smith House features an eight-month contract and double beds with a shared washroom (with guaranteed requested washroom-mate), as well as wireless internet, a refrigerator and a TV with cable in each room.

[Queen's Community Housing](#) also offers accommodations in Queen's-owned apartments and houses, as well as an [accommodation listing service](#) with available rentals from local landlords.

The [Student Community Relations website](#) provides excellent resources for understanding and reviewing leases, dealing with landlords and setting up housemate agreements.



Reflecting on the first semester

Adjusting to university coursework can be difficult for many first year students. If your student struggled in the first semester, encourage them to seek out [Bounceback programs](#) and other faculty-specific programs to get back on track.

Important Dates:

December 7 – 21:

Exams

4:30pm on December 22 - January 2:

The campus is completely closed

For details on other events this month visit:

[Queen's Event Calendar](#)

Questions?

Residence Life Office 613-533-6790, reslife@queensu.ca

Residence Admissions 613-533-2550, reshouse@queensu.ca

Student Affairs 613-533-6944 parents@queensu.ca

Hospitality Services (meal plans) 613-533-2953, dining@queensu.ca

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