



Letters from London #3

Dear Student,

I trust you are all enjoying your winter break and beginning to get excited for your forthcoming study away experience in London. Here at NYU London, we are certainly working hard getting everything ready for you. As with our previous two letters, we would like to thank those of you who wrote to us, with questions regarding your upcoming experience at NYU London. We will share the answers in a moment, but first I wanted to give some updates on some upcoming deadlines, and introduce the Global Orientations and Cultural programmes.

Highlights of Scotland Weekend Trip

Thank you to everyone who has sent back their booking form (posted with the last letter) for the weekend trip to Scotland (24th -26th March) based in Edinburgh. Tony and I have acknowledged each form received with confirmation of placement on the trip. As I write today, we have sold 35 of the 46 places on this trip, so if you would like to join us in Scotland and have yet to send in your form, please do so without delay.

Volunteering information

We'd like to give you another quick reminder about volunteering - we have lots of one-off volunteering events and trips you can join when you arrive in London, but one needs some action before you leave:

SHINE project: Working for 1 - 2 hours per week in local primary (elementary) schools. This is our oldest project, a lot of fun and great experience of the British school system. The application form can be found below, and must be completed and returned to david.hopper@live.com by this Friday (13th) – don't delay!

[NYU London - SHINE Application Form](#)





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Global Orientations: Britain and Cultural Programming

As part of your cultural introduction to the British Isles, NYU London is pleased to present two programmes: a series of themed co-curricular visits that aim to acquaint students with aspects of British culture, Global Orientations, and more general events around the UK known as Cultural Programming. The guides are attached, and you can see what events are on offer for the semester.

For Global Orientations, each event targets a number of cultural elements that Dr. Leya Landau, the course leader of the GO: Britain program, has identified as being important, interesting and useful in helping students develop their own understanding of British culture through snapshots of aspects of British life. The visits help to support the lecture and seminar-based parts of the Global Orientations program. We hope, of course, that many students will join both programmes and enjoy the opportunity to explore features that help to make British culture distinctive. Full details please can be found in the attached brochures along with details of how students can sign up.

Your Questions

Anyway, with that bit of housekeeping out of the way, let me turn to the questions we've received from you over the last few weeks. As you may remember from our previous letter, we plan to share the answers from the most useful questions we receive with everyone, so everybody can benefit from the information.

1) *Should I bring my NYU ID with me?*

Yes: The NYU ID card will be used as your primary form of ID when using the campus buildings. So it is important that students bring it with them, so please pack it! Visiting students, new to NYU, should apply for their NYU ID card as soon as possible and can find out how to do this on the NYUCard page. If you've lost your card, we can print you a new one in London when you arrive, but this carries a \$25 charge.





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2) Where should I have my mail sent to?

Please have all mail sent to the NYU London Academic Centre at 6 Bedford Square, not to your housing assignment. Please address all inbound packages/mail in the following way:

Ms. Jane Doe
New York University – London
6 Bedford Square
London, WC1B 3RA
UNITED KINGDOM

I would suggest that as well as the Customs Form, you should put the phrase “NO COMMERCIAL VALUE” on the front of the package. This hopefully means that your mail will not get held in Customs, incurring fees and delaying the delivery.

3) Do we need to bring our own bed linens?

Linen is provided. You get a pillow case, a duvet (comforters) with its cover, and a bottom sheet: So there is no need to bring your own. You will, however, need to bring or buy your own towel as these are not provided.

4) How do I open a UK Bank account?

Information about banking can be found on our website, at [Money and Banking](#).

I hope this is helpful to your planning. Please keep your questions coming!

Best regards,
Julia Thanh