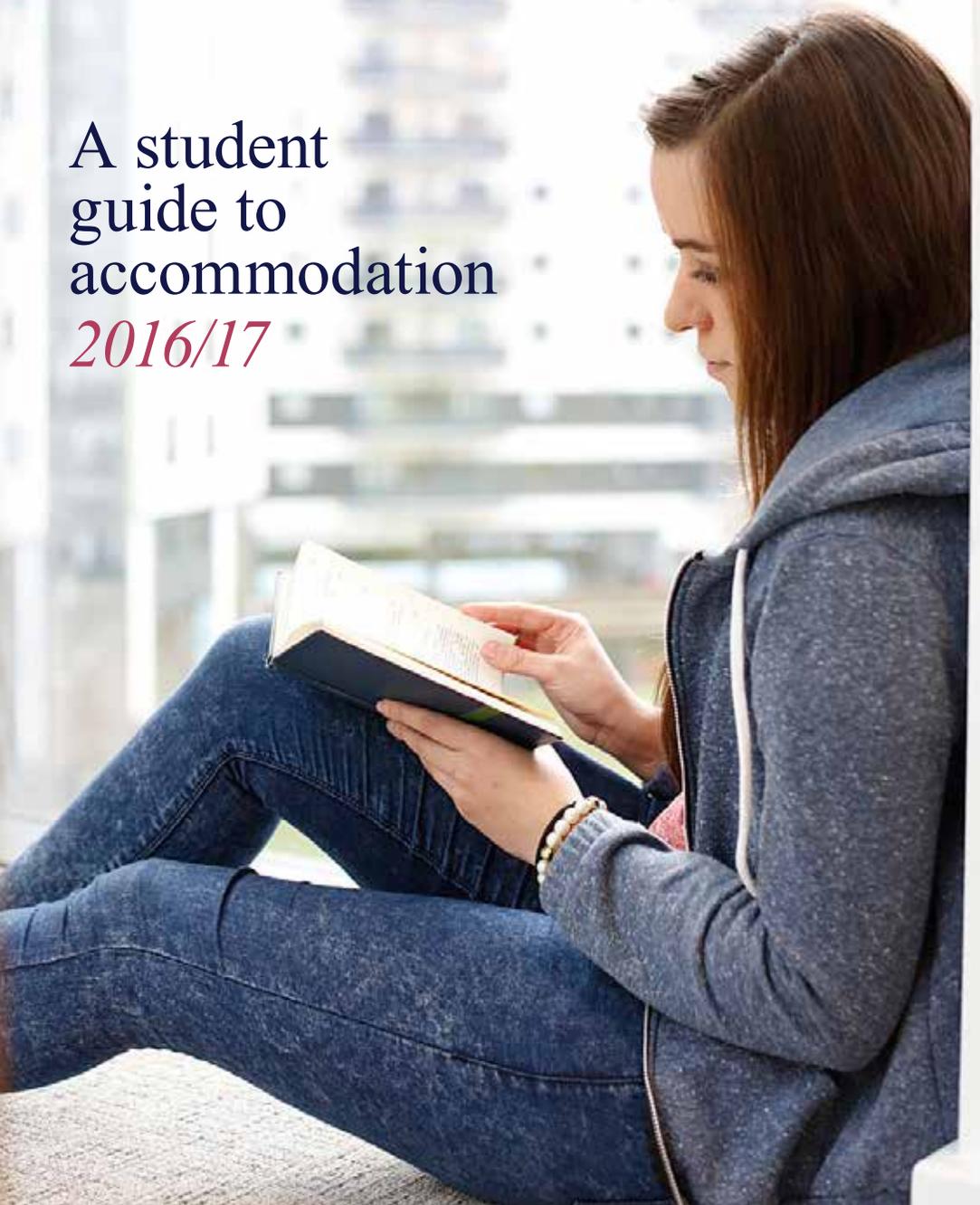




BIRMINGHAM CITY
University

A student
guide to
accommodation
2016/17



Welcome

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all prospective students. Here at Accommodation Services we are committed to assisting students in the transition from home to university life. We offer support for both new students and those returning to our accommodation for second and subsequent years.

The University offers accommodation in University owned and private halls of residence at various locations throughout Birmingham. All University halls are offered on a minimum 39 week contract; private halls of residence are offered on a minimum 40 week contract unless otherwise stated.

The range of accommodation we offer includes standard and

en suite rooms, suitable for undergraduate and postgraduate students. For students with special requirements we have accessible purpose-built rooms at some of the halls of residence. Further information is available on request.

I hope you find this booklet helpful in terms of giving information about accommodation at Birmingham City University. For up-to-date information please check our website at www.bcu.ac.uk/accommodation.



Jane Grimmett
Assistant Director

Campus Management
and Services

Why choose halls of residence?

Please note there may be some minor variations on each campus.

- 24/7 security personnel patrol the campuses
- CCTV on all campuses
- Heating in all rooms
- Energy costs included in accommodation fees (some are capped in private halls and further charges could be incurred)
- Telephone in all study bedrooms for internal calls to Security and Accommodation Office (only available in University owned halls)
- Free basic package internet connection socket and Wifi (upgrades are available)
- Resident Student Assistants will be on hand to facilitate your introduction to the halls of residence and help with any problems throughout the academic year
- Accommodation staff available on all campuses during office hours
- Central management of all University halls of residence by Accommodation Services

- Accommodation Services' commitment to quality

What can you expect in your accommodation?

While there are some minor variations on each campus, a standard room is furnished with:

- bed, mattress and mattress cover (you will need to bring your own bed linen)
- curtains/blind
- wardrobe
- chest of drawers
- bookshelf
- study desk and chair
- mirror

The majority of self-catering kitchens are equipped with the following:

- electric cooker
- fridge/freezer
- microwave
- kettle
- ironing board

Each site has its own launderette.

Full details of the facilities available at each site can be found on the website www.bcu.ac.uk/accommodation

No1 *City Locks*



Postcode: B4 7XE

Layout: Two bedroom non en suite flats, five to eight bedroom en suite flats

Facilities: Shared kitchen/lounge per flat including a TV. Common room with TV.

Location: Based next to the City Centre Campus.

Cost for academic year 2016/17*:

2 bedroom flats – 40 week contract (64 available)

Weekly cost £132 (per bedroom)

Annual cost £5280 (per bedroom)

Single en suite bedroom – 40 week contract (495 available)

Weekly cost £130

Annual cost £5200

Single en suite bedroom – 51 week contract (100 available)

Weekly cost £124

Annual cost £6324

*Costs are indicative

Distances to:

| Campus | Distance | Driving | Walking |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| City North Campus | 3.2 miles | 9 minutes | 58 minutes |
| Vittoria Street (School of Jewellery) | 1.5 miles | 9 minutes | 26 minutes |
| Margaret Street (School of Art) | 1 mile | 7 minutes | 16 minutes |
| City Centre Campus | 0.2 miles | 2 minutes | 3 minutes |
| Birmingham Conservatoire | 1.3 miles | 10 minutes | 19 minutes |
| City South Campus | 3 miles | 12 minutes | 45 minutes |
| Bournville (BCUIC) | 5.4 miles | 15 minutes | 1 hr 34 minutes |

Please note that the times indicated are subject to the time of day and peak-time travel may add 15-30 minutes to your journey. For further bus information, please visit www.nxbus.co.uk.

Oscott Gardens

City North Student Village



Postcode: B42 2SU

Layout: Five to eight-bedroom flats

Facilities: En suite bedrooms, shared kitchen/lounge diner per flat.

Location: Adjacent to City North Campus housing primarily City North and City Centre Campus students.

Cost for academic year 2016/17*:

All rents for City North accommodation have been discounted by £3.50 per week to assist towards travel costs.

Free gym membership (maximum nine months) at Doug Ellis Sports Centre.

Standard room – 39 week contract

Weekly cost £116

Annual cost £4524

Large room – 39 week contract (10 available)

Weekly cost £127.50

Annual cost £4972.50

Extra-large room – 39 week contract (2 available)

Weekly cost £132.50

Annual cost £5167.50

*Costs are indicative

Distances to:

| Campus | Distance | Driving | Walking |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| City North Campus | 0.1 miles | 1 minute | 5 minutes |
| Vittoria Street (School of Jewellery) | 3.6 miles | 11 minutes | 58 minutes |
| Margaret Street (School of Art) | 3.2 miles | 11 minutes | 1 hr 4 minutes |
| City Centre Campus | 3.1 miles | 9 minutes | 55 minutes |
| Birmingham Conservatoire | 4 miles | 18 minutes | 1 hr 10 minutes |
| City South Campus | 5.2 miles | 17 minutes | 1 hr 34 minutes |
| Bournville (BCUIC) | 8.1 miles | 22 minutes | 2 hrs 31 minutes |

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The Coppice

City North Student Village



Postcode: B42 2SU

Layout: Six-bedroom flats

Facilities: Hand basin in each room, shared kitchen/dining room and a bathroom and shower room.

Location: Adjacent to City North Campus housing primarily City North and City Centre Campus students.

Cost for academic year 2016/17*:

All rents for City North accommodation have been discounted by £3.50 per week to assist towards travel costs.

Free gym membership (maximum 9 months) at Doug Ellis Sports Centre.

Standard room – 39 week contract

Weekly cost £99.50

Annual cost £3880.50

*Costs are indicative

Distances to:

| Campus | Distance | Driving | Walking |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| City North Campus | 0.1 miles | 1 minute | 5 minutes |
| Vittoria Street (School of Jewellery) | 3.6 miles | 11 minutes | 57 minutes |
| Margaret Street (School of Art) | 3.2 miles | 10 minutes | 1 hr 4 minutes |
| City Centre Campus | 3.1 miles | 9 minutes | 55 minutes |
| Birmingham Conservatoire | 4 miles | 18 minutes | 1 hr 10 minutes |
| City South Campus | 5.2 miles | 17 minutes | 1 hr 34 minutes |
| Bournville (BCUIC) | 8.1 miles | 22 minutes | 2 hrs 31 minutes |

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City South *Campus*



Postcode: B15 3TN

Layout: Oakmount Hall (34 rooms) and Westmount Hall (93 rooms) consist of flats ranging from four to 10 bedroom.

Facilities: Hand basin in each room, shared kitchen/dining room and bathroom area per flat.

Location: Approximately two miles from the city centre and five miles from City North Campus. This site accommodates mostly students studying at City South Campus.

Cost for academic year 2016/17*:

Oakmount Hall – standard room – 40 week contract

Weekly cost £102

Annual cost £4080

Westmount Hall – standard room – 40 week contract

Weekly cost £101

Annual cost £4040

*Costs are indicative

Distances to:

| Campus | Distance | Driving | Walking |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| City North Campus | 5.5 miles | 19 minutes | 1 hr 30 minutes |
| Vittoria Street (School of Jewellery) | 2.5 miles | 12 minutes | 37 minutes |
| Margaret Street (School of Art) | 2.8 miles | 14 minutes | 30 minutes |
| City Centre Campus | 4.5 miles | 17 minutes | 54 minutes |
| Birmingham Conservatoire | 2.7 miles | 13 minutes | 43 minutes |
| Bournville (BCUIC) | 3.9 miles | 16 minutes | 1 hr 4 minutes |

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Curzon *Gateway*



Postcode: B4 7XE

Layout: Four to six bedroom flats.

Facilities: En suite bedrooms, shared kitchen/lounge per flat. Common room with TV.

Location: Based in the heart of the city centre and just opposite our City Centre Campus.

Curzon Gateway is a private sector development which is leased by Birmingham City University.

Cost for academic year 2016/17*:

Standard room – 43 week contract

weekly cost £125.00

Annual cost £5375.00

*Costs are indicative

Distances to:

| Campus | Distance | Driving | Walking |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| City North Campus | 3.3 miles | 10 minutes | 59 minutes |
| Vittoria Street (School of Jewellery) | 1.7 miles | 10 minutes | 33 minutes |
| Margaret Street (School of Art) | 1.3 miles | 8 minutes | 24 minutes |
| City Centre Campus | 0.6 miles | 2 minutes | 13 minutes |
| Birmingham Conservatoire | 1.6 miles | 11 minutes | 28 minutes |
| City South Campus | 3.2 miles | 13 minutes | 52 minutes |
| Bournville (BCUIC) | 5.6 miles | 16 minutes | 1 hr 37 minutes |

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The *Heights*



Postcode: B4 7DR

Layout: Five bedroom flats

Facilities: En suite bathrooms, spacious rooms with a large bed and internet access. Shared kitchen/lounge per flat with ample seating and a TV port is available.

Location: Based in the heart of the city centre and just a 6 minute walk to the City Centre Campus.

The Heights is a private sector development which is leased by Birmingham City University.

Cost for academic year 2016/17*:

Standard room – 43 week contract

Weekly cost £118.00

Annual cost £5074.00

*Costs are indicative

Distances to:

| Campus | Distance | Driving | Walking |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| City North Campus | 2.6 miles | 7 minutes | 51 minutes |
| Vittoria Street (School of Jewellery) | 2.3 miles | 10 minutes | 39 minutes |
| Margaret Street (School of Art) | 1.1 miles | 8 minutes | 20 minutes |
| City Centre Campus | 1.1 miles | 5 minutes | 6 minutes |
| Birmingham Conservatoire | 1.5 miles | 13 minutes | 46 minutes |
| City South Campus | 3.9 miles | 15 minutes | 58 minutes |
| Bournville (BCUIC) | 5.7 miles | 16 minutes | 1 hr 45 minutes |

Please note that the times indicated are subject to the time of day and peak-time travel may add 15-30 minutes to your journey. For further bus information, please visit www.nxbus.co.uk.

Jennens *Court*



Postcode: B5 5JR

Layout: Three to six bedroom flats

Facilities: En suite bedrooms, shared kitchen/lounge per flat. Common room with TV.

Location: Based in the heart of the city centre next to our City Centre Campus.

Jennens Court is a private sector development which is leased by Birmingham City University.

Cost for academic year 2016/17*:

Standard room – 43 week contract

Weekly cost £126.00

Annual cost £5292.00

*Costs are indicative

Distances to:

| Campus | Distance | Driving | Walking |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| City North Campus | 3.2 miles | 9 minutes | 58 minutes |
| Vittoria Street (School of Jewellery) | 1.5 miles | 9 minutes | 26 minutes |
| Margaret Street (School of Art) | 1 mile | 7 minutes | 16 minutes |
| City Centre Campus | 0.7 miles | 3 minutes | 5 minutes |
| Birmingham Conservatoire | 1.3 miles | 10 minutes | 19 minutes |
| City South Campus | 3 miles | 12 minutes | 45 minutes |
| Bournville (BCUIC) | 5.4 miles | 15 minutes | 1 hr 34 minutes |

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clv
Birmingham



Postcode: B5 7AJ

Layout: Four to six bedroom flats

Facilities: En suite bedrooms, shared kitchen/lounge per flat including a TV (licence fee not included). Common room with TV. Free gym and music practice rooms.

Location: Corner of Belgrave Middleway and Bristol Road with easy access to the city centre, within reasonable travelling distances from Birmingham Conservatoire and the School of Art's Margaret Street site. Priority is given to Conservatoire and Fine Art students. Nursing students looking for en suite accommodation are advised to go to clv Birmingham.

clv is a private sector development which is leased by Birmingham City University.

Cost for academic year 2016/17*:

Standard room – 43 week contract

Weekly cost £116.00

Annual cost £4988.00

Standard room – 51 week contract

Weekly cost £110.00

Annual cost £5610.00

*Costs are indicative

Distances to:

| Campus | Distance | Driving | Walking |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| City North Campus | 4.6 miles | 16 minutes | 1 hr 23 minutes |
| Vittoria Street (School of Jewellery) | 2.1 miles | 10 minutes | 37 minutes |
| Margaret Street (School of Art) | 2.2 miles | 11 minutes | 25 minutes |
| City Centre Campus | 2.1 miles | 9 minutes | 31 minutes |
| Birmingham Conservatoire | 1.3 miles | 6 minutes | 22 minutes |
| City South Campus | 1.7 miles | 7 minutes | 30 minutes |
| Bournville (BCUIC) | 3.8 miles | 9 minutes | 1 hr 7 minutes |

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Am I eligible for accommodation?

Students are guaranteed a room in University owned or private halls of residence for their first year, close to their location of study providing they:

- have received and accepted an offer on a full-time course at Birmingham City University
- do not live in Birmingham
- apply for accommodation by 31 July 2016.

We are able to assist with accommodation for new undergraduate students if Birmingham City University is your Insurance choice or you are admitted to the University through the Clearing process, subject to availability of rooms and having taken into account the location of your permanent home address in relation to the place of study. If you require accommodation, you must apply online by 26 August 2016.

Students who do live in Birmingham (within a 10 mile radius of the study campus) and meet the above criteria will be made an offer of accommodation subject to room availability.

We regret that it is not possible for us to guarantee a room at your preferred location. On-campus accommodation is normally given to students whose courses are based on or close to the campus in question, subject to availability.

When can I apply for accommodation?

You are able to apply for accommodation through the online accommodation

application process from March 2016 provided you have an unconditional or conditional offer of a course at Birmingham City University. Allocation of rooms will commence from:

- 4 April 2016 for all students holding an accepted Unconditional Firm offer (UF).
- 11 August 2016 for all students awaiting exam results.

How do I apply for accommodation?

You will need to know your choice of accommodation before making an application. Please read through the details in this booklet or visit www.bcu.ac.uk/accommodation. If you have any unanswered questions after doing so, contact Accommodation Services by email on accommodation@bcu.ac.uk.

If you have a disability or if there are medical or mobility factors which have a bearing on your accommodation needs, please provide full details and supporting evidence at the time of application to enable us to allocate appropriately. You may also wish to contact the Disability Services team in Student Services for advice and assistance on 0121 331 5588 or disability@bcu.ac.uk.

To apply for accommodation you will need to:

- visit our website at www.bcu.ac.uk/accommodation
- view the applications section
- follow the hyperlink for 'Accommodation Application Form'
- register (you will require a valid email address)
- complete the application form; you will need your University Application

Number which can be found on the offer paperwork from your Faculty (it has eight numeric characters), then follow the instructions

- use the notes section of the application form to advise us of any additional information for example if you plan to be away and will not have access to the internet as this will help avoid any delays.

NB: to avoid any delay please ensure you frequently check the progress of your online application. You will only have three days to accept your room offer.

When will I know I have been allocated accommodation?

You will receive an email from Accommodation Services informing you that you have been offered accommodation. Please follow the instructions set out in the email to accept your offer. Further details will be provided regarding the payment arrangements.

UNIVERSITY OWNED HALLS OF RESIDENCE

You will be able to move into your accommodation during the weekend before your course starts and your Licence Agreement indicates the date from which you will be liable for the Residence Fees. Please note that the accommodation will not be available any earlier than the start of the Licence Agreement.

A copy of the Licence Agreement can be viewed at www.bcu.ac.uk/accommodation.

Before you are able to move into your allocated accommodation, you will be requested to complete the online induction. You will receive an email with instructions on how to complete this process. The online induction will include additional important information that you will require:

- The Key Form which you will be required to print off, complete and attach a photograph to hand in at registration
- Things you need to bring with you which are not supplied within the accommodation
- Booking slot to confirm your arrival date and time (for The Coppice and Oscott Gardens only).

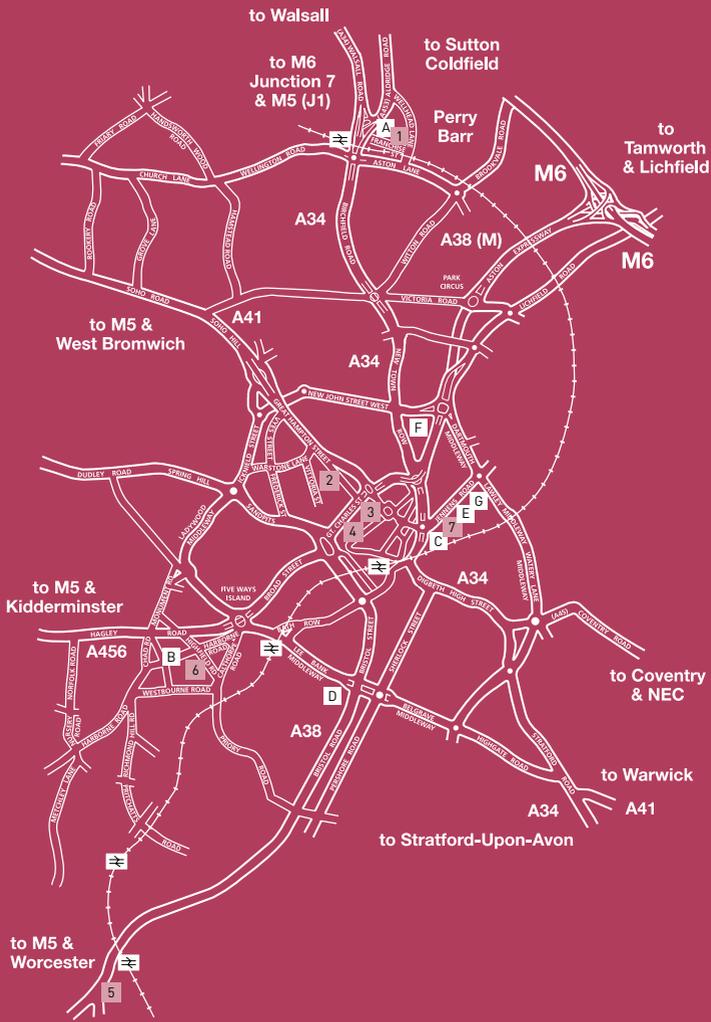
PRIVATE HALLS OF RESIDENCE

You will be able to move into your accommodation from the date indicated on your Tenancy Agreement, which is when you will be liable for the Residence Fees. Please note that the accommodation will not be available any earlier than the start of the Tenancy Agreement.

Facilities summary 2016/17

The description below is intended to provide a general overview of the residence's facilities. Please note that there may be minor variations in some areas.

| | The Coppice | Oscott Gardens | No1 City Locks | Oakmount City South | Westmount City South | Jennens Court | clv Birmingham | Curzon Gateway | The Heights |
|--------------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Price per week (£) | 99.50 | 116–132.50 | 124–132 | 102 | 101 | 126 | 110–116 | 125 | 118 |
| 1st year undergrad | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| Postgrad | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| 39 week let | • | • | | | | | | | |
| 40 week let | • | • | | • | • | | | | |
| 41 week let | • | • | | | | | | | |
| 42 week let | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 week let | | | | | | • | • | • | • |
| 51 week let | | | • | | | | • | | |
| Semester 1 let (Sept) | • | | | | | | | | |
| Semester 2 let (Jan) | • | | | | | | | | |
| Services | | | | | | | | | |
| Laundry | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| Common room | | | • | • | | • | • | • | • |
| Internal telephone | • | • | | • | • | | | | |
| Car parking | • | • | | | | • | • | • | • |
| Facilities | | | | | | | | | |
| En suite | | • | • | | | • | • | • | • |
| Number to bathroom(s) | 6 | 1 | 1–2 | 4–7 | 9–10 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Bed size | Single | Single | Single | Single | Single | Three quarter | Single | Three quarter | Three quarter |
| Average room size (sq. metres) | 10 | 13 inc. en suite | 14 inc. en suite | 12 | 8 | 14 inc. en suite | 12 inc. en suite | 13 inc. en suite | 13 inc. en suite |



CAMPUSES

- 1 City North Campus
- 2 Vittoria Street (School of Jewellery)
- 3 Margaret Street (School of Art)
- 4 Birmingham Conservatoire

- 5 Bournville (International College)
- 6 City South Campus
- 7 City Centre Campus (The Curzon Building, Millennium Point and The Parkside Building)

HALLS OF RESIDENCE

- A The Coppice and Oscott Gardens
- B City South Campus
- C Jennens Court
- D clv Birmingham
- E Curzon Gateway
- F The Heights
- G No1 City Locks

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