Dear ${Contacts.First Name},

To help you prepare for the start of your UCL journey, we'll be sending you these regular emails throughout the coming months, each with a different theme to count you down to the start of term.

We'll be giving you an insider view of life as a UCL student through our Countdown to UCL blog articles, and we'll be sharing all the need-to-know updates.

**Getting Ready**

Hoping to join us this September? Whether you're able to come onto campus or need to study remotely, we can't wait to meet you! Our first theme, Getting Ready, will help make life easier ahead of the start of your UCL journey.

Visit the [Getting Ready section](#) of the Countdown to UCL blog to find out more.
Introducing the Countdown to UCL
The Countdown to UCL is a communication and information platform aimed at all new UCL students. Find out what to expect from it and how it can help you.

Coronavirus FAQs
We're committed to making sure you can receive a world-class education and student experience in September, and that you can do so safely and with the flexibility you need. Check our coronavirus FAQs regularly for all the latest on how we're doing this.
Get ready for research
Simone, our PGR contributor gives you her top tips on getting ready for research. Researching and writing at PhD level is very different to at Master’s level but take Simone’s advice on board and you’ll be just fine.

Things you need to know about studying in the UK for the first time
The International Student Support team have created some guidelines to help you navigate the UK academic system as this may be different to how it is in your home country.
Explore the Checklists
Our simple checklists will help you make sure you get everything done. These cover essential, recommended and extra activities for before and after the start of term.