Welcome to the University of Reading

We are delighted you are interested in living in our accommodation.

We work closely with UPP to provide a successful university experience that will provide you with a home away from home.

At Reading, living in our accommodation will be a great way to make new friends and meet people from different backgrounds.

Our University accommodation team is happy to help you find a great place to live.

Matthew White, Director of Campus Commerce

Halls at a Glance

4982
Student bedrooms on or close to campus

89%
Of students would recommend their hall to other students*

* UPP Reading Customer Satisfaction Survey, 2018–19

All halls no more than

15
Minutes’ walk from the nearest campus

8
Eating outlets to choose from as part of the catered package

24/7
Halls hotline to deal with any halls-related issues quickly and efficiently

£0
Unexpected bills to pay with our all-inclusive rent†

† Includes utility bills, basic contents insurance and communal cleaning

Free
High-speed Wi-Fi

90+
Number of free events provided to residents last year as part of Home at Halls residence life programme

Available on both iOS and Android platforms, our ‘home at halls’ app is dedicated to improving your student experience.
LIVING IN HALLS

WHY LIVE IN HALLS?
University accommodation provides a safe and secure environment for residents to live, study, meet friends and socialise as part of a supportive community.

GREAT LOCATION
All accommodation is located either on the main Whiteknights campus or within a 15 minute walk.

RANGE OF ACCOMMODATION CHOICES TO SUIT YOUR NEEDS
Express a preference for self-catered rooms or catered rooms with a contract length to suit your needs from our wide variety of room types for various budgets. Do you have a special requirement due to a medical condition? Do you want to live in a same gender flat or a quieter lifestyle flat? We have accommodation to suit all needs!

ALL INCLUSIVE RENT
Including:
• all utility bills
• Wi-Fi
• a basic level of contents insurance
• maintenance
• communal cleaning, including communal kitchen areas and shared bathroom facilities

LOW DEPOSIT
An amount of £250 is payable to accept your offer of accommodation. Your offer cannot be accepted without payment of this amount.

SAFE AND SECURE
The halls have regular security patrols and CCTV is constantly monitored. Each group of halls has a staffed reception.

WELFARE SUPPORT
A dedicated and experienced team of on-site staff wardens and hall mentors take care of all aspects of pastoral care.

24/7 HALLS HOTLINE
Available 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year ensuring any halls-related issues are dealt with quickly and efficiently.

COMMUNITY
‘home at halls’ is our residence life programme with a team dedicated to organising free and low-cost events for everyone living in halls at the University of Reading. Our activities involve cultural experiences, fitness and well-being, life skills, seasonal celebrations and so much more! We welcome students of all ages to participate, meet new people, and make the most of living within the University’s community.

Each hall also has its own Junior Common Room (JCR) Committee which is made up of students who have previously lived in halls. The JCR Representatives co-ordinate social activities throughout the year, such as Welcome Week events, formal dinners and halls sports teams. All residents can join the JCR for a small fee and become part of the hall community.

SOCIAL SPACES AND STUDY AREAS
All Hall Groups have access to a shared social space and most halls have a JCR area. Park Group can use the facilities at Park Eat and Park lounge. Redlands and Northcourt Group has social spaces based within their halls.

We also have brand new study spaces within halls from all groups. Halls without study areas are able to access the closest hall’s study area. For example, residents of Bridges Hall are able to use the study space within Wessex Hall.
APPLYING FOR ACCOMMODATION

ACCOMMODATION APPLICATION TIMELINE 2020 – 2021

28 January 2020
Applications are open for new undergraduates' and postgraduates'. You can apply with either an unconditional or conditional academic offer so long as you have accepted Reading as your Firm UCAS choice/accepted your academic offer.

From 28 January 2020
Unconditional academic offer holders. We will start to make offers of accommodation to applicants with unconditional academic offers. Normally you will receive an offer within 10 days of making your accommodation application. We will contact you by email with your offer. You will have five days to accept your offer of accommodation. To accept your offer you will need to pay a £250 deposit. If you subsequently do not meet the conditions of your academic offer, this payment will be refunded.

1 August 2020
Terms of academic offer: 31 August 2020
Guarantee: The deadline to apply for accommodation under the guarantee is midnight on this date. You must then fulfill the terms of your academic offer by 31 August in order to receive a guaranteed place in halls.

From 13 August 2020
Conditional academic offer holders. Once you have met the conditions of your academic offer, we will allocate your accommodation. We will contact you by email with your offer. You will have five days to accept your offer of accommodation.

From 17 August 2020
Insurance students and those not yet applied. Applications open for those coming to Reading through insurance or others who have not yet made an accommodation application.

From 17 August 2020
Clearing and Adjustment students. Applications open for those coming to Reading through Clearing or Adjustment.

From 24 August 2020
E-induction and booking your arrival slot. The compulsory e-induction will be available from late August 2020. You will receive an email inviting you to complete this. Once you have completed your e-induction you will be able to book your arrival slot.

From 7 September 2020
Room numbers. Provisional room numbers will be made available on the portal - we will email when yours is available. Please be aware, this is subject to change before your arrival.

17 September 2020
‘Early start’ contract arrivals. This day is mainly for International student arrivals who have booked this contract start date.

18/19/20 September 2020
Main hall arrival days. You will be allocated a specific arrival day dependent on which hall you are moving into.

ACCOMMODATION GUARANTEE

You will be guaranteed an offer of a place in hall if you are:

• a new undergraduate who holds Reading as a firm UCAS choice and applies for accommodation by 23:59 on 1 August and satisfies the conditions of your academic offer by 31 August of your year of entry *

• a new postgraduate who has accepted an offer from the University and applies for accommodation by 23:59 on 1 August and satisfies any conditions of your academic offer by 31 August of your year of entry*.

* Subject to restrictions, applications made by 1 August 2020 are guaranteed an offer of accommodation. Our offer may not meet your stated preferences. Please see the Accommodation Policy for more details.

INSURANCE CHOICE

If you choose the University of Reading as your insurance choice you are not guaranteed an offer of a place in halls accommodation. You will be able to apply for accommodation once Reading becomes your firm choice; this is usually the Monday after A-Level results.

HOW TO MAKE AN APPLICATION

All applications are made online through the accommodation pages of the RISIS web applicant portal. You will be sent an email when you are eligible to make your application for accommodation. There is no charge for making an application. At the time of accepting an accommodation offer you will be asked to pay a security deposit of £250. You will not be able to accept an offer of accommodation without payment of deposit.

For information on how to pay your Accommodation Fees, see page 7.

You must add accommodationonline@reading.ac.uk to your email’s trusted/safe sender list, to ensure you receive our emails!
CHOOSING YOUR ACCOMMODATION

THINGS TO CONSIDER

STEP 1 APPLIC YING FOR JUST YOU, OR ARE YOU A COUPLE OR A FAMILY?

Most students need a room just for themselves. However we do provide accommodation options for those applying with a family or as a couple. Get in touch with the Accommodation Office at accommodationonline@reading.ac.uk for more information on family and couples accommodation.

STEP 2 CATERED OR SELF-CATERED?

Keen on cooking? Or would you prefer your meals catered? Select from a range of options; from fully catered to optional ‘top-up’ eating plans. Page 8 contains more information.

STEP 3 YOUR PREFERRED ROOM TYPE

When thinking about your room type, there are a few different factors to consider. For example, are you happy to share a bathroom? Your budget will play a big part and needs careful consideration. Pages 10 to 14 of this booklet can help you decide. Due to demand we may not always be able to meet your room preference. You need to make at least three choices of preferred accommodation. The more preferences you pick, the more likely we will be able to meet your requirements.

STEP 4 PREFERRED CONTRACT LENGTH?

We have different contract lengths available for full year and shorter periods of study, with entry points in September 2020 and January 2021. Full-time students have the choice of the following contract lengths*:

- 51 weeks (Sept to Sept): Postgraduate students often select this option but it is also suitable for any undergraduates who would like to use their room over the summer vacation. You are advised to check with your course to see which contract length will be most appropriate for you.
- 40 weeks (Sept to June): This is the most popular option for undergraduate students and postgraduates who are not required to be in Reading for their course over the Summer period.
- 38 weeks (Sept to mid-June): There are a limited number of these contracts available for the 2020/21 academic year.

*Not all contract lengths are available in each hall; please see the summary table on page 14 for a complete overview of our accommodation offering.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

When making your application, you have the opportunity to note any specific requirements. This includes single gender accommodation, living in a ‘quieter lifestyle’ area and any medical conditions such as needing a wheelchair accessible room, or other conditions which may affect your time in halls. Please ensure you complete this part of the application accurately to ensure we match your requirements as closely as possible.

**SG** Single gender accommodation means sharing a house/flat (not a room) with other students of the same gender. If you require single gender accommodation please state this within the specific requirements text box. Please be aware in either male or female single gender accommodation guests (including overnight guests) may be of a different gender. Visiting staff members (cleaners, maintenance staff etc.) may also be of a different gender.

**QL** Quieter lifestyle. We aim to allocate students together who consider themselves to have a ‘quieter lifestyle’. Please note, we can’t guarantee a permanent quiet environment. Communal living will always involve some level of noise. However by placing students requesting a quieter lifestyle together we hope to better meet the different expectations of our students.

To see which halls have quietier lifestyle areas and single gender areas please see pages 10–14.

For more information see our specific requirements web page.
## ACCOMMODATION COSTS

### CATERED

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<th>Catered room type</th>
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| Upgraded room with washbasin, single bed (shared bathroom facilities) | Wantage Hall: £170.17  
Windsor Hall: £168.42 |                  |                   |                  |              |              |
| Upgraded room (shared bathroom facilities) | Single bed: £166.32  
4ft-wide bed: £168.42 |                  |                   |                  |              |              |
| Standard room with washbasin (with shared bathroom facilities) | £129.34  
£161.98 |                  |                   |                  |              |              |

†40 week residency period. The catering allowance is included for use during the 31 weeks of term time and Welcome Week.

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† for 40 (or 51 weeks where available)

### Paying your accommodation fees

Accommodation payments are due termly. The specific payments and their due dates can be viewed on your accommodation offer via the [RISIS web portal](http://www.reading.ac.uk/accommodation).

If you are on a 40 week contract your fees will be split into three unequal payments of 40%, 40% and 20%.

If you are on a 51 week contract your fees will be split into four unequal payments of 35%, 35%, 15% and 15%.
CLEVER CUISINE
Your stress-free pre-paid approach to eating during term time whilst living in halls.

WELCOME TO CLEVER CUISINE
Now you can eat what you want, where you want, when you want. Enjoy meals that are expertly cooked, using only the freshest ingredients anywhere on campus. With discounts of up to 35% and free hot drinks, Clever Cuisine is inclusive for students living in catered accommodation or can be individually purchased by all other students by the term or year.

SO HOW DOES IT WORK?
Very simply is the answer; money is added to your Campus Card automatically every Saturday morning. You then have seven days, until the following Friday, to spend your balance in any of the outlets listed in your meal plan.

For full information on catered room packages and the outlets available around campus please visit reading.ac.uk/clevercuisine
MEAL PLANS

Platinum
Included at Dunsden Crescent, Wantage and Windsor Halls or as an optional add-on for self catered rooms

Our most comprehensive catering solution which covers 18 to 21 meals per week depending on how you choose to spend it. The Platinum plan is included in the price of most catered hall rooms and is automatically added to your campus card or can be purchased by any students living elsewhere. This plan is available in the widest selection of eateries. This plan includes unlimited soft drinks or coffee.

Gold
Optional add-on for self-catered rooms

A scaled-down catering solution which covers around eight meals per week. It works in the same way as the Platinum plan, meaning you are free to spend it as you wish on breakfasts, lunches or dinners. This plan includes unlimited coffee each week.

Silver

A plan designed especially for residents of St Patrick’s which is also available for any other students to buy. It can be used at Eat at the Square, St Patrick’s, Park Eat, The Dairy, Park Market, Roastology and Market Place. This plan also includes a free hot drink at dinner time at St Patrick’s.

MEAL PLAN TARIFF

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<th>Meal plan</th>
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For all prices and full details visit reading.ac.uk/clevercuisine

HOW DO I GET A MEAL PLAN?

Catered room students – you will be automatically subscribed to the relevant eating plan, the cost of which is included in your accommodation fees.

All other students – meal plans are sold either by the term or for the academic year (31 weeks)

For more information or to purchase a meal plan please visit reading.ac.uk/clevercuisine. We will send you a link to the payment portal, once you have been allocated a room.

Payment is via credit or debit card. Please note, once a meal plan has begun it cannot be refunded.

YOUR ACCOMMODATION BUDGET

We know your budget is often a big concern. That’s why utility bills, Wi-Fi and a basic level of contents insurance are all included in all our accommodation costs.

Clever Cuisine, our catered package, which includes the Platinum Meal Plan, may suit you best if you’re worried about how you’ll budget, as you’ll receive a weekly allowance of £72.80 during term-time (31 weeks) to spend on meals. At St Patrick’s Hall, we have a Silver low-cost Meal Plan. This is intended to allow you to purchase your main meal each day during the 31 weeks of term via a weekly cash allowance of £40.25 – this allowance can be used at St Patrick’s Hall, Park Eat, Eat at the Square or The Dairy.

Other living costs you might want to consider include laundry charges, the cost of food if you are in a self-catered hall, JCR membership, TV licence, any additional contents insurance to cover items such as your phone, any travel you may need to do and the money you’ll spend socialising.

We suggest that you review your loan entitlement and other planned income to help you work out what you can afford to spend on accommodation. A summary table can be found on page 14 with a complete overview of our accommodation offering.

For advice about managing your money and budgeting, visit our Fees and Funding pages and RUSU’s money advice webpages.

Why not try the budget calculator provided by UCAS here?
ROOM TYPE OPTIONS
PREMIUM EN-SUITE AND EN-SUITE ROOMS

Our **premium en-suite rooms** offer a high standard of accommodation in modern, well-appointed buildings. Premium en-suite rooms include a 4ft-wide bed, en-suite shower room and fitted furniture. All premium en-suites are self-catered rooms.

Our **en-suite rooms** offer a comfortable, well-equipped bedroom with fitted furniture, shelving units and an en-suite shower room, often in a ‘wet room’ style. There are both catered and self-catered en-suite rooms available.

### AVAILABLE AT

**BENYON HALL**
- 4 mins
- 40 and 51 week contract lengths available

**BRIDGES HALL**
- 4 mins
- 40 and 51 week contract lengths available

**CHILDS/MACKINDER/STENTON HALLS**
- 4 mins
- 40 and 51 week contract lengths available

**DUNSDEN CRESCENT**
- 4 mins
- 40 week contract lengths only

**GREENOW & MCCOMBIE HOUSE**
- 2 mins
- 40 week contract lengths only

**SHERFIELD HALL**
- 4 mins
- 40 and 51 week contract lengths available

**ST GEORGE’S HALL**
- 8 mins
- 40 and 51 week contract lengths available

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**Example of a premium en-suite room**

- 8 to 10 flatmates
- Private bathroom
- £182.98 per week (self-catered)

**Example of an en-suite room**

- 8 to 10 flatmates
- Private bathroom
- £155.95–163.80 per week (self-catered)
- £199.92 per week (catered)
TOWNHOUSE AND PREMIUM SHARED BATHROOM

Our townhouse rooms are arranged in modern, self-catered houses with 12 bedrooms arranged over three floors. Four bedrooms on each floor share two bathrooms. Bridges Townhouses have longer than standard single beds and Stenton Townhouses have 4ft-wide beds.

Our premium rooms with shared bathroom facilities have ten bedrooms which share three bathrooms. These flats have a modern kitchen, dining room and living area and are self-catered.

Example of a Townhouse

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Example of a premium shared bathroom

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<td>10 bedrooms share three bathrooms</td>
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AVAILABLE AT

BRIDGES TOWNHOUSE

QL

10 mins

40 and 51 week contract lengths available

STENTON TOWNHOUSE

QL

4 mins

40 and 51 week contract lengths available

Catered

self-catered

quieter lifestyle areas available

single gender areas available

catering outlet

study spaces

wheelchair accessible rooms
UPGRADED AND STANDARD ROOM WITH SHARED BATHROOM FACILITIES

There are a range of halls offering shared bathroom facilities; many include a washbasin within the room.

At St George’s and Wessex Halls, all the rooms have washbasins, have been upgraded and are self-catered. Kitchen facilities are shared with other residents in a traditional corridor-style arrangement.

At Wantage and Windsor Hall the rooms are part of the catered accommodation. Wantage Hall has both standard and upgraded rooms, with or without a washbasin. At Windsor Hall, all rooms have been upgraded and there are rooms with either a single, or 4ft-wide bed, with or without a washbasin.

Example of a washbasin room

- **Self-catered rent** per week
  - Upgraded with washbasin and double bed: £154.70
  - Upgraded with washbasin: £130.55 – 133.00
  - Standard with washbasin: £130.55 – 143.50
  - Standard non-washbasin with double bed: £143.50
  - Standard non-washbasin: £130.55 – 143.50

- **Catered rent** per week
  - Upgraded with washbasin at Wantage Hall: £170.17
  - Upgraded at Windsor Hall – 4ft-wide bed with washbasin: £170.17
    - non-washbasin: £168.42
  - Upgraded at Windsor Hall – single bed with washbasin: £168.42
    - non-washbasin: £166.32
  - Standard with/out washbasin at St Patrick’s Hall: £129.34
  - Standard with washbasin at Wantage Hall: £161.98
  - Standard without washbasin at Wantage Hall and Northcourt Houses: £154.42

AVAILABLE AT

**ST GEORGE’S HALL**
- **QL**
- **8 mins**
- 40 and 51 week contract lengths available

**ST PATRICK’S HALL**
- **QL**
- **in hall**
- 40 week contract lengths only

**WANTAGE HALL**
- **QL**
- **in hall**
- 40 week contract lengths only

**WESSEX HALL**
- **10 mins**
- 40 week contract lengths only

**WINDSOR HALL**
- **in hall**
- 40 week contract lengths only
SELF-CONTAINED ROOMS

STUDIO
Self-contained studios are available across Northcourt Avenue Houses, Benyon, St George's and Wessex Halls. This option is best suited to students who prefer their own private bathroom and kitchen. Please note: Studio rooms are for single occupancy with the exception of double studios which can accommodate up to two adults.

STUDY SUITE
A Study Suite includes a bedroom with a double bed and a private study room. The bathroom and kitchen facilities are shared with other students in a large detached house. There are a limited number of Study Suite’s offered at Northcourt Avenue Houses, which are suitable for up to two adults.

STUDY SET
In St Patrick’s Hall we have four Study Sets, each having a bedroom and a separate lounge. Two of the four share a bathroom and all four share one kitchen, accessible by going outside. Study Sets are for single occupancy.

Rent per week
- Studio at St George’s and Wessex Halls: £205.45
- Study Set at St Patrick’s Hall: £143.50
- Studio with double bed at Northcourt Avenue Houses and Benyon Hall: £224.00
- Study Suite at Northcourt Avenue houses: £182.98

AVAILABLE AT

NORTHCOURT AVENUE HOUSES
- QL
- 8 mins
- 51 week contract lengths only

ST GEORGE’S HALL
- QL
- 8 mins
- 40 and 51 week contract lengths available

ST PATRICK’S HALL
- in hall
- 40 week contract lengths only

WESSEX HALL
- 10 mins
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT’S INCLUDED IN EACH ROOM/FLAT?

All bedrooms are furnished with:
- bed, mattress and mattress protector
- desk and desk chair
- shelves and wardrobe.

All kitchens are equipped with:
- microwave
- fridge and kettle
- toaster.

The kitchens in the self-catered areas also include cookers and freezers. In addition to your personal items, you will need to bring*: cookware (such as pots and pans). The Premium en-suite rooms at Park Group and the Stenton Townhouses have induction hobs so please bring suitable pans; crockery and utensils; towels, bed linen, duvet and pillows (the Premium en-suite and Stenton Townhouses rooms require linen to fit 4ft wide beds) (rooms in Bridges Hall require a sheet to fit a double bed as they are a non-standard size and longer than a standard single bed).

* a more detailed list of what you do and don’t need to bring with you to your accommodation is included in your arrival information, see below.

WHAT INFORMATION WILL I RECEIVE BEFORE I ARRIVE?

Before you arrive in hall you will be asked to complete a mandatory induction. This will include valuable arrival information, details of what to bring, a link to your A–Z Halls Guide and an insight into hall life to prepare you for your time in hall.

CAN I LIVE IN HALL ACCOMMODATION BEYOND THE FIRST YEAR?

We have a limited number of rooms available for returning students. Details are made available during the first term.

CAN I HAVE MY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS ACCOMMODATED?

The University’s Disability Team works closely with the Accommodation Office to assist students’ with special requirements. They provide support and advice services. Contact disability@reading.ac.uk or 0118 378 8921 as soon as possible if you need an accessible room or have a particular requirement of your room due to a disability.

DO YOU HAVE ACCOMMODATION FOR FAMILIES AND COUPLES?

Yes, see our Families, Couples and Mature students accommodation guide here.

CAN I BRING MY CAR OR BICYCLE WITH ME?

Except in very specific cases students living in halls are unable to bring a car and the area around the University is for local residents parking only. For all information regarding car, motorcycle or visitor parking please see www.reading.ac.uk/parking

All halls are within easy walking distance of both campuses and conveniently close to excellent bus routes serving supermarkets, Reading town centre and train station.

Cycling is encouraged and lockable bike sheds/racks are available in all of the halls. The basic contents insurance included with your room does not protect bikes, laptops, phones are other items outside your room. You may wish to arrange alternative insurance.

CAN I ACCESS THE INTERNET FROM MY HALL ROOM?

Wi-Fi is available across the halls. This is a University IT service delivering broadband access to the University campus data network and the internet.

DO I NEED TO MOVE OUT FOR THE CHRISTMAS AND EASTER VACATIONS?

The residency periods include the Christmas and Easter vacations there is no need to move out of your hall room during these times.

WHAT IS A SHARED BATHROOM?

A shared bathroom means shared bathroom facilities as opposed to your own private en-suite. Toilets and showers are arranged into separate lockable cubicles accessible to all residents within that flat.

DO SHARED BATHROOMS HAVE DEFINED GENDERS?

The bathrooms within Wantage and Wessex Halls have defined gender bathrooms within the hall corridors. Where shared bathrooms are in mixed gender flats, these are unisex.

Please note

All photos are examples of facilities on offer and individual rooms may vary. Whilst every effort has been made to ensure that the details outlined in this booklet are correct at the time of publication, some arrangements may be subject to change.