

TEN TOP TIPS FROM CURRENT LAW STUDENTS AT KENT

- 1 After getting dropped off at Kent by my parents, I suddenly realised I'm all alone, I don't know anyone, what if I don't make friends?! If I could travel back in time, I would say to myself that there is nothing to worry about. First year students are all in the same boat. Don't be afraid to introduce yourself to people; I know that can be daunting and feel embarrassing but honestly, it's ok!
- 2 I was worried about having to read lots of material and retain volumes of information – yes, it is true, but no-one will expect you to understand everything right off the bat so don't worry, all will become clearer in due course
- 3 Join the Kent Law School Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/kls2020. You can also join the Facebook pages of sport clubs and different societies that interest you. I found it really helpful in preparing me
- 4 Don't be afraid to try out new things, whether that be sport or joining a travel society. Personally, I love sports but I never played football until University. During the Welcome Fair, I spoke to some girls from the women's football club, it sounded really interesting and fun, so I tried out the taster sessions. I really enjoyed it and have been a member ever since
- 5 Attend your lectures and seminars, don't be scared to ask questions in seminars
- 6 Don't panic if you find yourself struggling a bit at the beginning. Kent Law School has a very good support system, there are lots of people you can go to for help such as seminar leaders and the Kent Law School Skills Hub
- 7 Have fun, go out with friends, do sports and whatever activities that make you happy! My university years have so far been the best years of my life
- 8 Before I came to Kent I was so worried about living away from home that I lost sight of how exciting going to university can be!
- 9 I wish I had known that if I wanted to practice (whether to become a solicitor or a barrister), I would need to think ahead about how I can make myself stand out as a potential candidate. For some reason I thought that I couldn't get involved with firms until my second or last year but this is not the case! Many firms have open days or first year schemes
- 10 Joint honours students – joining academic societies or engaging in volunteering/work experience in both fields will help you gain a sense of belonging, and help you decide where your focus should be.