### INTERNATIONAL BRIDGING WEEK 2023





# 28<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

# WEEK 2023

MONDAY

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM BREAKFAST Thames Market Cafeteria

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM LUNCH Thames Market Cafeteria

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM GET ACQUAINTED DINNER Thames Market Cafeteria

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM ICEBREAKERS WITH BA's Thames Market Cafeteria

# 29<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

### BRIDGING WEEK 2023

### TUESDAY

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM BREAKFAST Thames Market Cafeteria

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM YOUR KING's COMMUNITY SA 151

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM TOUR OF KING's Meet outside SA 151

**12:00 PM - 1:30 PM**WELCOME LUNCH
Thames Market Cafeteria

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM WELCOME ACTIVITIES SA 151

2:30 PM - 4:00 PM STUDENT SERVICES SA 150

4:30 PM - 7:30 PM BANK A/C ENROLMENT & MASONVILLE MALL

# 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

### BRIDGING WEEK 2023

### WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM BREAKFAST Thames Market Cafeteria

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM HOW TO SUCCEED UNIVERSITY WORKSHOP SA 150

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM STUDENT FINANCE + UHIP SA 150

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
ACADEMIC INTEGRITY
SA 150
COURSE REGISTRATION:
DEGREE STUDENTS
SA 150
EXCHANGE STUDENTS
SA 151
DUFE & CTBU INFO SESSION
SA 150

12:30 PM - 8:30 PM EAST PARK LONDON + TOUR OF DOWNTOWN

# 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST

## BRIDGING WEEK 2023

THURSDAY

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM BREAKFAST Thames Market Cafeteria

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM WRITING FOR UNIVERSITY WORKSHOP SA 151

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM ORIENTATION AT CARDINAL CARTER LIBRARY

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM LUNCH Thames Market Cafeteria

1:30 PM - 9:30 PM GRAND BEND (beach town)

# O1 SEPTEMBER

# BKILDGING WEEK 2023

FRIDAY

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM BREAKFAST Thames Market Cafeteria

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM WORKING & LIVING LONDON SA 150

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM E-MAIL INFO SESSION SA 150

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM EFFECTIVE LEARNING WORKSHOP SA 150

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM LUNCH Thames Market Cafeteria

# O1 SEPTEMBER

BRIDGING WEEK 2023 FRIDAY)

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM SCAVENGER HUNT of WESTERN UNIVERSITY

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM BRIDGING BANQUET DINNER Thames Market Cafeteria

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM CAMPFIRE WITH SOPHS Vitali Student Lounge  $02^{\text{nd}}$   $02^{\text{rd}}$   $03^{\text{rd}}$ SEPTEMBER

## BRIDGING WEEK 2023

SATURDAY

7:30 AM - 8:00 AM
BREAKFAST BOXES
DISTRIBUTION
Thames Market Cafeteria

8:00 AM - 9:00 PM TRIP: NIAGARA FALLS Bus departs at 8:00 AM

SUNDAY

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM BRUNCH Thames Market Cafeteria

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM O-WEEK INTRODUCTION + BA Q&A

### MEET THE KING'S INTERNATIONAL STAFF



### Ana Chiarelli (She/Her) Manager, King's International

Welcome to King's! I am excited to have you join our community. At King's you will have the opportunity to engage with peers, professors and staff in meaningful ways. We thrive to make you feel welcomed and supported, so do not hesitate to visit King's International whenever a question arises. Have an awesome first year at King's!



### Olivia Yusuf (She/Her) International Program Coordinator

I am excited to welcome you to King's this year and cannot wait to get to know you over the course of bridging and all of our fun programming throughout the year. A fun fact about me is that I am scared of heights but I've gone bungee jumping and sky diving this past year.



Eric Wang (He/Him)
International & Exchange Student Advisor

Welcome to King's! I'm looking forward to meeting everyone, My goal is to have you feel at home. Some facts about me: I am a fan of watching soccer and NBA games (but I will not share my home team with you at this moment). I love playing video games as well. Over the course of Bridging and the year, you will find that King's is a tight-knit community – and we are so pleased that you have joined our community! During Bridging and afterwards, know that we are here for you. Whether you need immigration assistance or are dealing with adjusting to Canadian culture, we are a short visit, email, or phone call away!

### MEET YOUR KING'S INTERNATIONAL STUDENT STAFF



Rijul Jain (She/Her)

Program: Honours specialization in Accounting and minor

in Analytics and Decision Sciences

**Country of Origin: India** 

I am from India and my favourite pass time is cooking. Having been in your shoes not too long ago, I understand the mix of excitement and nervousness you may be feeling right now. Trust me, it's completely normal, and you're not alone in this experience. Welcome to King's, your journey has just begun, and I'm honoured to be a part of it.



Junxi Kuang (Teddy) (She/Her)

Program: Major in Childhood and Youth Studies,

**Psychology** 

**Country of Origin: China** 

I always wanted to get involved with King's International as it has played an integral part in my university life transition. King's International has always been a support that I can rely on. Now that I am working in this department, I have the chance to be a support to new, incoming students. A fun fact about me is you'll hear me chatting away in Mandarin, Cantonese, and English. And I love swimming, reading and cooking.



Amina Kamal (She/Her)

**Program: Psychology and History** 

**Country of Origin: Pakistan** 

As an IWE student staff, I work with the team to ensure that all international students can live and study joyfully at King's. We are planning a variety of events and programming and we are excited to have this opportunity to support you during your time at King's.



Zahra Musa (She/Her)

Program: Major in English, Language, Literature and a

**Minor in Creative Writing** 

Country of Origin: I was born in Surrey BC, but have grown up in London ON since I was 3 months old. My ethnic background is Kurdish.

"I can speak English and some Kurdish. I love Genshin Impact, kpop, anime, Korean dramas, learning new languages and about people's cultures, I have two cats who I love a lot, I like reading, writing, watching movies/tv, bubble tea, and getting to know new people. I can't wait to meet you all and get to know you all. You can always message me about anything!"



Sami Qureshi (He/Him)
Program: BMOS

Country of Origin: I was born In Pakistan, raised in Saudi Arabia and moved to Toronto Canada when I was 17.

"Welcome to Kings University College at Western! I'm really excited for this upcoming year. I hope you all enjoy this journey at King's and make amazing memories that you all can look back at when you're older.

### MEET YOUR BRIDGING WEEK ASSISTANTS



Taylor Willemsvandyk (She/Her)

Program: Honours Double Major Criminology and

**Political Science** 

**Country of Origin: Canada** 

"Hi! I'm Taylor and I'm very excited to participate in this year's Bridging Week! I was born in Canada and so far, I can only confidently speak English. However, I love to meet new people, to try new foods, and to learn about new cultures. I hope that you have a great Bridging Week! Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions!"



### Lauren Martin (She/Her)

**Program: Double Major Religious Studies and Childhood** 

and Youth Studies

Country of Origin: I am originally from China, however, at 7 months old I was adopted and raised in Canada

"Hello! My name is Lauren, I am going into my fourth year at King's University College. I enjoy reading, cooking, and taking walks outside when it is a nice day. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me! I am most excited to meet everyone and get to know each other!"



Saliha Azeem (She/Her)

**Program: Economics** 

Country of Origin: I am from Pakistan and I moved here

last September.

"I love to travel and learn about different cultures. I can speak English and Urdu and I know a little bit of Spanish too. I'm very excited for our bridging week and looking forward to see you all and help you out as much as I can."



Nicole Agcaoili (She/Her)

Program: BMOS Specialization in Finance and

Administration

Country of Origin: I was born and raised in the Philippines and moved here in Canada when I was 12

years old.

"I can read and speak Tagalog, Ilocano, and English. I love watching anime and Korean dramas. Looking forward to have a great year with all of you!"



Jack Pemberton (He/Him)
Program: BMOS Double Major, Accounting and
Economics

Country of Origin: Canadian, born in Ottawa

"Hi! I'm Jack, I'm from Kemptville, Ontario, which is a town near Ottawa. I am Canadian and I speak English and French. Before coming to Kings, I didn't get to meet many people from outside Canada. That all changed in my first year, when I got to meet so many amazing people from all around the world. That is one reason why I decided to be a student leader in my second year. I hope you all enjoy your time in Canada, and I will see you in August!"



Aryan Methil (He/Him)
Country of Origin: I was born in India but have spent my entire life in Singapore

"Hello! Aryan is my name. I am fluent in English. I enjoy playing cricket and travelling. I am delighted to be a part of the bridging week with you. I hope at the end of this week you have made lovely friends and memories. If you require assistance, please do not hesitate to ask!"



Vanshil Arun Agarwal (Vans) (He/Him)
Program: BMOS Finance

Country: I'm born in India, but I've lived most my life in

UAE.

"Hey guys, my name is Vanshil, but you can call me Vans. I love chilling with new people, vibing to songs and watching anime. I also play soccer at a semi-pro level, so I hope to meet some soccer players as well! I'm really looking forward to meeting you guys for the bridging week and I'm sure it will be a week you won't forget! I'm always there if you need to have a conversation about anything so feel free to approach me about anything!"



Ronit Teckchandani (He/Him)
Program: Finance and Wealth Management
Country of Origin: I am Indian however I was raised in
The Gambia.

"My name is Ronit Teckchandani, I am a second-year student studying Finance and Wealth Management. I am Indian, however,I was raised in The Gambia. I like watching Formula 1 and playing cricket. I look forward to meeting new people"



Rebecca Liu (She/Her) Program: BMOS Finance

Country of Origin: Born in the USA, Childhood in China (0 -8yr old), When I was 8yr old, I moved to Canada (8yr

- now)

"Hi, I'm Rebecca, I enjoy music, art, and fashion. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time."



Tareek Elrass (He/Him)

**Program: Honours Specialization in Finance and** 

Administration

Country of Origin: Grew up in Saudi Arabia but am

originally Palestinian

"Hi everyone, I'm Tarek. I can speak English and Arabic. I love to travel and experience new cultures through different cuisines and local experiences. I'm also very outgoing, am a foodie and love any kind of sports. I am excited to be a part of Bridging Week where I can learn more about where everyone is from and really make memories together. I hope this week is full of many firsts where you'll able to meet new people and become a part of this great campus. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to ask!"



Julia Bani (She/Her)

**Program: Psychology and Criminology** 

**Country of Origin: Canada** 

"I am a 3rd year specializing in psychology and criminology. I love to travel, roller skate, do effects makeup, and hang out with my friends. I am excited to be a bridging assistant for the first time and make great memories with you all throughout the year. If you need anything, please feel free to ask me and I'll do my best to help!"



Manik Singh (He/Him)

Program: Specialization in Finance and Administration

**Country of Origin: India** 

"Hey there, I'm Manik, and I'm an international student from India. I'm in my fourth year of studies, majoring in finance and minoring in economics. Sports really light up my life, and I even play table tennis for the Western Mustangs team. If you're a sports fan too, feel free to reach out. I remember how tough it can be when you're new to a place, so I'm here to lend a hand and make things easier for you. Feel free to reach out!"























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