

# Western Launch Parent & Family Newsletter

Welcome to the Western Family!

As your student gets ready to begin their journey at Western University this fall, we recognize that this is both an exciting and sometimes overwhelming time for students and their families. Transitioning to university is a significant step, and your continued support will play a vital role in your student's success.

We understand that as your student starts this new chapter, they'll often turn to you for encouragement and guidance. Through these newsletters, we'll share important updates and highlight the many resources Western offers to help them feel confident and supported as they make the transition to university life.



## Important Dates

July 11-12th - Music and Social Science Faculty Friday + Overnight Experience

August 8-9th- Engineering and General Faculty Friday + Overnight Experience

August 30th-September 1st- Residence Move-ins

September 1st- September 6th- Orientation Week

September 4th- First day of classes

## 1-1 Course Advising

One-to-one course advising is part of our Western Launch program. Students can meet with an advisor to ask questions about the coming year and get help with course registration and choosing first-year classes. The goal is to help students choose and register in their courses and ensure they know about the supports that are available to help them thrive. [Learn more here.](#)



### Overnight Experience

Students stay in a first-year residence for one night while participating in social and learning activities. They also get the chance to meet other incoming students, take a campus tour and connect with the Residence Life community. Parents/family members are welcome to join! (Space is limited so sign up early). [Learn more here.](#)



### OSAP

OSAP is a financial aid program from the Government of Ontario that helps pay for college or university with grants and loans. It is open to all eligible Ontario residents. For full-time students: submit your application no later than 60 days before the end of your 2025-26 study period. [Learn more here.](#)



### SmartStart: Learning and Academics

SmartStart: Learning is a self-guided series of online content. Students can review the material at any point over the summer or even into the fall. Take a learning assessment, get advice from peers, and get tips for learning in university. Learning at university can seem daunting, and developing effective learning strategies can take time. SmartStart: Academics includes short lessons that will help students enhance the skills they've already developed, so they are ready for classes this fall. SmartStart resources are available all year. [Learn more here.](#)



### Launch Online

Student Experience has a new tool that is available to incoming students designed to support their transition to university life. These modules offer helpful tips and resources: from tracking important dates to preparing for academic success. Students can access the first two modules directly through OWL Brightspace or by clicking the link on the Launch website homepage. [Learn more here.](#)

A screenshot of a login form on a purple background. At the top center is a circular icon with a white person silhouette. Below it are four input fields: 'First Name', 'Last Name', 'Email', and 'Password'. A green 'Log In' button is positioned below the 'Email' and 'Password' fields.



## Accessible Education

Accessible Education is responsible for the determination and coordination of academic accommodations for students with permanent, temporary and suspected disabilities. We honor disability as one of the many forms of diversity on our campus, and as such, we actively collaborate with faculty, staff, and students to support an accessible campus. Accessible Education provides academic accommodation for classes, exams, internships and other course or program activities, as well as digital and Braille textbooks, accessible campus transportation, learning strategy instruction for students with learning disabilities and more. Accessible Education is currently offering intake appointments to students starting in September. [Learn more here.](#)

## Faculty of Music Ensemble Auditions

Calling all musical Mustangs! Did your student play in their high school band or orchestra, or sing in a choir? If so, they might consider auditioning for an ensemble at the Don Wright Faculty of Music! All Western students, no matter their program, can audition for instrumental and choral ensembles. Auditions are in early September, and practice excerpts are already available. Students can register on the website to receive email updates regarding ensemble auditions, such as audition excerpts and scheduling an audition time slot.

[Learn more here.](#)

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