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**List of Events:**

# Write and Study Well:

## GA1: How to Get the Most Out of Your Lectures

This session will introduce you to the main purposes of both live and recorded lectures and some practical strategies for getting the most from them. Main areas covered:

* Preparing well for lectures
* Engaging effectively with lecture content
* Making useful notes to aid your understanding
* Creating quick and easy resources to support your revision and exam preparation
* **Monday 6 September, 11:00-12:00 BST**
* **Tuesday 14 September, 15:00-16:00 BST**

## GA2: Writing at Postgraduate Level

For Masters (MA / MBA / MSc / MEng) students, this session introduces you to the key features and expectations of postgraduate level writing. You will develop your core assessment criteria which will prepare you for your upcoming studies.

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## GA3: Get Organised for Your Studies

Taking an organised approach to your studies can save you time in the long run. In this session, we will explore:

* Using a study planner
* Effective workspaces
* Creating a filing system
* Assignment planning
* **Tuesday 7 September, 11:00-12:00 BST**
* **Thursday 16 September, 15:00-16:00 BST**

## GA4: Thinking Critically

This session will unpack what it means to engage more critically with your subject(s) as well as providing you with practical tips and resources to help steer your thinking in more critical directions. Main areas covered:

* What we mean (and don’t mean!) by ‘critical thinking’
* The different types of critical thinking you will be expected and encouraged to engage in
* The relationships between critical thinking and objectivity
* Practical strategies help you engage more critically with your subject(s)
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* **Wednesday 15 September, 11:00-12:00 BST**

## GA5: Key Academic Skills for International Students

This session provides advice for how you can improve your Academic English, both in preparation to study as well as during the academic year. Questions and discussion about this topic will be welcomed.

* **Wednesday 8 September, 11:00-12:00 BST**
* **Thursday 16 September, 11:00-12:00 BST**

## GA6: Demonstrating the Process of Writing an Academic Research Paper

Are you curious about how to write a research paper at University? In this session, an example topic is used to model the process - from understanding the task, to finding sources, to drafting the text. Active participation will be invited in this informal workshop.

* **Wednesday 8 September, 15:00-16:00 BST**
* **Friday 17 September, 11:00-12:00 BST**

## GA7: How to Read More Efficiently

This session will take you through how to read research articles efficiently. Main areas covered:

* Expectations for reading at University
* How to take a selective approach to reading
* Using an efficient reading strategy for academic journal articles
* Creating useful notes when reading
* **Thursday 9 September, 11:00-12:00 BST**
* **Monday 13 September, 15:00-16:00 BST**

## GA8: Communicating with Confidence at University

This session will help you feel more confident about communicating with lecturers and fellow classmates when you begin university. Informal discussion will be encouraged so feel free to bring any questions or concerns. Main areas covered:

* How communication at university differs from school
* How to develop different types of professional communication
* Examples of effective emails, presentation techniques, and more
* **Friday 10 September, 11:00-12:00 BST**
* **Friday 17 September, 15:00-16:00 BST**

## GA9: Tips for Writing at University

This session introduces you to the key features and expectations of academic writing at University. You will develop your core assessment criteria which will prepare you for your upcoming studies.

* **Friday 10 September, 15:00-16:00 BST**
* **Monday 13 September, 11:00-12:00 BST**

# Excel at Maths:

**GA10: Order of operations, percentages and fractions**

* **Monday 13 September, 13:00-14:00 BST**

## GA11: Trigonometry

* **Tuesday 14 September, 13:00-14:00 BST**

## GA12: Rearranging and solving equations

* **Wednesday 15 September, 13:00-14:00 BST**

## GA13: Factorising

* **Thursday 16 September, 13:00-14:00 BST**

# Live Well and Connect:

## GA14: Look After Your Mates Training

Our ‘Look After Your Mate’ workshops will give you the necessary tips and tools to support a friend in need. The workshop includes:

* Spotting signs your friend is struggling
* How to start a conversation
* How to support a friend: listening and motivating
* Signposting to further support
* Looking after your own wellbeing as a supporter
* **Monday 6 September, 13:00-16:00 BST**
* **Tuesday 7 September, 13:00-16:00 BST**
* **Wednesday 8 September, 10:00-13:00 BST**
* **Thursday 9 September, 10:00-13:00 BST**

## GA15: Getting to know the Careers Service

This webinar will introduce you to the Careers and Placements Team at Aston. Focusing on the wide range of support and resources available, including booking appointments and employer events through our online portal, accessing software through the Careers website to help with psychometric tests and interviews.

We look forward to meeting you!

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