Student Life

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York & North Yorkshire

OfS Uni Connect Programme

Who are Inspiring Choices?

We support young people as they make decisions about their future education and career.

What we do:

- We run activities in schools and colleges
- Work with young people aged 15 and above
- Opportunities to consider future education options and how to achieve these
- 1 to 1 support
- Organise university campus visits

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Aims of the session

- What is student accommodation.
- Types of accommodation and cost.
- Societies and sports clubs at university.



Activity!

What would you do?

Read the scenarios and discuss with the people around you.

Student Accommodation

Student accommodation could look like:

- **University-owned halls of residence**

Accommodation owned and managed by the university.



City Residence, owned by York St John University.

- **Privately-owned halls of residence**

Owned by private companies. Often mixed with students in different years of study, or even different universities.



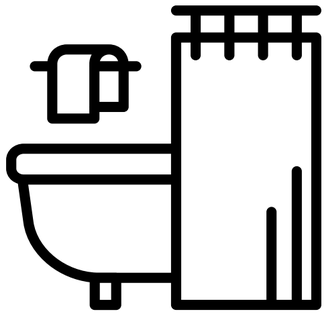
Student Castle, private accommodation in York.

Examples of accommodation



Catered Meals provided for you as part of your accommodation, and included within the cost.

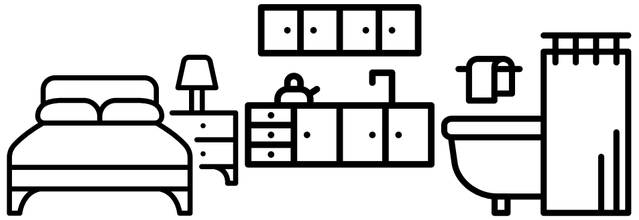
Self-Catered You cook your own meals and make use of a shared kitchen.



Shared You share bathroom and shower facilities with other students.

En-suite You have your own bathroom and shower facilities.

Studio You could also choose studio accommodation if you want a little more privacy!



Activity!

Higher or lower?

Guess if the price of the student accommodation is higher or lower than the previous. Make sure to look at the location and facilities.

Higher or lower?

Where?
York St John University, St John's Central

Distance from university:
14-minute walk from De Grey Court.

Room type:
Standard room with en-suite in a six-bedroom flat.

Includes Wi-Fi, laundry facilities, and bike storage.



Cost: £180 per week

Prices are for the year 2026/2027.

Higher or lower?

Where?
University of Bristol, Wills Hall

Distance from university:
40-minute walk from the closest campus, Clifton Campus.

Room type:
Single room with en-suite, catered accommodation.

Includes Wi-Fi, laundry facilities, bike storage, common room, music practice room, study areas, sports facilities, and a private garden for residents.



Cost: £303 per week

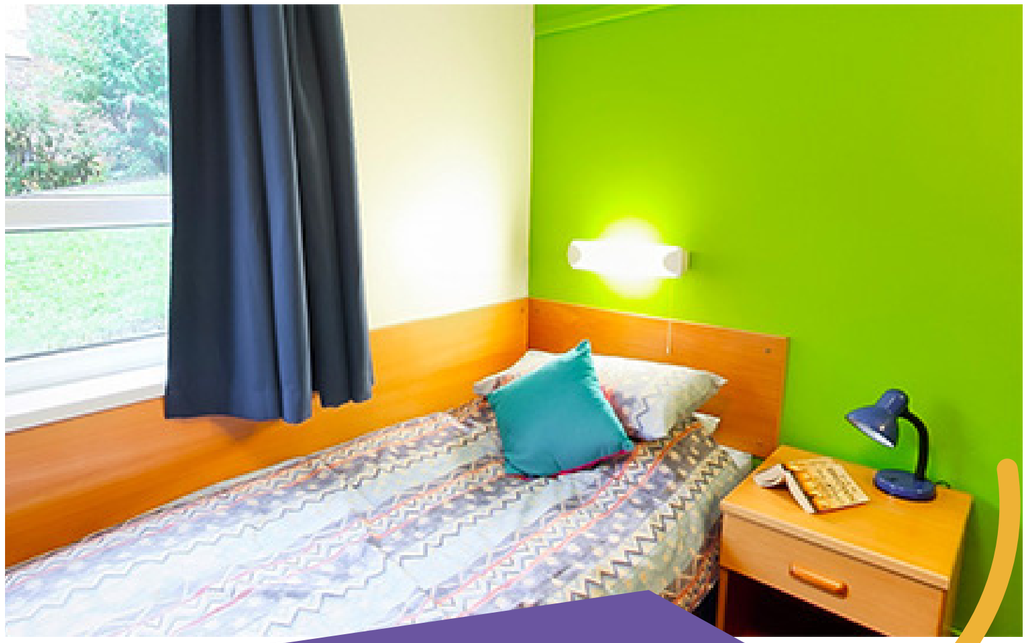
Higher or lower?

Where?
Loughborough University, Rutherford

Distance from university:
Based on university campus and 10-minute walk from Student's Union.

Room type:
Single room, shared bathroom with 4 - 7 students, catered accommodation.

Includes Wi-Fi, laundry facilities, bike storage, common room, games room, and fortnightly cleaning service.



Cost: £189.05 per week

Higher or lower?

Where?
Liverpool John Moores University, Albert Court

Distance from university:
16-minute walk from the city campus.

Room type:
Single room with en-suite, 4-5 bedroom flats.

Includes Wi-Fi, laundry facilities, basic contents insurance, common room and free gym facilities.



Cost: £138 per week

Higher or lower?

Where?
University College London (UCL), Arthur Tattersall House

Distance from university:
2-minute walk from the UCL Bloomsbury campus.

Room type:
Single room with shared bathroom.

Includes Wi-Fi and laundry facilities.



Higher or lower?

Where?
Northumbria University, Winn

Distance from university:
8-minute walk from City Campus East.

Room type:
Double studio with en-suite.

Includes Wi-Fi, laundry facilities and common room.



Cost: £217 per week

Higher or lower?

Where?
University of Exeter, Holland Hall

Distance from university:
7-minute walk from the centre of campus.

Room type:
Double room with en-suite, catered accommodation.

Includes Wi-Fi, laundry facilities, bike storage, study space, and common area.



Cost: £337.16 per week

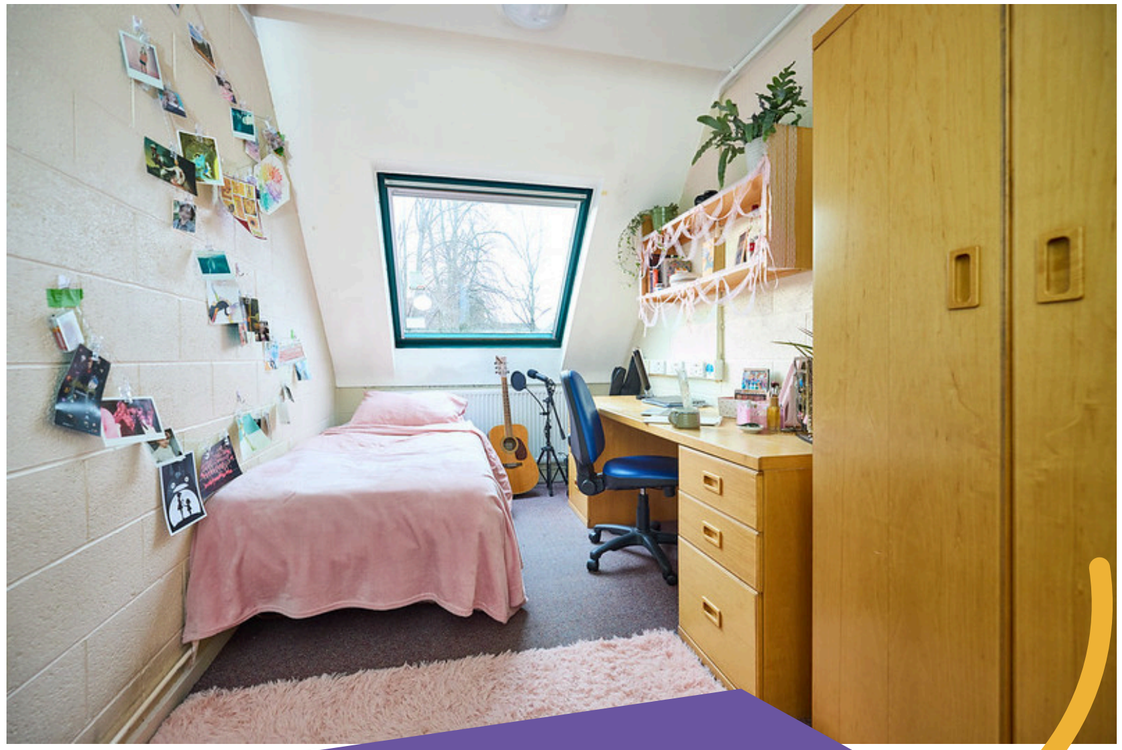
Higher or lower?

Where?
University of Manchester, Whitworth Park

Distance from university:
9-minute walk from the centre of campus.

Room type:
Single room with shared bathroom.

Includes Wi-Fi, laundry facilities, bike storage, bar, contents insurance and gym facilities.



Cost: £122 per week

Higher or lower?

Where?
Sheffield Hallam University, The Pinnacles

Distance from university:
10-minute walk from City Campus.

Room type:
Single room with en-suite, five to six bedroom flats.

Includes Wi-Fi, laundry facilities, bike storage, common room, TV room, study room, and gym facilities.



Cost: £99 per week

Accessible Accommodation

Declare your disability on your application if you are comfortable doing so.

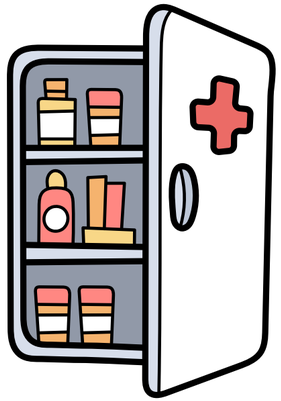
- Sharing your condition helps your chosen university to understand who you are and what support you will require.
- You can also apply for Disabled Student Allowance (DSA) if you have a diagnosis.

Get in touch with your chosen university's student disability services.

- The disability services can help you to find the right accommodation for you (and help with other parts of student life).
- You will likely need to provide medical evidence as part of the process.

Examples at York St John University

- Fire safety equipment for deaf students or students with hearing, or visual impairments.
- Accessible rooms and bathrooms.
- Fridge for medication.
- Provision for support and assistance animals.
- Provision of a second room for a carer.
- Early start programmes
- Single sex/alcohol free/quiet accommodation options.





Under the Equality Act 2010 you are entitled to **reasonable adjustments** which can include **accessible accommodation.**

Societies

What are societies?

Student-led groups formed around shared interests, hobbies, or academic goals. Examples could be:



Artists Society (York St John)



Medieval Society (University of Liverpool)



Doctor Who Society (University of Huddersfield)



Games Society (Leeds Beckett University)

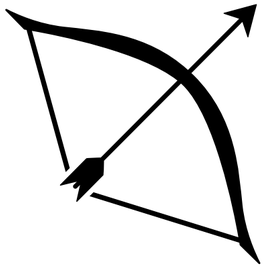
Why join?

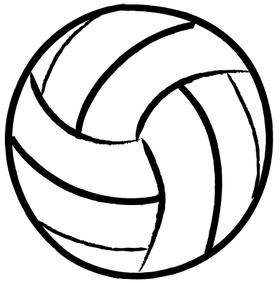
- Meet new people with shared interests.
- Find new interests.
- Develop new skills.

Sports

Competitive

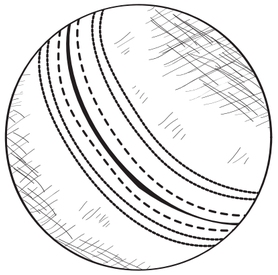
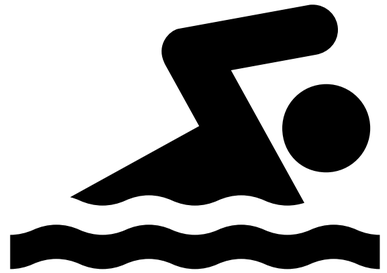
- Travel across the country to compete in leagues against other universities.
- Access to specialist kit and equipment.
- Elite level coaching.



Recreational

- Play sports for fun, with no pressure to win!
- You can make friends and exercise in a fun way.

Activity!

Design a society!

Use the flipchart paper and coloured pens provided to create your own society.

Design a society

In groups or on your own, design a society or sports club of your own!

Include the following information:

- Name of society
- Activities
- Society roles
- Society logo



You will need to pitch your ideas to our student ambassadors, who will then decide their favourites!

Student Ambassador Q&A

Write a question for the student ambassadors on a post-it-note. These will be collected and the ambassadors will answer them for you.

Postcard Feedback

- Your feedback is anonymous (no need to write your name) and helps us to develop and improve our sessions.
- If you can’t think of any improvements, please write ‘nothing’ for question one.
- There are no right or wrong answers, please answer honestly about what you think.
- If there are any questions you really don’t want to answer, it is okay to leave it blank.
- If you have any questions, please ask us.

What others have said:

“I think today's session helped my decisions.”

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