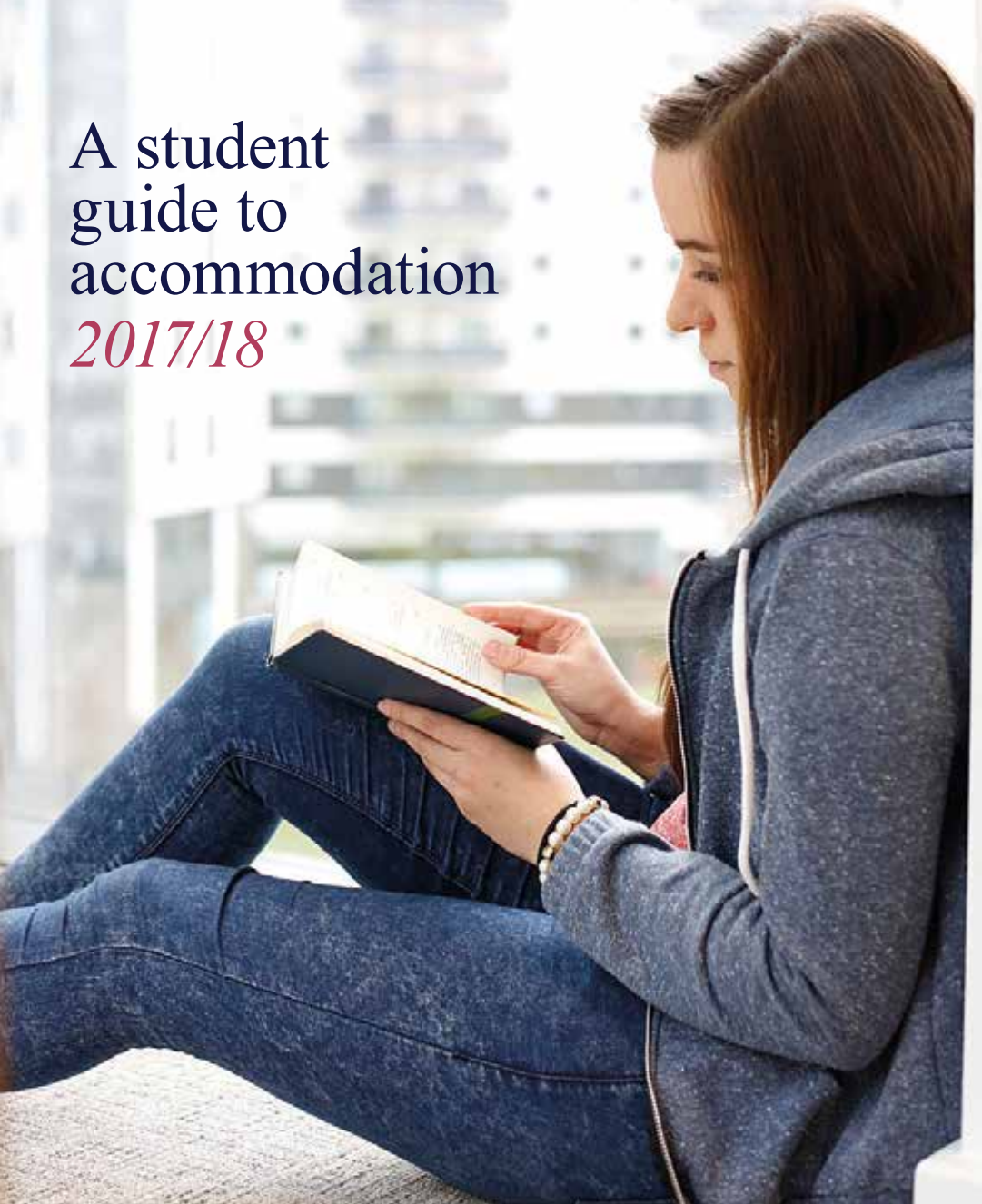




BIRMINGHAM CITY  
University

A student  
guide to  
accommodation  
*2017/18*



# 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 University Partner halls of residence at various locations throughout Birmingham. All University halls are offered on a minimum 39 week contract; University Partner accommodation is 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 visit our website at [www.bcu.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.bcu.ac.uk/accommodation).



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## 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 some partner provider halls and further charges could be incurred).
- Telephone in all study bedrooms for internal calls to Security and Accommodation Office (only available at City North Student Village).
- Free basic package internet connection socket and wi-fi (upgrades are available).
- Resident Student Assistants on hand to facilitate your introduction to the halls of residence and assist you 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.**

# University Locks



**Postcode:** TBC

**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 a TV.

**Location:** Based next to the City Centre Campus

This accommodation is a University Partner Accommodation Provider

**Cost for academic year 2017/18\*:**

## 2 bedroom flats

(40 week contract) - weekly cost £138 (per bedroom)  
Annual cost £5,520 (per bedroom)

(51 week contract) - weekly cost £132 (per bedroom)  
Annual cost £6,732 (per bedroom)

## Shared flats

(40 week contract) Single en suite bedroom - weekly cost £136  
Annual cost £5,440

(51 week contract) Single en suite bedroom - weekly cost £130  
Annual cost £6,630

\*Costs indicated are indicative

## Campus distances

University Locks to:

Campus	Distance	Driving	Walking
Birmingham Conservatoire	0.2 miles	2 minutes	3 minutes
City Centre Campus	0.2 miles	2 minutes	3 minutes
Margaret Street (B'ham School of Art)	0.9 miles	7 minutes	16 minutes
Vittoria Street (School of Jewellery)	1.2 miles	9 minutes	20 minutes
City South Campus	2.1 miles	12 minutes	35 minutes
City North Campus	2.6 miles	9 minutes	41 minutes
Bournville (BCUIC)	4.7 miles	22 minutes	1 hr 14 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](http://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:** Situated to the north of the city, housing primarily Education and City Centre Campus students. Access to "The Den" social and study space with a TV room, pool table and individual study areas. Priority is given to Education students.

Oscott Gardens is University Owned Accommodation

### Cost for academic year 2017/2018\*:

All rents for City North Student Village accommodation have been discounted per week to assist towards travel costs.

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

#### 39 week contract

Standard room – weekly cost £120  
Annual cost £4,680

Large room – weekly cost (10 available) £127.50  
Annual cost £4,972.50

Extra-large room – weekly cost (2 available) £132.50  
Annual cost £5,167.50

\*Costs indicated are indicative

### Campus distances

Oscott Gardens to:

Campus	Distance	Driving	Walking
City North Campus	0.1 miles	1 minute	5 minutes
City Centre Campus	2.7 miles	13 minutes	40 minutes
Vittoria Street (School of Jewellery)	2.7 miles	14 minutes	43 minutes
Birmingham Conservatoire	2.9 miles	15 minutes	45 minutes
Margaret Street (B'ham School of Art)	3 miles	17 minutes	48 minutes
City South Campus	4.4 miles	19 minutes	1 hr 10 minutes
Bournville (BCUIC)	7.2 miles	33 minutes	1 hr 53 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. Access to "The Den" social and study space with a TV room, pool table and individual study areas.

**Location:** Situated to the north of the city, housing primarily Education and City Centre Campus students. Priority is given to Education students.

The Coppice is University Owned Accommodation

### Cost for academic year 2017/2018\*:

All rents for City North Student Village accommodation have been discounted per week to assist towards travel costs.

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

#### 40 week contract

Standard room – weekly cost £93

Annual cost £3,720

\*Costs indicated are indicative

### Campus distances

The Coppice to:

Campus	Distance	Driving	Walking
City North Campus	0.1 miles	1 minute	5 minutes
City Centre Campus	2.7 miles	13 minutes	40 minutes
Vittoria Street (School of Jewellery)	2.7 miles	14 minutes	43 minutes
Birmingham Conservatoire	2.9 miles	15 minutes	45 minutes
Margaret Street (B'ham School of Art)	3 miles	17 minutes	48 minutes
City South Campus	4.4 miles	19 minutes	1 hr 10 minutes
Bournville (BCUIC)	7.2 miles	33 minutes	1 hr 53 minutes

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# 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 University Partner Accommodation Provider

**Cost for academic year 2017/2018\*:**

**43 week contract**

Standard room – weekly cost £130

Annual cost £5,590

\*Costs indicated are indicative

**Campus distances**

Jennens Court to:

Campus	Distance	Driving	Walking
Birmingham Conservatoire	0.2 miles	2 minutes	3 minutes
City Centre Campus	0.2 miles	2 minutes	3 minutes
Margaret Street (B'ham School of Art)	0.8 miles	7 minutes	18 minutes
Vittoria Street (School of Jewellery)	1.2 miles	9 minutes	20 minutes
City South Campus	2.1 miles	12 minutes	35 minutes
City North Campus	3.1 miles	10 minutes	49 minutes
Bournville (BCUIC)	4.7 miles	22 minutes	1 hr 13 minutes

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# The Heights



**Postcode:** B4 7DR

**Layout:** Five bedroom flats

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

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

The Heights is a University Partner Accommodation Provider

**Cost for academic year 2017/18\*:**

**43 week contract**

Standard room – weekly cost £126

Annual cost £5,418

\*Costs indicated are indicative

## Campus distances

The Heights to:

Campus	Distance	Driving	Walking
Birmingham Conservatoire	0.4 miles	6 minutes	10 minutes
City Centre Campus	0.5 miles	6 minutes	10 minutes
Margaret Street (B'ham School of Art)	0.8 miles	8 minutes	17 minutes
Vittoria Street (School of Jewellery)	1 mile	8 minutes	20 minutes
City South Campus	2.3 miles	15 minutes	36 minutes
City North Campus	2.4 miles	7 minutes	38 minutes
Bournville (BCUIC)	4.8 miles	23 minutes	1 hr 15 minutes

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# My Student Village (MSV): *Birmingham*



**Postcode:** B5 7AJ

**Layout:** Four to six bedroom flats

**Facilities:** En suite bedrooms, shared kitchen/lounge per flat. Common room with TV. Free gym and music practice rooms - ideal for Conservatoire students.

**Location:** Corner of Belgrave Middleway and Bristol Road with easy access to the city centre, within reasonable travelling distances from City South Campus, Birmingham Conservatoire and Birmingham School of Art's Margaret Street site. Priority is given to Health students.

MSV is a University Partner Accommodation Provider

## Cost for academic year 2017/2018\*:

### 43 week contract

Standard room – weekly cost £120  
Annual cost £5,160

### 51 week contract

Standard room – weekly cost £115  
Annual cost £5,865

\*Costs indicated are indicative

## Campus distances

MSV to:

Campus	Distance	Driving	Walking
Margaret Street (B'ham School of Art)	1.2 miles	9 minutes	22 minutes
City South Campus	1.3 miles	9 minutes	22 minutes
Birmingham Conservatoire	1.3 miles	9 minutes	22 minutes
City Centre Campus	1.4 miles	10 minutes	24 minutes
Vittoria Street (School of Jewellery)	1.6 miles	12 minutes	27 minutes
Bournville (BCUIC)	3.2 miles	20 minutes	52 minutes
City North Campus	3.9 miles	16 minutes	1 hr 3 minutes

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## Am I eligible for accommodation?

Students are guaranteed a room in University Owned or University Partner 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 within 10 miles of place of study
- have applied for accommodation by **31 July 2017**.

We are able to assist with accommodation to 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 we are able to assist, you must apply online by **31 August 2017**.

Students who live within a 10-mile radius of the study campus but meet the other guarantee 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 2017** provided you have accepted an unconditional or conditional offer of a course at Birmingham City University.

Allocation of rooms will commence from:

- **3 April 2017** for all students holding an accepted Unconditional Firm offer (UF).
- **17 August 2017** 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 and visit [www.bcu.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.bcu.ac.uk/accommodation). If you have any unanswered questions after doing so, please contact Accommodation Services by email on [accommodation@bcu.ac.uk](mailto: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 email [disability@bcu.ac.uk](mailto:disability@bcu.ac.uk).

To apply for accommodation you will need to:

- visit our website at [www.bcu.ac.uk/accommodation](http://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)
- 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.

## The Coppice, Oscott Gardens (City North Student Village) and University Locks

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](http://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.

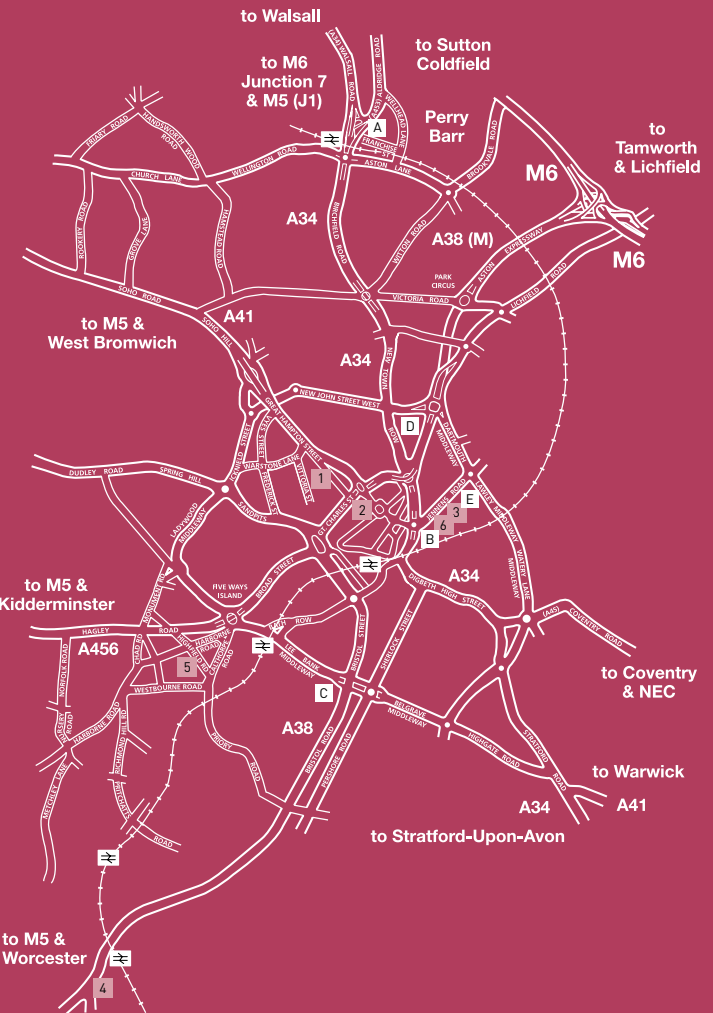
## Jennens Court, The Heights and MSV: Birmingham

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 2017/18

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	University Locks	Jennens Court	MSV Birmingham	The Heights
Price per week (£)	93	120–132.50	130–138	130	115–120	126
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)	•					
Flats/apartments	•	•	•	•	•	•
2 Bedroom Flats			•			
Services						
Laundrette on site	•	•	•	•	•	•
Common room	•	•	•	•	•	•
Internal telephone	•	•				
Car parking	•	•		•	•	•
Facilities						
En suite		•	•	•	•	•
Number to bathroom(s)	6	1	1–2	1	1	1
Bed size	Single	Single	Three quarter	Three quarter	Single	Single
Average room size (sq. metres)	10	13 inc. en suite	14 inc. en suite	14 inc. en suite	12 inc. en suite	13 inc. en suite



## CAMPUSES

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Vittoria Street<br>(School of Jewellery)      | 4 | Bournville<br>(International College)   |
| 2 | Margaret Street<br>(Birmingham School of Art) | 5 | City South Campus   |
| 3 | Birmingham Conservatoire                      | 6 | City Centre Campus<br>(The Curzon Building,<br>Millennium Point and<br>The Parkside Building) |

## HALLS OF RESIDENCE

- A** City North Student Village  
(The Coppice and  
Oscott Gardens)
- B** Jennens Court
- C** My Student Village:  
Birmingham
- D** The Heights
- E** University Locks

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