

SAUGEEN-MAITLAND HALL

Residence Welcome Letter



A Letter From Your Residence Manager



Welcome to Saugeen-Maitland Hall!

We are so excited to welcome you to your new home away from home, the famous Saugeen-Maitland Hall. Built in 1969, Saugeen has been home to over 60,000 Western students over the last 48 years! Saugeen residents are proud of our established history and traditions, and we are looking forward to creating even more with you.



In our role as Residence Managers we supervise the Residence Staff members (RAs and Dons) and work closely with the Residents' Council and Residence Sophs. These student leaders have all chosen to dedicate another year to Residence at Western; we are all committed to providing you with the best first year student experience in Residence. We encourage you to get to know these individuals who are here to support you through your both challenging and rewarding transition to university.

From our own experiences, we can assure you that your first eight months at Western will fly by. There are so many opportunities to get involved in Residence, the Western Campus, and the London community. Try to be open to any of these adventures along the way, as they are great opportunities to learn more about yourself.

While enjoying all of the new experiences and friends that Residence has to offer, remember to take care of yourself, each other, and your new shared home.

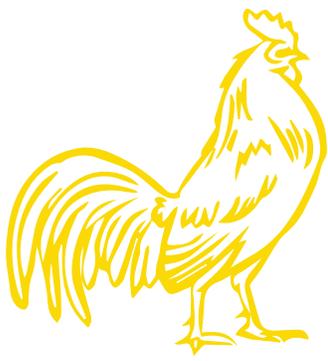
We look forward to meeting all of you on Move-In Day; please feel free to stop by our offices (behind the Saugeen-Maitland Hall Front Desk) if you have any questions or just to say hello.

See you soon!

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A Letter From Your Head Soph



Hello incoming first year students!

Congratulations on your acceptance to Western, and welcome to potentially the best 4 years of your life. I hope that you're all excited to get started, I know I was! I remember when I came here, everyone was a new face and there were so many new avenues to be explored. That's one of the great things about university, you're given an opportunity to explore who you are and what you want to do in the future. You're given a lot of freedom here, and I encourage you to take advantage of that. Be open minded, be adventurous, and leave your comfort zone every once in a while.

When you get here, you may notice a few things: firstly, there are a bunch of weirdos in silly outfits dancing around and being super loud (probably super obnoxious too). Not to fret! Those are called "Sophs" here at Western, and they're here for you. The way that Sophs were explained to

me on my first day was "instant best buddies" and that couldn't be any closer to the truth. Over the course of your first-year experience, your Sophs will be with you throughout the entire journey. Your Soph will be a fantastic resource for any questions you may have about your academics, your social life, or anything else that you might need. All in all, the role of a Soph is to help you in anyway while transitioning from high school to university. You might find, as I did in first year, that your Soph will likely go above and beyond that role!

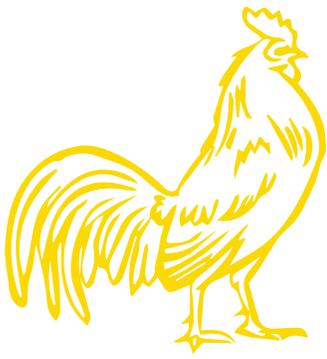
To make this short, let me just rattle off a few pieces of advice that I wish someone had told me in first year: don't put too many clothes into the dryers, or else it won't dry; if you're in residence, hundo-p you're going to need some earplugs; go to ALL events in residence and around campus; fruit from the dining hall is expensive, stick with veggies; you need to check out Rick McGhie at the spoke (and grab a bagel while you're there); and finally, my biggest piece of advice is to embrace your own feelings. It's okay to be scared, it's okay to be anxious, and it's okay to feel out of place. You'll very quickly find that everyone else is too, and that's just fine! That's what o-week is for. O-week is meant to make you feel comfortable with the other first year students here at Western, whether they're in your program, in your residence, or even on your floor. But embrace that feeling and push yourself to be out of your comfort zone, and eventually you'll find yourself in a community of like-minded individuals who will likely be your best friends for life. Not to mention, it's always fun being an upper year student and joking around with my friends about how we met in first year. The way I met 2 of my best friends in first year was literally by just walking into their room and starting a conversation. Usually we laugh about how awkward it was.

Anyway, I hope that you find your place here at Western! Enjoy your undergraduate and make the most of your time here. Welcome to the wolf pack!

Sincerely yours,

Razzie (Head Soph of Saugeen-Maitland Hall)

PS: Feel free to chat with me during o-week if you ever see me. I'd love to meet all of you <3



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A Letter From Your Residents' Council President

Hello Incoming Saugeen-Maitland Hall Residents,

On behalf of the Saugeen-Maitland Hall Residents' Council I would like to welcome you to your new home. I have the privilege of being your president for the upcoming school year and I am extremely excited for all the events we have planned for you. Both Council and the Soph team have worked hard to plan an amazing year for you.

Saugeen-Maitland Hall opened its doors in the Summer of '69. Being home to over 1200 residents, we know how to have fun! You have the chance to participate in all kinds of events from Frost Week, to Formal, Coffee Houses and Intramurals. Make sure to buy a Rez Pass on move in day to ensure you don't miss out. There are even opportunities for you to help plan events. Stay tuned for information about Floor Reps and Frophs!

Council is responsible for all the Lit events in Rez this year. Your Exec team has a little challenge for you. During Orientation Week, the 5 people who take the best picture with us will receive some Saugeen Swag. Lookout for President Rally, VP Operations Ghost, VP Finance Lock, VP Social Valentine, VP Promotions Sky and finally Head Soph Razzie.

Cheers,

Rally