



# THINGS TO TALK ABOUT BEFORE SEPTEMBER

Preparing for university and residence life is important for students and their families, and this preparation begins well before September. Consider the following as you work together to get ready for this life transition.

- What are your academic expectations? Are there learning skills areas that you may need to improve to be successful?
- Is there a need for life-skill development in some area? (laundry, basic cooking, banking, time management, etc.)
- What transitional issues might the student or family members face? How will those be issues be resolved or supported?
- Is everyone clear about the financial aspects of this transition – anticipated costs, access to financial assistance programs (OSAP, bursaries, scholarships, work study programs), payment deadlines and payment plans, access to emergency funds, and credit history implications?
- Are the necessary home insurance and health coverage updates in place? Residents are advised to insure their personal property, as King's does not provide this individual coverage.



## STUDENT RESOURCES

### TYPICAL CHALLENGES EXPERIENCED BY FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

- Feeling overwhelmed by a more demanding work load.
- Feeling academically under-prepared.
- Adjusting to long distance boyfriend/girlfriend and family relationships.
- Establishing their own identity and independence.
- Questioning academic choices.
- Establishing new relationships.
- Living in a community.
- Managing finances and paying bills.
- Finding their place at a new school.

King's offers a full range of services to address students' academic, personal and spiritual needs.

- Academic Counselling
- Campus Ministry
- Personal Counselling
- Career Counselling
- Financial Counselling
- Services for Students with Disabilities
- International Student Services
- Exchange Program Opportunities
- Tutoring (business, economics, math)
- Writing Assistance
- Learning Skills Instruction
- Support for First Generation and First Nations Students
- Library Instructional Sessions
- ESL Support
- Faculty Clubs
- King's Academic Mentoring Program (KAMP)

**The transition to university is an exciting time filled with new opportunities and challenges.**

Sometimes students may need some help meeting these challenges. RAs, or the Residence Office staff, are the first people to see if a residence difficulty arises. Seeking help promptly is the key to quick resolution!



## RESIDENCE LIFE

**LIVING IN RESIDENCE IS A GREAT WAY FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS TO BEGIN THE EXPERIENCE OF UNIVERSITY.**

Approximately 350 students live in residence each year. Research has shown that living in residence has a positive influence on first-year students who are in the process of developing enhanced social and interpersonal skills, connecting with the campus environment, and establishing friendships within a community of peers. King's is dedicated to promoting academic excellence and to fostering an atmosphere of mutual respect within our residence buildings. Our residences get top marks from students each year in residence satisfaction surveys. This is thanks, in part, to the dedication and enthusiasm of the King's residence staff.

All members of the residence staff are committed to maintaining a residence environment that promotes positive academic and personal development. We know that students see residence as their home away from home and we strive to make that home as comfortable as possible.

The RA in each residence unit is a vital resource in helping your student make a successful transition to university life. RAs are senior students who are trained to assist students with the transition to first-year university. RAs offer support and guidance, have information about campus resources, and enforce residence standards and guidelines.

### CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY

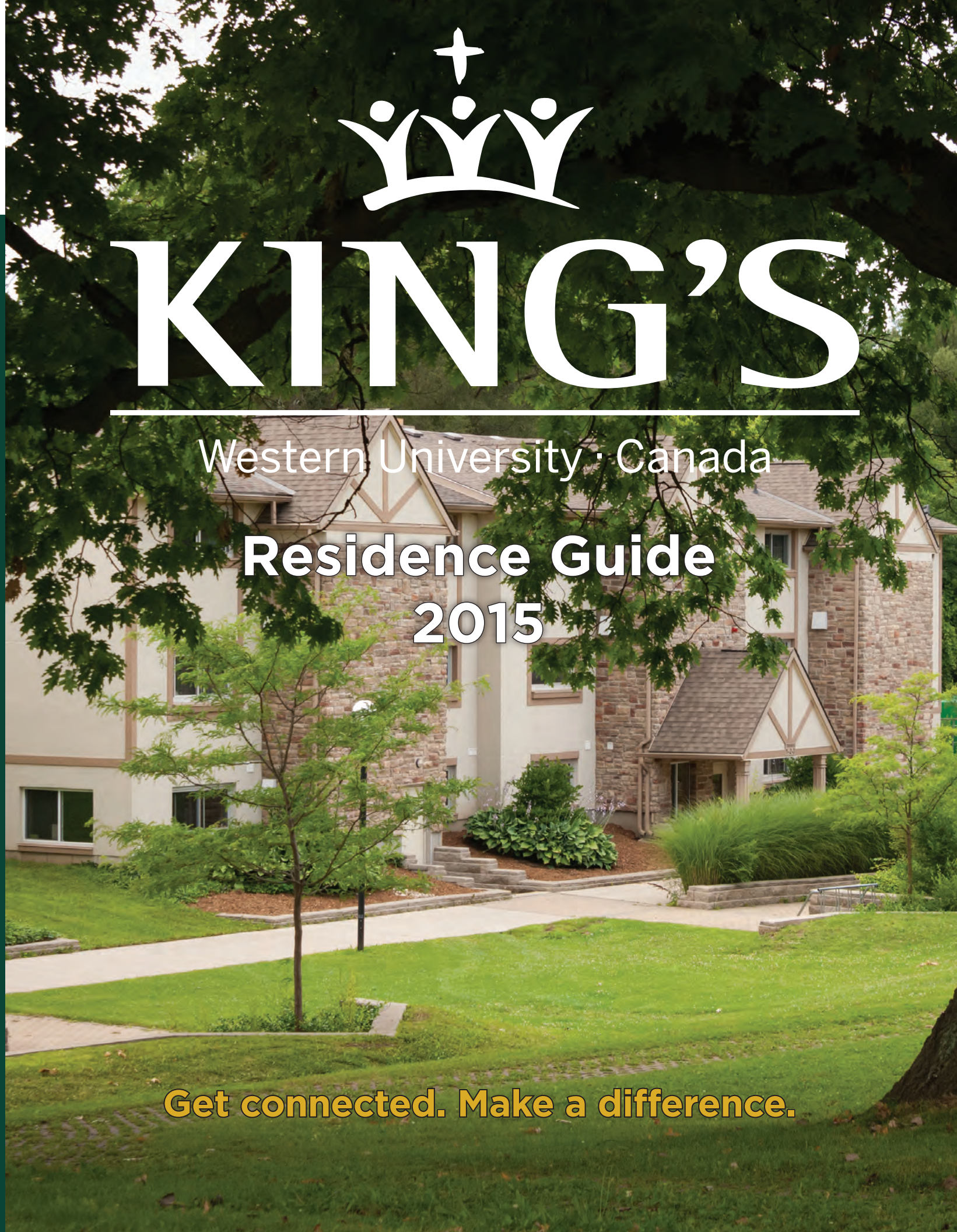
King's is committed to providing a safe and secure residence and campus environment. Residence buildings are locked 24 hours a day. Video surveillance cameras are located at the entrance of each residence building. Residence staff and security guards patrol campus regularly and are available to respond to situations as they arise. The Western Foot Patrol offers walking buddies for students walking alone in the evenings.

### COMPUTER ACCESS

All residence buildings are equipped with wireless service and two RezNet lines in each room. Students must ensure that their computer has an ethernet card. RezNet fees are included in the residence fee.

### BUS SERVICE

A free shuttle bus runs between King's, Western and the other affiliate colleges during class times. Full-time students also receive a London Transit Commission bus pass.



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## Residence Guide 2015

**Get connected. Make a difference.**



# Your Home @ KING'S

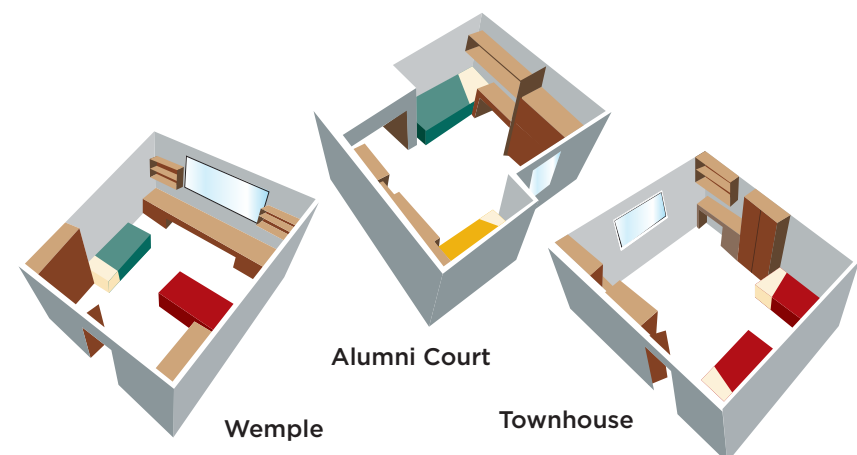
Residence is a great way to meet people and feel connected. The residence staff and student councils organize events to help you get to know other residents, and they will be there to offer support and guidance if needed.

Residence is guaranteed to all first-year or international applicants who submit a completed application package and deposit by June 1, 2015. A parent/guardian is required to co-sign the Residence Agreement (contract) for any applicant under 18 year of age.

Access to the online residence application system is included in the academic offer package.

King's residence is committed to the values of diversity, respect and academic achievement. Our goal is to create a safe, welcoming and accepting community where all persons, cultures and differences are acknowledged and valued.

## Room Styles:



We invite Canadian students to further enrich their residence experience by sharing a room with a student from another country. Choosing this option is a great way to broaden your world view and learn about another culture - valuable experiences in today's global community.

As a Catholic, liberal arts institution, King's emphasizes the value of each individual and the importance of a respectful, supportive community of learners. King's residence lives by these values as well. Guidelines to achieve these values are outlined in a number of places, including the Student Code of Conduct and the Rules of Residence (available on the King's website). In accepting your residence offer, you are agreeing to abide by these guidelines. Look for the Residence Thrive Guide, which includes the Code and the Rules of Residence, on the King's website [kings.uwo.ca/residence](http://kings.uwo.ca/residence)

Typically Male and female students are housed in separate residence units.

A \$600 residence deposit is required to secure a residence placement. Half of the deposit will be refunded if written notice of withdrawal is provided to the Residence Office by the end of June.

## Residence Quick Facts:

- 350 residence spaces in 3 building styles
- 25% of our residents are international, coming from 30 different countries
- 72% of our residents are first year students
- Average number of residents in each unit or floor:
  - 23 students in Alumni Court
  - 32 students in Wemple
  - 15 students in Townhouses



## PROJECTED 2014/15 RESIDENCE FEES (subject to final approval)

- Single<sup>†</sup> \$10,150
- Double \$9,350

Fees includes Meal Plan 1. If Meal Plans 2 or 3 are chosen, an additional \$200 or \$400 apply.

<sup>†</sup>Those interested in a single room must submit a Single Room Application Form, with documentation.

## ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

If you and a friend wish to share a room, please indicate this in your application. Every attempt is made to accommodate location and roommate preferences, however, these cannot be guaranteed. We know you might be a little nervous about sharing a room with someone new to you. Rest at ease, matches are made based on the information you provide in your residence application and students overwhelmingly enjoy a positive relationship with their roommate.

## REZNET (INTERNET ACCESS)

Reznet (internet access) and phone service is available for each student in each room. Wireless access is offered across campus, including all residence areas. See the Reznet page on the King's website [www.kingscollege.net/reznet/](http://www.kingscollege.net/reznet/) for more information. Phone service includes local calls and voicemail. Long distance calling cards can be purchased on campus.

## ACADEMIC SUPPORT

A variety of academic resources are available to academic students. Daily quiet hours are in place to ensure an environment conducive to studying and sleeping. The Residence Brain Bucks program rewards academic effort and achievement, with a little friendly competition thrown in.

## KING'S RESIDENCE OFFERS YOU...

- Guaranteed residence<sup>1</sup>
- Furnished rooms
- Reznet
- Wireless
- Local phone service
- Rogers cable<sup>2</sup>
- Housekeeping
- Laundry
- Kitchenettes
- Lounges
- Study rooms
- Parking<sup>3</sup>
- Sports pad for hockey and basketball
- Security access buildings
- Free shuttle bus to Western
- A great community in which to grow and learn

## Your room will have...

- Regular twin size bed and mattress
- Mattress cover
- Dresser (or equivalent)
- Desk and chair
- Closet
- Mirror
- Bookshelves
- Study lamp
- Wastebasket and recycling bins
- Curtains
- Carpeting

<sup>1</sup> If all guarantee options are met

<sup>2</sup> Optional account activation

<sup>3</sup> Parking space is limited

Parking permit cost is approximately \$800.

## Meal Plan Options

King's is pleased to offer you a choice of declining balance meal plans at the Thames Market, operated by ARAMARK Campus Services.

Meal Plan #1	<b>\$3,675 food credit*</b> Designed to meet your basic meal requirements. Allows up to \$500 in purchases at our off-campus partners.
Meal Plan #2	<b>\$3,875 food credit*</b> Allows for occasional snacking between meals and purchases of \$700 at our off-campus partners.
Meal Plan #3	<b>\$4,075 food credit*</b> A meal plan designed for those with heartier appetites. Allows for up to \$900 in purchases at our off-campus partners.
*2014-2015 RATES	



## PLAN POLICIES

- All students living in residence must have a Meal Plan
- Meal Plans are non-transferable
- Refunds are subject to a \$25 processing fee
- Students may request a refund of unused off-campus funds at year end (April 30)
- Changes to meal plan choice are permitted until Sept. 30

## Meal plan refunds are calculated as follows

**Plan #1** maximum cash refund is \$500 less the amount spent at off-campus partners. 50% of the year ending balance will be put on your meal card for the next academic year.

**Plan #2** maximum cash refund is \$700 less the amount spent at off-campus partners. 50% of the year ending balance will be put on your meal card for the next academic year.

**Plan #3** maximum cash refund is \$900 less the amount spent at off-campus partners. 50% of the year ending balance will be put on your meal card for the next academic year.

Students with special dietary needs must contact the Residence Manager prior to their acceptance of residency to ensure these needs can be met. Check the King's website for more information on meal plan policies, sample menus and Thames Market offerings.

## King's Food Service Options (proudly operated by Aramark Campus Services)

### THE THAMES MARKET WEMPLE BUILDING

- A variety of options including Extreme Pita, Quick Stop Bakery, Grille Works, Home Zone, Montague's Deli, Pizza Pizza, Ah-So Sushi, Salad Garden, Variety Corner and much more.

### STARBUCKS PROUDLY BREWED LABATT HALL

- Starbucks coffee
- Tea
- A delicious assortment of snacks

### TIM HORTON'S COFFEE AND BAKED GOODS KING STUDENT LIFE CENTRE

- Your favourite Tim Horton's beverages and baked goods
- Get the Good Stuff healthy selections
- Express Cooler (salads, wraps, sandwiches)

## USE YOUR KING'S MEAL PLAN (ON YOUR WESTERN ONECARD) AT KING'S AND AT OUR OFF-CAMPUS PARTNERS:

### OFF-CAMPUS PARTNERS

- Chil Frozen Yogurt
- Mongolian Grill
- Pizza Pizza
- Swiss Chalet



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