STAYING IN HALLS OVER THE WINTER BREAK?

We know that some of you may be leaving halls for the holidays and hope that you have a lovely break. However, if you are staying in halls, here is everything you need to know...

WINTER BREAK OPENING TIMES

The University closure period is from:
24 December 2021 – 3 January 2022
(inclusive)

Receptions and Parcel Collection

We have normal opening hours up to and including Friday 24th December and from Tuesday 4th January 2022.

Receptions and parcel collection will be on reduced hours between Wednesday 29th – Friday 31st December.

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| Mon 13/12 – Fri 24/12: | Reception open: 08.30 – 17.30  
Parcel collection: 08.30 – 09.30 / 14:00 – 17.30 |
| Sat 25/12 – Tue 28/12: | Closed                                       |
| Wed 29/12 – Fri 31/12: | Reception and parcel collection open: 12:00 – 14:00 only |
| Sat 01/01 – Mon 03/01: | Closed                                       |
| Tue 04/01 – Fri 07/01: | Reception open: 08.30 – 17.30  
Parcel collection: 08.30 – 09.30 / 14:00 – 17.30 |
Festive Activities

If you’re staying in halls over the Winter break, please keep an eye on your Home at Halls app. There will be some event packs delivered to each reception containing some festive activities to keep you occupied – therefore, please remember to sign up when the event goes live on the app!

Santa’s Sleigh
Tuesday 7th December

Come along to Park Reception for a chance to see Santa’s Sleigh and enjoy a choccy treat!

Perfect to get you into the festive mood before term ends on the 10th December!

Available between 16:30 - 18:00
(Weather permitting)
Bars & Catering

- **Wantage Dining**
  - Closed Saturday 11/12 - Sunday 09/01

- **St Patrick’s Dining**
  - Closed Saturday 11/12 - Friday 07/01

- **Ice House**
  - Closed Saturday 11/12 - Thursday 06/01

- **The Square**
  - Closed Saturday 11/12 - Sunday 09/01

- **The Dairy**
  - Mon 13/12 - Thu 16/12
  - Fri 17/12
  - Sat 18/12 & Sun 19/12
  - Mon 20/12 - Thu 23/12
  - Fri 24/12 - Mon 03/01

- **Park House**
  - Mon 13/12 - Fri 17/12
  - Saturday 18/12
  - Sunday 19/12
  - Mon 20/12 - Thu 23/12
  - Fri 24/12 - Mon 03/01

- **Park Bar**
  - Closed Saturday 11/12 - Thursday 06/01
  - (some alcoholic beverages available from food counters)

Cleaning & Laundry

**Cleaning**
Limited kitchen cleaning will take place over the closure period. Normal cleaning will resume on 4 January 2022. There will be a limited cleaning service to communal facilities over the 29, 30 and 31 December.

**Laundry**
Laundry facilities will be open as usual with no changes to opening times.

Academia Office

Open as usual up to and including the 23rd December and from 4th January.

- **Friday 24/12**
  - Open 09:00 - 17:00, via phone and email
- **Mon 27/12 & Tue 28/12**
  - Closed
- **Wed 29/12 - Fri 31/12**
  - Open 09:00 - 17:00, via phone and email
- **Monday 03/01**
  - Closed

Halls Hotline
The Halls Hotline is open 24/7 over the closure period, including Christmas Day and New Year.
Get in touch by calling: **0800 029 1984** or via email at: **Reading.Helpdesk@upp-ltd.com**
If you see anyone acting suspiciously, or have any concerns call the Halls Hotline. Please make sure your windows are closed and doors are locked when you are not in the building.

Clever Cuisine Eating Plans
Meals are offered throughout the Winter Break for students in catered halls. All eating plans are available and can be purchased at www.clever-cuisine.com.

Come and enjoy a traditional British Christmas Lunch at Park Eat from Midday to 14:00 on Christmas Day (25th December).
During this time the gym will be open alongside fantastic group exercise timetable offering a range of high intensity classes, along with some more fun festive sessions. They will also offer a VO2 vacation membership at just £25 for unlimited gym and classes with no commitment lasting 1 month.

While open, they will also be offering 3G football pitches, both indoor and outdoor tennis, indoor badminton, squash and table tennis - just to mention a few.
RUSU

- RUSU will be closed from 17:00 on the 23rd Dec to 8am on the 4th Jan
- Reception will be open as usual (09:00 to 17:00 Mon to Friday) until 23rd December, reopening on the 4th Jan
- The Study will be open throughout the Christmas break but will be closed during the closure period from 23rd Dec to 4th Jan
- All Franchisees within RUSU will be open as normal but closed during the full closure period (23rd Dec to 4th Jan)
- From 11th Dec to 23rd Dec and 4th Jan to 8th Jan, Starbucks will be open 10:00 to 14.30 Mon to Fri. Fully reopening on the 10th Jan 08.30 to 18.30
- Mojos will be closed from the 11th December until 10th Jan but we do have a big event on the 10th Dec which will be a good ‘send off’ - see below.

- Christmas End of Term Party feat. Joel Corry - 10th December

Student Services

Closed in line with University’s closure period, including Welfare/DAS/ Counselling. Wardens will be operating a one person on call system. Normal contact methods apply which is email or calls in Halls Hotline/Security.

Chaplaincy

Will be closed over the University’s closure period. W/c 15th December the centre will be open, but it won’t be staffed (there will be contact details available in the building).

Dolchevita and HBS Café

Open and operating normal hours until 23rd December, then opening again on 3rd January.

Agric, Trilobite and Breakfast Box

Closed from 20th December, then opening again on 3rd January.
Looking for more to do in Reading over the holidays?
Keep up to date with the latest news on what's on in and around the town!
Click on one of the pictures below to explore events around Reading.

What's on at Reading Biscuit Factory
Click here to check out Reading's new cinema and arts venue with three-screen cinema, bar, coffee shop, live performance space and community hub!