

## Accommodation Guide 2014



**LONDON LIFE**  
**CAMPUS LIVING**

## Our campus accommodation package includes:

- ✓ **Guaranteed accommodation** for all new UCAS main scheme first year undergraduates, including those from the local area
- ✓ **Guaranteed accommodation** for all new, full-time postgraduates who have confirmed their acceptance and met the conditions for a course by 1 September
- ✓ **Free network connection** in all rooms through which you can access the Internet at no extra cost, plus Wi-Fi\*
- ✓ **Modern accommodation**, with a choice of either en suite or standard facilities as well as studio flats for co-habiting couples and rooms that can be adapted to meet the needs of disabled students
- ✓ **Heating, lighting, water and basic insurance included** in your rent



# Living at Brunel

## Your plan of action

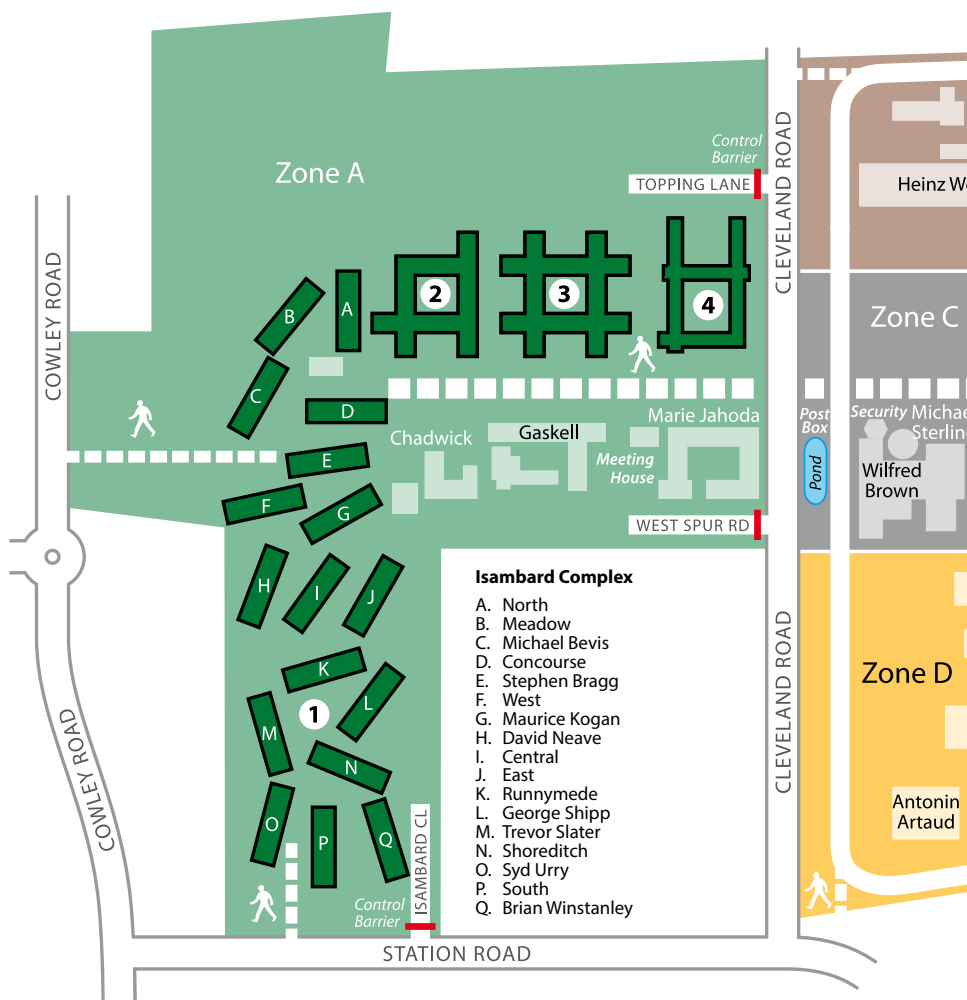
**All offer holders will be sent an email in January/February by the Accommodation Office with further details of how to apply.**

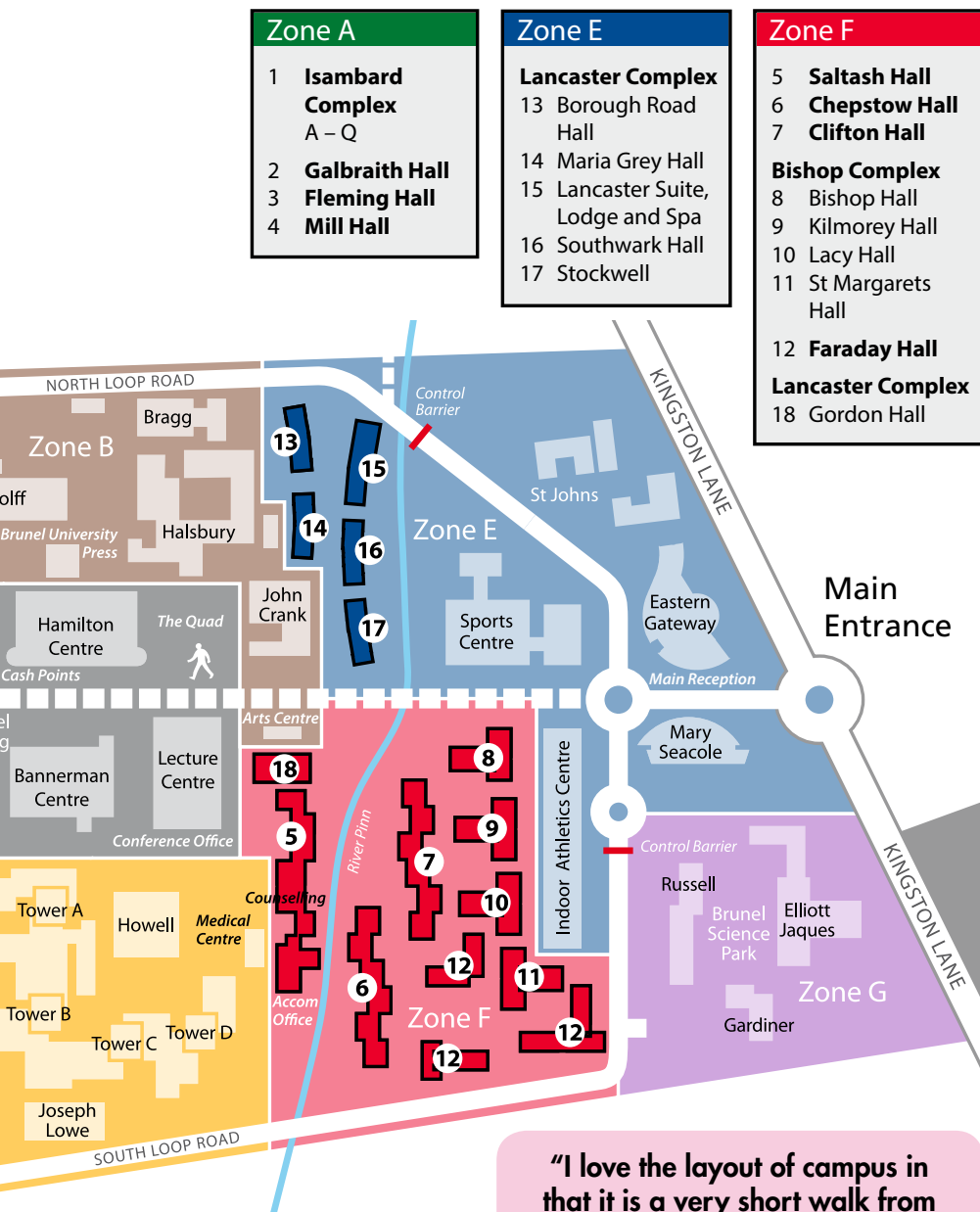
To be considered for a room in Brunel's halls you will need to submit an application form online.

You can indicate a preference for a particular hall and for either an en suite or standard room. The Accommodation Office will take your preference into account, but your choice cannot be guaranteed as some types of accommodation are more popular than others.



Brunei is a campus university within easy reach of Central London, offering you the best of both worlds. You are never more than a 10 minute walk away from the halls of residence, teaching, catering, social and sporting facilities. Uxbridge town centre is a walk or short bus-ride away, and Central London can be accessed by tube, train and bus.





**"I love the layout of campus in that it is a very short walk from campus accommodation to the lecture centre and the library."**

Camilla Greene, English

## EN SUITE HALLS AND STUDIO FLATS

Our en suite halls are always very popular. These halls contain specially adapted rooms for disabled students. Our 112 studio flats for couples are located in the Isambard Complex.

### Rent

Rent rates for 2013 and 2014 are not yet set, but for 2012/13 the rate is **£119.77** per week for en suite rooms laid out in flats, and **£117.74** per week for en suite rooms laid out in corridors (Mill Hall).

The rate for a studio flat is **£180.04** per week.

Rent rates include heating, lighting, water and standard insurance. Please check the web for the latest rates:

**[www.brunel.ac.uk/services/accommodation](http://www.brunel.ac.uk/services/accommodation)**

### Tenancy period

Currently **36** weeks for undergraduates, **51** weeks for postgraduates.

### Internet

Free network connection in all rooms through which you can access the Internet at no extra cost, plus Wi-Fi\*.

### Facilities

Bathrooms contain a vanity unit, bath and/or shower, washbasin and lavatory.

### Security

Swipe card entry or entrance code system; most halls also have CCTV monitoring.



## Fleming Hall

This large, modern residence comprises 380 en suite bedrooms divided into 52 flats, each with a shared kitchen.



\* with some limitations and subject to the Computer Centre's Terms and Conditions



## Faraday Hall

This hall is close to the main entrance and sports facilities. There are 279 en suite rooms with 11 rooms sharing a kitchen on each corridor plus a small common room, making this hall a great place to socialise.



## Galbraith Hall

Galbraith Hall is set around an attractive courtyard and is close to the centre of campus. With 328 en suite rooms in all, the 40 flats each contain 5 to 10 rooms around a large, communal kitchen.





## Mill Hall

This hall is built around a landscaped courtyard with easy access to local bus services. The 357 en suite rooms are spread over 27 corridors, each sharing a kitchen.



## Bishop Complex

### **Bishop, Kilmorey, Lacy and St Margaret's Halls**

The Bishop Complex is one of our largest residences, and is situated next to the Indoor Athletics Centre. There are 698 en suite rooms across the four halls, divided into flats which each share a large, communal kitchen. Each block is accessed by lift.





## Lancaster Complex

**Stockwell, Southwark, Borough Road,  
Maria Grey and Gordon Halls**

Situated at the heart of the campus, the Lancaster Complex consists of 498 en suite rooms, divided into 52 flats of up to 10 residents who have shared use of a large communal kitchen/diner. Some flats are specially adapted to make them more accessible and all halls in the Complex have lifts.



## Isambard Complex

**North, Meadow, Michael Bevis, Concourse,  
Stephen Bragg, West, Maurice Kogan,  
David Neave, Central, East, Runnymede,  
George Shipp, Trevor Slater, Shoreditch,  
Syd Urry, South and Brian Winstanley Halls**

Set in landscaped grounds at the west end of the campus, this spectacular new complex provides 1,188 en suite rooms, 40 specially adapted rooms for disabled students, and 112 studio flats for co-habiting couples.



## STANDARD HALLS

Rooms in standard halls offer quality accommodation at a lower cost than the en suite residences. These smaller, more intimate halls are very sociable spaces in which to live. The three halls are similar in both appearance and location, close to the centre of the campus and the River Pinn.

### Rent

Rent rates for 2013 and 2014 are not yet set, but for 2012/13 the rate is **£94.01** per week. Please check the web for the latest rates: **[www.brunel.ac.uk/services/accommodation](http://www.brunel.ac.uk/services/accommodation)**

### Tenancy period

Currently **36** weeks for undergraduates, **51** weeks for postgraduates.

### Internet

Free network connection in all rooms through which you can access the Internet at no extra cost, plus Wi-Fi\*.

### Facilities

The majority of rooms have a washbasin and vanity unit.

### Security

Swipe card entry or entrance code system; most halls also have CCTV monitoring.



## Chepstow Hall

Chepstow overlooks landscaped grounds and the river. Corridors of up to 11 rooms have shared use of bath, shower and toilet facilities, as well as a kitchen. Each corridor also has a pantry containing a large fridge and freezer.

## Clifton Hall

This hall has 236 rooms and is close to our sports facilities and gym. Corridors of up to 11 rooms share the use of bath, shower and toilet facilities, as well as a kitchen. Each corridor also has a pantry containing a large fridge and freezer.

## Saltash Hall

Saltash boasts attractive views over the River Pinn. Its 184 rooms, grouped in corridors of 11 to 16, share the use of bath, shower and toilet facilities, and a kitchen.





# Living on campus

## Will I be guaranteed accommodation in my first year?

We can provide accommodation for all new UCAS main scheme undergraduates, although students who enter the University through the Clearing/Adjustment system are allocated rooms after main scheme students have been accommodated.

Accommodation is also guaranteed for all new, full-time postgraduates who have confirmed their acceptance and met the conditions for a course by 1 September. Brunel Student Homes, the off-campus housing office, will help any student who is not allocated a room on-campus find alternative accommodation.

## How will my accommodation contract work?

If you are an undergraduate student, you are currently required to pay accommodation fees for a period of 36 weeks. If you wish to remain in halls over the summer vacation, this can be arranged at an additional cost, although it may not be possible to remain in the same room. If you are a postgraduate student your contract period is 51 weeks.

## How will I pay for my accommodation?

Undergraduate students pay for their accommodation in three termly instalments, and postgraduate students pay in four instalments. You can pay by direct debit, debit or credit card, cash or cheque, and payments can be made online, at the University Cash Office, or over the phone.

To secure a room on-campus at Brunel you will need to pay a deposit of £400. This will be paid back to you by reducing the cost of your last rent payment at the end of the tenancy period. You will be provided with further details on these arrangements when you are offered a place and a room at Brunel.

## Will my room and belongings be insured?

Insurance of buildings and basic insurance for your personal belongings are included in your rent. However, if you own any particularly valuable items, such as a laptop or bicycle, you can add this to the insurance policy for a small additional cost – it is advisable to read the extent of your cover carefully.

## Are there rooms suitable for disabled students?

Most halls of residence have rooms which can be adapted to meet the individual needs of disabled students wishing to live on campus. This may mean the provision of a wheelchair-accessible room, a room with en suite facilities or equipped for those with a hearing impairment, or a room which is located in the centre of campus close to the main University buildings. Other adaptations can be made to meet individual students' needs as they arise.

The University also recognises that some disabled students would face a substantial disadvantage if they were not able to continue living on campus after their first year, and will consider all such cases fairly.

Students who feel that they may need adapted accommodation, or on-campus accommodation after the first year, should contact the Disability and Dyslexia Service once they have been offered a place at Brunel (see the back page for contact information).

## Can I live on campus during summer?

You can apply for accommodation during the summer vacation – the Accommodation Office will arrange this for you, but please note that payment for summer accommodation must be made in advance.

**Living on campus and getting involved with activities such as the student ambassador programme gave me plenty of opportunities to be part of the wider University community and make friends that I'll keep for life.**

**Sharon Hartley, Occupational Therapy graduate**

## **Can I stay on campus after my first year?**

We have a number of rooms available for returning students if you would like to continue living with us – you will be provided with information on how to apply.

## **What will I find in my room?**

All rooms on campus are carpeted and contain the following:

- bed
- bedside table
- wardrobe
- desk and chair
- shelves
- wastepaper bin
- notice board
- mirror

All halls of residence are non-smoking.

Each room has an Internet connection point and Wi-Fi is available, but you need to provide your own computer equipment, including a network card (available for around £30 from the Computer Centre shop) and network cable (available for a small charge from your Residences Office or the Computer Centre shop). Network access is available for free, 24 hours a day, with some limitations and subject to the Computer Centre's Terms and Conditions. If you do not have your own computer you can use one of the many workstations around the campus, some of which are available 24 hours a day.

For details of the facilities available in each hall, see [www.brunel.ac.uk/services/accommodation/residences/facilities](http://www.brunel.ac.uk/services/accommodation/residences/facilities)

**There is always someone on hand to help you if you need it, even if it's just getting help in figuring out how to turn on a washing machine!**

**Stephanie Dickenson, English with Creative Writing**



## What will I find in the communal kitchen?

All our residences are self-catering, and kitchens are equipped with the following:

- cooker
- fridge
- freezer
- sink
- kettle
- kitchen bin and recycling facilities
- iron and ironing board
- dustpan and brush
- mop and bucket
- a kitchen table and seating
- food storage space

Kitchens for the larger flats contain extra cookers, fridges and sinks. You will need to bring your own crockery and cooking utensils.

## Will I be able to receive post?

Each hall has a post room where you can collect your post.

## How secure are the halls and are they staffed?

Residences Managers can be found in Residences Offices either within or near your hall every weekday. In addition, Residences Student Mentors are available during term time Monday to Thursday evenings. They will help you to resolve any problems or queries that may arise while you are living in halls. Access to halls is via swipe card entry or entrance code system; most halls also have CCTV monitoring.

## How safe is campus?

The University also has a 24 hour Security Service which patrols the campus. Outside of normal office hours, Security also patrol residential buildings, and students requiring assistance can contact them. We also have our own Metropolitan Police Officer based on-campus, to build relationships and confidence within the community and the local area.

**"The halls on campus are a great place to stay. There is 24 hour security to ensure your safety, and shops in case you need supplies. The rooms have everything you need and the kitchens are regularly cleaned."**

**Daniel Jurawan, Financial Mathematics**

## Are there recycling facilities on campus?

You are encouraged to separate and recycle refuse by using the facilities provided in the kitchens and across campus.

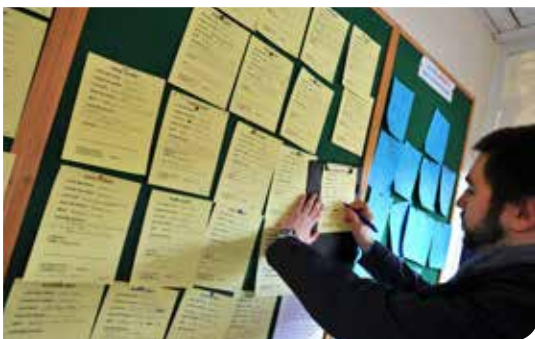
## Can I have a TV in my room?

If you bring any equipment for receiving or viewing television programmes with you to University, you must purchase a television licence. We are unfortunately unable to license an entire hall of residence.

## Where can I eat on campus?

Brunel has recently updated many of its catering facilities and social spaces, including the introduction of popular brands such as **Subway**, **Costa** and **Starbucks**, so there are plenty of options for those wanting to grab a bite to eat or go for a drink or two. Breakfast, lunch and dinner can be found in a number of outlets across campus. From burgers and curries to salads and sandwiches, there is something to suit all tastes and budgets, with vegetarian options, halal, and frequent offers and deals.

If you prefer to cook for yourself, there is a shop, a weekly market selling fruit, vegetables, eggs, cheese, meat, fish and more with several supermarkets in and around Uxbridge, just a short walk or bus-ride away.



# Living off campus

You may choose not to live in halls of residence at all, or to live off-campus after your first year. Brunel's dedicated off-campus housing office, Brunel Student Homes, maintains a large database of available rooms, houses and flats, and can help you find accommodation. Local private housing is reasonably priced and is generally much cheaper than Central London.

## Finding off-campus housing

Brunel Student Homes does not charge for its services, unlike most agencies, and can provide you with useful advice as well as all the information you'll need to find good quality, affordable accommodation. There are leaflets on subjects such as safety, what to expect when viewing a private let, and advice on tenancy deposit legislation.

## Your options

- **Head-leasing** (for full-time students only) Put simply, the University rents good-quality, affordable properties from local private landlords, and then rents them on to groups of students. The University therefore becomes the students' landlord for the duration of the lease.
- **Private sector houses** Brunel Student Homes has details of private sector properties, all of which have been inspected and have had their gas, electric and any other relevant certificates checked by a member of the team. Details of all available properties can be viewed online, along with information about arranging viewings and other useful notes.
- **Private sector rooms** Brunel Student Homes also has details of rooms available in private houses, sometimes in family homes, with a resident landlord. These rooms can be very good value for money, as rent normally includes heating, electricity and occasionally

broadband. These rooms are not always inspected by the Brunel Student Homes team, however landlords must provide a copy of the current Gas and Electrical Safety Certificates before we will advertise these rooms. Details of available properties can be viewed online, along with information about arranging viewings and other useful notes.

- **Student advertisements** In the Brunel Student Homes office, students can advertise spare rooms in their house or search for people who are looking for rooms, by placing an advertisement on the notice board.
- **Letting agencies and private advertisements** There are plenty of letting agencies and local papers through which you can find accommodation, however many of these charge for arranging tenancies and checking references, so it is advisable to start your search with the Brunel Student Homes office.
- **Local newspapers** The Brunel Student Homes office holds copies of the local papers for reference, and can photocopy the relevant section on request.

**"Having everything within minutes makes moving to a new place much less stressful. One of the biggest positives for me was that Brunel is a campus university which is difficult to find so close to London."**

**Lydia Moy, Business Management**



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**"I absolutely loved Chepstow. I had a really nice room and sharing a toilet/shower was never a problem as everyone was in and out at different times."**

Frances Morris, Occupational Therapy

## Travel and transport

### Public transport

Uxbridge is at the end of the Metropolitan and Piccadilly lines on the London Underground. You can buy an Oyster Card to use on buses, the tube and local trains, saving you money in comparison with standard fares. If you purchase a season ticket, then you may be eligible for a 30% discount through a Student Oyster photocard (see [www.tfl.gov.uk/tickets/14312.aspx](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/tickets/14312.aspx)).

Campus is served by a variety of local buses, and West Drayton station is a short bus-ride away, where overground trains will take you to London Paddington in 20 minutes.

### Cycling

There are a number of secure cycle sheds around the campus, should you wish to bring a bicycle. Access can be arranged through the Residences Office.

## Parking on campus

Please note that parking availability on campus is extremely limited, but the campus is well served by public transport.

Students living on campus or within a two mile radius of the University are not eligible to apply for an annual parking permit but can use the pay & display areas between 8am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday and can apply for 'out of hours' access through the Student Centre which allows you to park on-campus outside these hours.

The University does of course make exceptions for disabled badge holders and students with a valid disabled blue badge are entitled to apply for a permit free of charge.

Special arrangements will be in place at the start and end of each year so that new and returning students can load and unload their personal belongings.

Please note the University encourages the use of public transport and other sustainable methods of travel.



Brunel University is signed up to the UUK Code of Practice. The Code outlines best practice and provides benchmarks for the management and quality of student housing in the Higher Education sector. A full version of the UUK Code of Practice is available to download at [www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/acop](http://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/acop)



The following services can provide you with information on any of the topics covered in this guide and more.

**All mail should be directed to the office or service in question, followed by the University's address:**

Brunel University, Uxbridge,  
Middlesex, UB8 3PH.

### For accommodation on-campus:

#### The Accommodation Office

☎ +44 (0)1895 267900

TEXT +44 (0)7860 023026

✉ [accom-uxb@brunel.ac.uk](mailto:accom-uxb@brunel.ac.uk)

🌐 [www.brunel.ac.uk/services/accommodation](http://www.brunel.ac.uk/services/accommodation)

### For accommodation off-campus:

#### Brunel Student Homes

☎ +44 (0)1895 266187

✉ [housing-uxb@brunel.ac.uk](mailto:housing-uxb@brunel.ac.uk)

🌐 [www.brunel.ac.uk/services/accommodation/living-off-campus](http://www.brunel.ac.uk/services/accommodation/living-off-campus)

### For enquiries relating to facilities for disabled students:

#### The Disability and Dyslexia Service

☎ +44 (0)1895 265213

TEXT +44 (0)7790 761932

✉ [disability@brunel.ac.uk](mailto:disability@brunel.ac.uk)

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