School of Sociology and Social Policy

First Year Buddying Scheme

The purpose of this scheme is for all first year students to have the opportunity to have a student ‘buddy’ from the second or third year in our School, who can show you around and also give helpful hints regarding non-academic matters.

When you arrive at university so much is new, and the campuses can seem very large when you are trying to find your way around in the early weeks. Of course there is an extremely effective personal tutoring system through which you can discuss academic queries and any personal issues that may affect your studies with the member of the teaching staff who is your personal tutor.

But the buddying scheme is run by students for students, and gives you extra support in finding your feet during your first year at Nottingham. It also provides a great opportunity to get to know other students in other year groups. Having already been at Nottingham for at least a year, your student ‘buddy’ would be able to answer questions like these, or at least be able to point you to someone who does:

- Where can I find a computer to use on campus?
- Where can I get my laptop fixed?
- Where is the nearest Student Services Centre?
- Where is Jubilee Campus and how do I get to there?

Participation in this scheme is optional. If you decide that you would like a buddy then please send an email stating your NAME, EMAIL ADDRESS AND DEGREE PROGRAMME in the body of the message, to the student coordinators of the scheme.

For BA Sociology, BA Sociology and Social Policy, BA Criminology, BA Criminology and Sociology, and BA Criminology and Social Policy students,

please email Lauren Brennan (lqylb3@nottingham.ac.uk)

For BA Social Work students,

please email Sian Kowan (lqysk9@nottingham.ac.uk)

Please send your email to the coordinators for your programme by Friday 27 September. The coordinator will then allocate a buddy to you, and they will get in touch with you, initially by email.

More information about the Buddying Scheme and other opportunities to get involved in the life and community of our School will be shared in the “School of Sociology and Social Policy Life” session in Welcome Week (Room B63 Law and Social Sciences Building. 2pm-4pm Wednesday 25th September). We look forward to seeing you all there!