

Welcome Week 2026

Graduate Diploma in Agriculture

Important Information

Your Induction Programme contains academic and university sessions. Many of the Student Life Opportunities are organised by the Students' Union and are a great way to meet people, explore campus life and get involved.

Please be aware that events, rooms or times may change, please always check Celcat for the most up to date information on your timetable via <https://calendar.rau.ac.uk/>

Sunday 20 September

Student Life Opportunities

Time	Activity	Location
10am – 4pm	Welcome to the RAU! Those living on site can arrive between 10am and 4pm, collect keys and move in! Late arrivals should make their way to Porters' Lodge	Emrys Jones Building
12pm onwards	Campus Tours with the SU	Porters' Lodge
6pm	Welcome BBQ	Tithe Barn

Monday 21 September

Your Induction Programme

Time	Activity	Details	Location
9:30 – 10:15am	Welcome from the DVC and Deans	A welcome talk led by David Main, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Karen Rial-Lovera and Cassie Newland, Co-Deans of Agricultural Science, William Leschallas, Programme Leader and George Murphy, SU President	Boutflour Hall
10:15 – 11am	Student Panel	Led by the Students' Union	Boutflour Hall
11:15am – 12pm	Who's Got Your Back? Understanding Support at Uni	With representatives from across the university	Boutflour Hall

Student Life Opportunities

Time	Activity	Location
12pm	Campus Tour	Porters' Lodge
4pm	International Meet Up	Student Lounge
7pm – 10pm	Board Games	Student Lounge
8pm – midnight	Monday Motive (ticket required)	Tithe Barn

Tuesday 22 September

Your Induction Programme

Time	Activity	Details	Location
9:30 - 11:45am	Matriculation	Gowning from 8:30am Procession to assemble at 10am Lunch provided.	Boutflour Hall
1 - 4pm	GDA induction	Introduction to your course with Programme Leader, Dr Katharina Watson	EJ12

Student Life Opportunities

Time	Activity	Location
1:30pm - 4pm	Welcome Fair	Grass Quad
7pm - 10pm	Arts and Crafts	Student Lounge
8pm - midnight	Beach Party (ticket required)	Tithe Barn

Wednesday 23 September

Your Induction Programme

Time	Activity	Details	Location
8:45am - 12:45pm (optional)	Farm visit to North Farm, Aldbourne, Marlborough	Led by Chris Brough and Phil Hudson	Meet outside the Boutflour Hall

Student Life Opportunities

Time	Activity	Location
11am – 3pm	Paint and Sip	Atrium
2pm	Sports Tasters	Pitches
6pm – 8pm	Farming for a Resilient Future: Lecture by Dr Karen Rial Lovera	Emrys Jones (book a free ticket)
6pm onwards	Clubs and Societies Social	Tithe Barn

Thursday 24 September

Your Induction Programme

Time	Activity	Details	Location
2 – 3:15pm	Library and IT induction	A training session for all students and a chance to tour the Library.	Parkinson Lecture Theatre

Student Life Opportunities

Time	Activity	Location
3:30pm	Postgraduate and Mature Meet Up	Alliston Centre
8pm	Outdoor Cinema	Croquet Lawn

Friday 25 September

Your Induction Programme

Student Life Opportunities

Time	Activity	Location
10am onwards	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Student Lounge
10am – 7pm	Farm Animal Welfare Photo Exhibition	Alliston Centre (book a free ticket)
12pm	International Meet Up	Student Lounge
2pm - 4pm	Agri Outdoor Fun	SU
8pm - 2am	Boogie in the Bout (ticket required)	Boutflour Hall

Saturday 26 September

Student Life Opportunities

Time	Activity	Location
11am – 3pm	Post Grad Hike	Porters' Lodge
12:30pm	Coffee and Chat	The Long Table, Cirencester