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This is a summary of the activities that take place at SWAP East partner universities for SWAP students. The information here is correct at the time of writing and will be updated regularly. But, this is not an exhaustive list of activities and the information in here is not static. So, please use the links provided, speak to the universities and, once you're at university, read any correspondence you receive from them.

### 1. Abertay

Activities suitable for and available to mature/SWAP students:

- At the "Coming from college" information session, students are informed about the support available at the university; they can also meet staff from the Learner Development Service and ask questions about making the transition from college to university.
- The "Abertay college transition programme" runs the week before the start of term and is designed for students who have studied at college and are joining the second or third year of their degree. However, it is also suitable for students coming from college and entering first year and students returning to education after a break.
- The "University Preparation Programme" runs for two weeks before the start of term and is designed for students who want to build confidence and feel better prepared for starting first year.

For more information, see [here](#).

### 2. Dundee

Mature/SWAP students can take part in any of the activities organised for new students, some of which are aimed towards mature/SWAP students. For more information, see [here](#).

### 3. Edinburgh

Activities specifically for mature/SWAP students:

- Adult returners' lecture/seminar at every open day.
- Adult returners' lecture/seminar at every post offer visiting day.
- Three events are arranged with a selection of local colleges that the university works with: an admissions talk in college, a subject based talk in college and a learning and teaching day on the university campus.
- EUSA mature student convenor.

For more information, see [here](#).

#### **4. Edinburgh Napier**

Activities specifically for mature/SWAP students:

- Workshop for mature/SWAP students at pre-entry welcome day in September.

Activities suitable for and available to mature/SWAP students:

- Series of induction, academic development and information sessions scheduled during the first two weeks of trimester 1, typically focused on a particular area of common interest commonality (e.g. articulation, degree programme or top-up information for direct entrants).

For more information, see [here](#).

#### **5. Heriot-Watt**

Activities for mature/SWAP students are extended to all WP students. These include:

- E-mentoring pre-entry and peer mentoring post-entry.
- Three-day summer school before welcome week.
- Parents and carers group at the Students' Union Advice Hub.

Additional activities specifically for mature/SWAP students include:

- Session at open days entitled "Information for mature students".
- Ad hoc campus tours arranged with WP staff.
- Access bursary (£1000 per year).

For more information, see [here](#).

#### **6. Queen Margaret**

- A series of e-newsletters are issued to SWAP and college applicants between March and August, offering guidance on various academic skills, such as note-taking and referencing.
- QM Advance: a three-day pre-entry induction programme run for SWAP students and other college applicants entering Year 1. The programme has been developed in partnership with SWAP students over a five-year period and has received excellent reviews from participating students.
- SWAP students are encouraged as part of QM Advance to enrol on the QM Mentoring programme, which pairs SWAP students in first year with SWAP students in third or fourth year of the same degree programme.
- Phone Call Mentoring: this involves third and fourth year students phoning all SWAP, first generation and direct entrant students on agreed dates in both semesters 1 and 2 to assess if the new student requires any additional support, advice or guidance.

For more information, see [here](#).

## 7. St Andrews

Activities specifically for mature/SWAP students include:

- Informative talks about the university at local colleges.
- Visiting day for college students.
- Four academic skills workshops delivered in colleges to SWAP students by Lifelong and Flexible Learning Officer. Subjects covered: note-taking, mock lecture, referencing and essay-writing.
- Peer mentoring.
- Room for commuting students, used by many mature/SWAP students.
- Students' Association has a Member for Age Equality.

For more information, see [here](#).

## 8. Stirling

Activities specifically for mature/SWAP students:

- Mature student session at every Open Day.
- Mature student advice stand at every Open Day – mature student advisers and mature student ambassadors available all day.
- Mature student session at every Applicant Day.
- Mature student advice stand at every Applicant Day – mature student advisers and mature student ambassadors available all day.

- Non-traditional student officer as part of the Student Union.
- SWAP Study Skills Day held in February each year.
- SWAP transitions lunch – meet and greet for new and existing students, how to manage first weeks and advice on what to pay attention to.
- Presentations given to individual classes when requested about being a mature student and the application process, as well as about Stirling.
- Class/individual visits to campus – can be arranged by tutors and/or staff.

Activities suitable for and available to mature/SWAP students:

- Week one activities
  - Most faculties and divisions have induction sessions in week one.
  - First classes – everyone has to attend to find out how each module will work.
  - Information sessions on IT, using the library, student support services.
  - Study Skills sessions on essay writing, note taking, referencing etc.
- Academic Adviser to help with degree related issues.
- Personal Tutor to help with any problems – first point of contact.
- STEER – peer mentoring scheme available to students in their first year of study. Run jointly by Student Support and the Student Union.
- Study Skills sessions run throughout the year on specific topics such as essay writing, note taking, referencing.
  - Drop in sessions also available.

For more information, see [here](#) and [here](#).