**Advice for living in Halls:**

Living in Halls can be an exciting time. You get to meet new people, make new friends and have fun experiences. But there are also some things that can make living in Halls not so great. Here's a few things to remember about living in Halls:

**Noise levels:**

* Living in Halls means you are all in close quarters, this means that any sound you make will carry and can be heard by others in your flat
* Please ensure that if you're listening to music, chatting to someone over the phone or just going in and out of the flat that you are mindful of those around you
* Be respectful of this especially at night and during exam season.

**Fire Drills:**

* As you will be aware fire drills happen all the time
* This is to ensure they are working correctly and students living in Halls know the procedure for evacuation
* To ensure your safety, it is important that you do follow procedures and evacuate as instructed

**Chores:**

* Chores! No one likes them but they must be done
* Everyone in the flat has a responsibility to clean up, including tidying up after themselves, cleaning away any dishes used and wiping down kitchen surfaces after preparing food
* The best way to ensure everyone chips in is by establishing some ground rules
* Make sure everyone knows they're responsibilities for chores and do your best to stick to them!

**Living with Others:**

* Although we want to ensure everyone has a pleasant experience of living in Halls, you may find that you don't always get along with your flatmates
* We would encourage you to first speak to the person you aren't getting along with and try to resolve the issue
* However, if you feel you may need extra support you can speak to a Hall Life Duty Officer in the Student Services Centre, Davison Building between 7-9pm Monday to Sunday (term time)
* We are here to help and will do our best to try and help you resolve the issue.

**We're all in this together:**

* University can be an overwhelming experience at times but you are not alone! Chances are someone else is also feeling the same way
* The best thing you can do is to talk about it, it’s best to try and be supportive of each other
* However, if you feel you need some extra support you can always contact [Wellbeing](https://intranet.royalholloway.ac.uk/students/help-support/wellbeing/student-wellbeing.aspx) or speak to one of your Hall Life Duty Officers who sit in the Student Services Centre, Davison Building between 7-9pm Monday to Sunday (term time).
* For more information on all things Hall Life, check out our [Guide to Living in Halls](https://intranet.royalholloway.ac.uk/students/where-i-live/get-help-with-a-problem-in-halls/get-help-with-a-problem-in-halls.aspx).