



Relocating to York from within the UK

Spring 2012

THE UNIVERSITY *of York*

Contents

The University of York	5
Relocation Expenses	6
Organising the move	6
Short-term accommodation	6
Bringing a family to York.....	6
Getting to York.....	7
Airports	7
Trains	7
Buses	7
Taxis.....	7
Roads	8
Parking on campus	8
Your first few weeks	9
Finding long-term accommodation	9
Moving into rented accommodation	9
Council Tax.....	10
Registering with a doctor	10
How to find a GP	10
How to register with a GP	10
How to change your GP	10
Registering with a dentist.....	10
Information about the University	12
Getting to know the campus and your place of work	12
Cyclists and drivers	13
Eating on campus	13
Shops and banks	14
Getting paid and pension schemes	14
Employee Benefits.....	14
Employee discounts.....	15
Absence from work due to sickness	15
Annual leave or holiday	16
Prayer Facilities.....	16
Living in York.....	17
Eating out.....	17
Things to do in York	17
The Minster	18

Museums.....	18
Ghost walks.....	18
Bus tours and river cruises	18
Cinema, theatre and comedy.....	18
Music	19
Other attractions.....	19
York Races.....	20
Leisure and fitness	20
Outside of York	20
Family Fun	21
Living in York if you have a family	21
Work for partners/spouses	21
Childcare	21
Schools in York	22

Welcome

Welcome to the University of York Relocation Handbook, designed for staff joining the University from within the UK.

We have put together information which we hope you will find helpful in making the move and transition to York. The handbook is full of useful and practical information and contains many internet links to further information which will assist you with your move.

We are currently in the process of implementing a Relocation service to assist new staff making the move to York and as a result we are able to offer advice on a more individual basis. If you have questions about your eligibility for this scheme, please contact our Recruitment Adviser, Helen Staley by email: Helen.staley@york.ac.uk.

We look forward to welcoming you to the University.



Pat Lofthouse
Director of Human Resources

The University of York

Our prime location, in a beautiful landscaped park close to the historic city of York, has positioned the University as a much sought after destination for work and study. Several departments are located in the city centre at the medieval [King's Manor](#), and since 2000 York has added 20 new buildings to its Heslington West Campus.

Sustainability is key to the University's ambitious [campus expansion at Heslington](#)

[East](#). This stunning development will increase our student capacity, drive up research income and provide more world-class facilities for the 21st century.

In less than 50 years, York has become one of the top ten universities in the UK for teaching and research and is ranked in the top 100 universities in the world. There are now [over 30 academic departments and research centres](#) and the student body has expanded to 11,000.



Relocation Expenses

You may be entitled to relocation expenses in accordance with the University Relocation Policy, in which case you will need to claim expenses against receipts in accordance with Inland Revenue rules.

Please click to go to our relocation [policy](#).

The [HMRC website](#) gives a good introduction to relocation and allowable expenses.

More details on allowable expenses can be found on the [HMRC website](#):

Organising the move

If you are moving large quantities of personal possessions you may wish to use a professional mover.

There are links to three removal companies here; however you are free to use others:

- [Pickfords](#)
- [Excess International Removals](#)
- [Robinsons International](#)

Relocation expenses should be agreed in advance with HR.

Short-term accommodation

You may find it helpful to arrange short-term accommodation (for approximately 3 to 4 weeks) before you arrive in York.

York has a wide variety of accommodation to suit every budget. [Ace York](#) and [The Fort](#) are boutique hostels offering shared budget accommodation. York also has hundreds of Bed and Breakfasts to choose from, [Visit York](#) provides comprehensive listings. [The Holgate Bridge Hotel](#) is a small B&B offering one of the most generous rates in the City. Whilst [York Conferences](#) offer the convenience of B&B

accommodation on the University campus.

If you need to stay in short term accommodation for a month or two it is worth considering renting a room. Many professional and family households in the area let out [spare rooms](#); this is cheaper than staying in a B&B and allows you the use of shared cooking and living facilities.

If you need accommodation for just a couple of nights there are many [hotels](#) to pick from in and around the city centre.

Bringing a family to York

If you have school age children and are keen to have them attend a specific school, remember that admission to state schools is based primarily on 'catchment area' which means where your child goes to school is dependent upon where you live.

It would be a good idea for you to research schools and find a property to rent in the right area, before you arrive. To begin

finding out more about schools in the area you might ask some colleagues or refer to the independent [Office for Standards in Education \('Ofsted'\) reports](#).

School League tables are available on line and published by the [BBC](#).

Also see:

- [Childcare and schooling](#)
- [Finding long-term accommodation](#)

Getting to York

Airports

The nearest airports are Leeds/Bradford, Manchester, Newcastle, and the Robin Hood airport near Doncaster.

- If you are flying into [Leeds Bradford Airport](#) take the 757 bus service to the train station, this runs regularly throughout the day. Trains from Leeds to York also run frequently.
- There are direct Transpennine Express train services from [Manchester](#) airport to York.
- There is a metro service from [Newcastle](#) airport to the station. York is then an hour's journey on the East Coast train line.
- [Doncaster](#) is also on the East Coast train line. The AirLink 91 bus service takes you from the airport to the railway station.

However, thanks to good train links you will not have any problems getting to York from any of these airports:

- [Heathrow](#) is the largest airport in the UK. Take the Piccadilly tube line from the airport to King's Cross. From here you can get a direct train to York.
- [Stansted airport](#): take the Cross Country train straight from the airport to Peterborough, here you change to an East Coast service to York.
- [Gatwick](#): take the first capital connect service directly from the airport to St Pancras international. This neighbours Kings Cross station, from here you can board an East Coast train to York.

- [Luton airport](#): take a Train from the airport to London-St Pancras and catch the train to York from King's Cross Station, just a short walk from St Pancras.
- [Edinburgh airport](#): take the frequent Airlink 100 bus service to the station. You can then get a direct train to York.

Trains

York is one of the best connected cities in the UK for rail travel, sitting on the [East Coast](#), [Transpennine](#) and [Cross Country](#) routes.

Together these providers connect York to London King's Cross, Scotland, Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, Newcastle and to the midlands and south-west. Tickets and information are available from their websites, from any rail station, or from <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/>.

Buses

The number 4 (FTR) and 44 (Unibus) buses will take you from the York Railway Station to the University of York campus. Fares cost £2 for a single ticket and £3.50 for a return. The number 6 and number 44 buses will take you between the Heslington East and West campuses free of charge.

Taxis

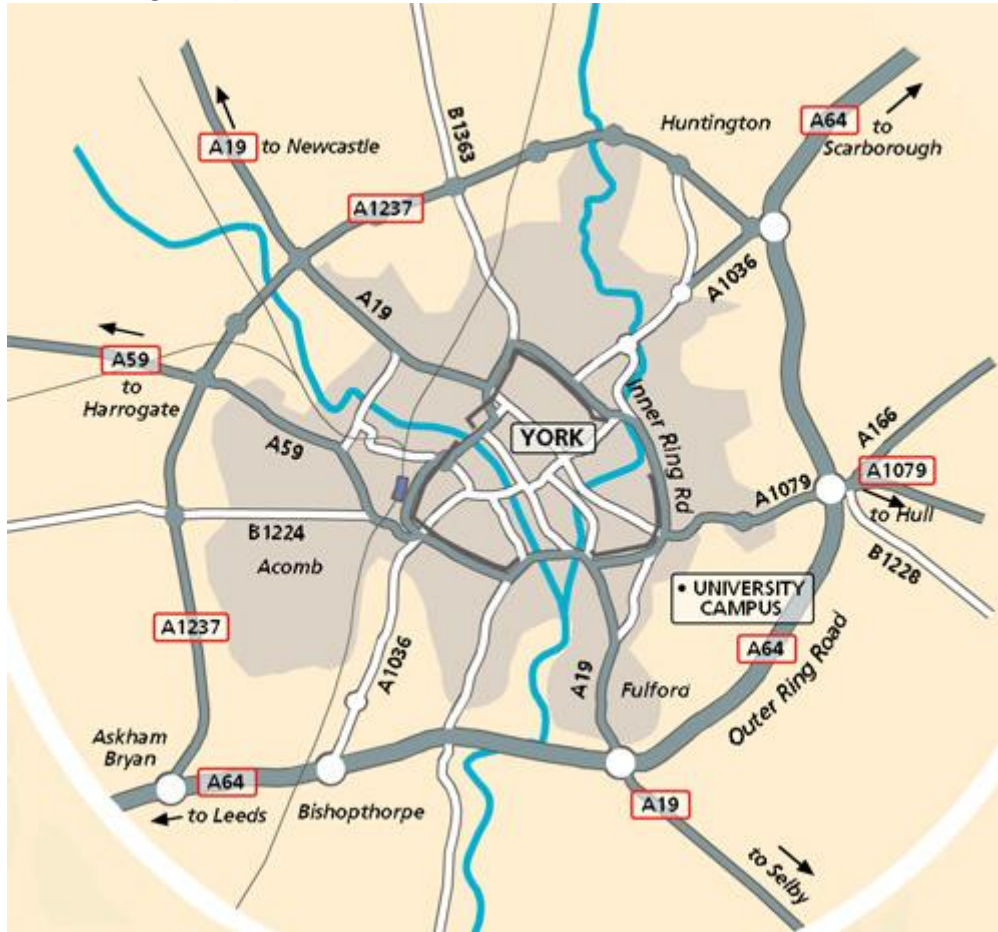
There is a taxi rank at York train station. The fare to the University is around £7.

Roads

York is well served by road links, and is easily accessible from the A1, M1 and M62. The University is situated to the south-east of the city-centre.

The easiest route to the University is to take the outer ring road (A64 on the south

and east sides of the city, A1237 on the north and west) to the junction with the Hull/Bridlington roads (A1079/A166). Turn off at the exit marked 'University' and follow the signs past Grimston Bar down Field Lane to University Road. This route avoids the city centre and known traffic blackspots.



Parking on campus

The parking on campus is limited. Across campus there are a small number of free short-stay parking bays, varying in time between 10-45 minutes. Around 30 of these short-term spaces can be found in the car park in front of the Information Centre at Market Square. These spaces operate a no return within one hour policy.

For the majority of the time, visitors will be required to use one of the pay and display

locations around campus. Between the hours of 18:00 and 00:00 Monday - Friday, and 18:00 Friday - 00:00 Sunday, parking is free in the pay and display car parks. Note that permit-only car parks are still reserved for permit holders during these times.

More information

- [University Maps](#)



Your first few weeks

Finding long-term accommodation

Once you have found your way around York, you may wish to search for long-term accommodation.

If you have children, bear in mind that the choice of school depends on where you live and whether your street will be in the catchment area of your preferred school. Therefore, when choosing a place to live in York, it is worth researching the local schools. See page 21.

If you want to rent or buy a property, the simplest way is to go to "[rightmove](#)" and enter 'York' and your search criteria. The properties listed by the web site will show you which estate agency is selling or letting the property and it is easy to get their contact details or ask online for a viewing. You might also want to go to an agency in person or phone them. You can easily find details of York estate agents by searching on the internet.

Moving into rented accommodation

The initial expense of moving into a new property is high because you will have to pay for the rent, deposit and various administrative fees in advance, before you

receive the keys. All estate agencies will take up referees to check whether you can afford to let the property you are interested in. After deciding which

property you want to move into, you will have to pay a booking fee which will keep the property off the market while the agency takes up references. This fee may be offset against your first rental payment if your references are satisfactory. You also have to pay for the cost of references and drawing up the contract and occasionally there may be fees relating to cleaning the property on leaving.

When you move in you will have to set up the utility bills in your name. These usually refer to gas, electricity and water and you will have to phone the companies responsible for the provision of these services and give them your personal details and meter readings.

Council Tax

The Council Tax charges are reviewed every year and those currently applying in

York can be found on the [City Council website](#).

Registering with a doctor

During your first few weeks in York it would be good to register with a doctor i.e. general practitioner (GP) and a dentist. Healthcare in the UK is provided by the National Health Service (NHS), a publicly funded health service which is free at the point of use for anyone who is resident in the UK.

You will have to complete a form called GMS1 and give your details. The practice may also ask to see your passport and proof of your address.

How to find a GP

Like schools, GP surgeries have catchment areas, so you will have to check whether the street where you live or will live falls into their catchment area. You can do that on the NHS website (see links on the right of this page).

How to change your GP

If you are not happy with the surgery or if you move outside their catchment area, you can change your GP. All you have to do is find a new surgery and ask to register as a patient with them. You will not be asked why you want to switch. It will take up to two months for your medical records to be transferred to your new surgery.

How to register with a GP

Once you have chosen a surgery, contact the practice and ask to register with them.

More information from the NHS:

- [Choosing a GP](#)
- [GPs in York and North Yorkshire](#)

Registering with a dentist

Dental services are also provided by the NHS. However, it is more difficult to find a dentist who is willing to take on new patients than to find a GP.

Because the costs of the dental services in the private sector are much more expensive than in the NHS, the number of people who want to receive the treatment on the NHS is higher than the number of

people the dentists choose to add to the NHS patients list.

It is however, not uncommon for people to use private dentists, you can search for dentists on the link below:

More information from the NHS:

- [NHS Dental Services](#)
- [NHS dentists in York and North Yorkshire](#)
- [NHS Dental Waiting List](#)
- [Dental Health FAQs](#)



Information about the University

Getting to know the campus and your place of work

The University of York was founded in 1963 with 200 students. Since then, it has expanded to 11,000 students and has over 30 academic departments and research centres. From its inception, the University has concentrated on strong viable departments and teaching and research of the highest quality. York has always been highly rated for the standards of its teaching, and its outstanding performance in the 2008 [Research Assessment Exercise](#) is recognition of the world-leading research activity at York. Twelve departments were ranked in the top ten in the country with almost all departments in the top 20. The main campus at Heslington is a 200-acre landscaped park, well known for its lake and wildfowl. Here the colleges and academic buildings are on a level site within walking distance of each other.

Proximity to the historic city of York makes the University a popular choice and provides a pleasant working and residential environment. The University has recently expanded its campus at Heslington East. You can see more on: [Campus Expansion](#)

The University has a collegiate system in which most staff and all students are members of colleges. Further information is available at [Colleges](#).

You can find your department and all other units in the [A-Z directory](#):

Cyclists and drivers

The university encourages its staff to cycle and offers them a benefits scheme called Cyletework Extra. This gives you the opportunity to order a bike and additional safety equipment, worth up to £1000 in total, through a salary exchange agreement with the University of York over a 12 month period. During the Cyletework Extra scheme, you are hiring a bike from the University. At the end of the 12 month hire period, you may have the opportunity to buy the bike at the fair market value at that time, or if you decide that you do not want the bike, you will be charged an equivalent amount to dispose of it. More information on the scheme is available at www.york.ac.uk/rewardsextra

There are several cycle stores on campus, with many open stores now installed with CCTV; just find a space for your bike in one of the many facilities on campus and remember to lock it up! Please do not leave cycles in isolated places. The University's 'Bike Doctor' sessions ensure that your bike can receive routine maintenance checks completely free of charge. A special discount with a local retailer is available if major work is required. The University has installed showers in some areas for employees who

wish to freshen up after their early morning ride.



The University campus has a number of car parks. Depending on your circumstances, you may wish to obtain a permit to park. As a staff member you can obtain a Staff Car Parking Permit at the price of 0.6% of your annual salary, reduced pro rata for part-week permits. For more information, contact parking-permits@york.ac.uk or telephone 01904 43 2222. Otherwise, for the majority of the time, you will be required to use one of the pay and display locations around campus. The pay and display tariffs for all publicly available main campus car parks are here: www.york.ac.uk/admin/estates/transport/parking/paydisplay.html.

Eating on campus

There are numerous [catering outlets](#) (restaurants, snack and coffee bars) around campus serving a wide range of snacks, sandwiches, salads, cooked meals, desserts and drinks. There is a small supermarket selling sandwiches and snacks located in Heslington West campus.

The University's chefs create varied menus and all our outlets provide at least one vegetarian option at all times. All have been approved by the Vegetarian Society.

Although many of the outlets are located within the campus colleges, all our outlets are open to everyone, regardless of where you live. Facilities Management have details of locations, services and opening times:

www.york.ac.uk/commercialservices/pages/cateringoutlets.cfm.

There are two pubs serving meals and a shop selling lunchtime sandwiches and hot food in [Heslington village \[map\]](#).

Shops and banks

At Market Square on campus you'll find: a small supermarket, stocking a broad range of food and drink including Halal, Kosher (available on request), gluten-free and fair trade products; the Student Union shop, selling discounted newspapers, sandwiches, snacks and stationery; a bookshop; an insurance brokers and two cash machines. Other cash machines are at Vanbrugh and Goodricke colleges.

In Heslington village you'll find: a post office; branches of Barclays, HSBC, Lloyds and NatWest banks, all with cash machines; a village shop selling a range of food and drinks and sandwiches.

At Halifax College there is a convenience store selling everyday essentials and discounted newspapers.

Getting paid and pension schemes

Salaries are paid on the last working day of the month directly into your bank account. The Payroll Office will send you a form so you can send them your bank details.

Employees in grades 1 to 5 are eligible for membership of the **University of York pension scheme**. Payroll will send you brief details of the scheme when they request your bank details. To join, you must opt-in to the scheme.

Employees in grades 6 and above are eligible for the membership of the **Universities Superannuation Scheme**. You will be sent details of the scheme upon

appointment. You will also be automatically enrolled when you start work at the University. If you wish to opt-out of the scheme you should contact the Payroll Office.

Pensions information

- [Pensions information from the Finance Department](#)
- [University Superannuation Scheme](#)

Employee Benefits

As an employee of the University you are eligible for to a wide range of benefits as part of Rewards Extra, the benefits package for University of York staff. It includes core benefits such as annual leave and access to the counselling and employee assistance scheme, plus access to childcare vouchers, a cycle purchase scheme and many other discounts on products and services. For more information about Rewards Extra see www.york.ac.uk/rewardsextra



Employee discounts

As part of the University's benefits package (Rewards Extra,) all employees can take advantage of preferential rates on benefits such as private health and dental insurance and health screening. The cost of the monthly premium is deducted from your salary. Bupa Select offers you private medical insurance which covers the costs of your eligible treatment in the UK, up to the limit of your chosen cover, by Bupa

recognised consultants, therapists and practitioners.

You can also choose to have a health screening provided by Nuffield Proactive, and your spouse or partner can also take the advantage of this service at the same cost. Private dental insurance at competitive rates is offered by Denplan. All costs are spread over a twelve month period. For more information visit the [Rewards Extra website](#) or ring the Edenred Help Desk on 0800 019 6666

Absence from work due to sickness

If you are ill and cannot come to work you must report your absence as soon as possible.

Do this by telephoning your manager. If he or she is unable to come to the phone, you should leave a message with your departmental office. If your illness prevents you from telephoning personally, ask somebody to call on your behalf.

If it isn't possible to telephone, you should try to get an email or written message to your manager as soon as possible. When reporting your absence, you should give the following information:

- when you became unfit for work,
- the nature of your illness, (which should be more specific than 'unwell' or 'sick').
- how long you expect to be off work,
- when you will contact your manager again.
- If your absence lasts for four calendar days or more up to seven calendar days you need to complete a sickness self-certification form. This must be sent to Payroll.
- If your absence is more than seven calendar days you must see a doctor to get a Statement of Fitness for Work (Fit Note). The Fit Note will indicate that you are 'Not fit for work' or 'May be fit to work'.

All sickness absences must be reported.

Your entitlement to pay while you are sick is dependent upon your length of service:

Length of service	Entitlement
Less than 3 months	Up to two weeks on full pay and a further two weeks on half pay
After 3 months	Up to two months on full pay and a further two months on half pay
After 1 year	Up to four months on full pay and a further two months on half pay
After 3 years	Up to six months on full pay and a further four months on half pay
After 5 years	Up to eight months on full pay and a further four months on half pay

Annual leave or holiday

Full-time staff are entitled to 38 days annual leave which includes:

- 8 statutory public holidays
- 3 days that are customarily taken between Christmas and New Year
- 27 days to be taken by arrangement with your manager

If you work part-time your entitlement is reduced pro-rata based on the number of hours a week and/or the number of weeks a year you work.

For most staff the leave year runs from October to September. If you join or leave part-way through the leave year, your entitlement is based on the length of the period you will work during the leave year.

You need to agree the dates of your leave in advance with your line manager. You should try and give as much notice as possible, especially when taking large blocks of leave. Your department will have a system for recording leave which you should use.

Prayer Facilities

There are two prayer facilities on campus: a prayer room in Wentworth College and the Quiet Place, near Derwent College and Heslington Hall.

The prayer room is located in Wentworth College, room W029. It is primarily used by members of the Islamic faith. The room is open 24 hours a day. For access take identification to the College reception. The nearest toilets are located along the corridor of the prayer room. For further information please contact a member of the [Chaplaincy team](#) or the [Islamic Society](#).

The Quiet Place is for any members of the University who wish to spend time in peaceful surroundings. It can be used for reading, prayer and meditation. There is a garden, lower room and upper room. The enclosed garden and lower room is set aside for individuals to use, and the upper room can be booked for groups (must be booked in advance). To access the lower room and garden you will need to obtain the access code for the gate and door from Langwith College reception. Please click on the link for more information [Quiet Place](#).

There is a small statue of Buddha, which is used as a temple and is located outside the Berrick Saul building.



For more information see: [Faith](#)



York Minster and Clifford's Tower

Living in York

Eating out

The City Centre has many cafés, bars, pubs and restaurants to suit virtually all tastes and budgets. Colleagues or friends will be able to give you recommendations. The two links give information on many establishments in York.

- www.visitork.org/eating/
- www.eatyork.com/

Things to do in York

York is famous for its architecture, medieval cobbled streets and its Gothic cathedral – the Minster.

It is a place where the old meets the new, and as a city of contrasts it offers lots to do: from world class museums and churches, to street entertainers and a variety of festivals, theatre, cinema and

sport.

Tourist information sites:

- www.visitork.org/
- www.visitorkshire.co.uk/
- www.yorkshire.com/do
- www.realyorkshire.co.uk/

The Minster

On your visit to the Minster you will see traces of every age since the Roman occupation of York. There is a treasury and crypt in the Undercroft, and you can also climb the 275 steps to the top of the central tower. For a close-up view of medieval stained glass you can visit the Bedern Glaziers' Studio and see how it is being restored.



Museums

The Yorkshire Museum is home to fascinating archaeological objects from the Roman, Anglo-Saxon and Viking age. There is a gallery of fossilized creatures who roamed Yorkshire 200 million years ago. The museum is set in beautiful gardens where you can have a picnic sitting on the grass with the view to the river Ouse.

York Castle Museum is not a typical museum. Rather than displaying items in the cases and on the walls, they are set in authentic household scenes. You will also find a recreated Victorian street, which will take you back in time to the sights, sounds and people of nineteenth-century York.

Ghost walks

York claims to be the most haunted city in England and every night there are various ghost walks and tours showing you the spooky spots in the hidden passageways and medieval buildings. Here are some of the companies and their meeting points and times:

- The Ghost Hunt of York, Shambles, 7.30 pm
- The Ghost Creeper, Jorvik Viking Centre, 7.30 pm
- The Ghost Trail of York, The Minster west, 7.30 pm

Bus tours and river cruises

Bus tours are a great way to explore the city of York. You buy a ticket on the bus; hop off if you want to go for a walk on your own, then hop back on to any bus again using same ticket. There are two companies running services, York CitySightseeing and York Pullman) and you can find their buses at Exhibition Square and by Clifford's Tower.

back and enjoy the scenery as the sights of York and its surroundings sail by.

If you would like to experience the river Ouse, Yorkboat will take you on a 45 minute Daytime City Cruise. You can sit



City Screen cinema, riverside bars and a river cruise.

Cinema, theatre and comedy

There are two cinemas in York city centre (**City Screen** and **Reel**) and one at Clifton

Moor (**Vue**). **York Student Cinema** shows films for a small fee during term time in the Physics building.

The **York Theatre Royal** is one of the most successful producing theatres in Yorkshire. It aims to provide something for everyone: locals and tourists, young and old.

The **Grand Opera House** is home to live entertainment from West End musicals to stand-up comedy, live bands to family shows and pantomime. Comedy events can also be found at **City Screen's Basement Bar**.

Music

Two of the most popular live music venues are **Fibbers** and **The Duchess**.

The **National Centre for Early Music** promotes series of jazz, world, folk and early music concerts. Concerts are also held at the University under the **York Concerts** programme.

Other attractions

York has a number of attractions which are worth a visit. Here are a few:

Fairfax House is an opulent eighteenth-century Georgian townhouse which is today home to a collection of Georgian furniture, silver, ceramics and clocks.

The Treasurer's House was originally home to the treasurers of York Minster from the medieval times onward. The house was restored at the beginning of the twentieth century by a rich local industrialist who furnished the rooms in various historical styles.

The Merchant Adventurers' Hall is a stunning medieval meeting hall which is today a fully functioning museum which houses many collections including silver, furniture and paintings. It is set in quiet gardens in the city centre and has its own chapel.

Theatres and cinemas

- [York Theatre Royal](#)
- [Grand Opera House](#)
- [City Screen cinema](#)
- [Reel Cinema](#)
- [Vue Cinema](#)
- [York Student Cinema](#)

Music venues

- [Fibbers](#)
- [The Duchess](#)
- [National Centre for Early Music](#)
- [York Concerts](#)

Barley Hall is a medieval townhouse which used to be home to the Mayor of York. It has a magnificent Great Hall and the visitors can sit on the chairs, handle the objects and experience the atmosphere of life in medieval England.

Clifford's Tower It is difficult to miss this round tower sitting atop a green mound. Clifford's Tower was originally built by William the Conqueror; it was twice burned to the ground and consequently rebuilt in the thirteenth century. It offers sweeping views of York and the countryside.

Rowntree Park is a thirty-acre park on the banks of the river Ouse, just a short walk from the city centre. It has a woodland walk, an ornamental lake with ducks and geese, café and a well-equipped children's play area.

York Races

York racecourse at the Knavesmire is home to exciting race days with leading horses and jockeys.

You can spend a wonderful day out watching races, placing your bets and perhaps winning some money, and enjoying nice food and champagne.

See: [York racecourse](#)



Leisure and fitness

You may want to enjoy your leisure time by being active. There are many sports clubs in the York area.

The University also has its own sports facilities with a health and fitness Suite, Sports Hall and Squash Courts, and outside Tennis Court, Basketball Court and Running Track. See [University sports](#)

These are planned to expand when the new campus on Heslington East is finished. A 25m swimming pool is planned as part of this development.

York is also a cycling-friendly city. It has an extensive network of off-road cycle paths and on-road cycle lanes for cyclists of all ages and abilities to enjoy. See more on: [Cycling York](#)

Golf courses

- [Fulford Golf Club](#)
- [Heworth Golf Club](#)
- [York Golf Club](#)

Swimming pools

- [Yearsley Swimming Pool](#)
- [Energise Sports Centre](#)

Gyms

- [Bannatyne Health Club](#)
- [David Lloyd York](#)
- [Ebor Fitness](#)
- [Energise](#)
- [Emperors](#)
- [Fitness First](#)
- [Roko Health Club](#)

Outside of York

Visit the nearby seaside towns Whitby and Scarborough and experience what a day at the beach is like in England. Whitby is the place where Count Dracula disembarked from the ship in the form of a black dog in the novel "Dracula" by Bram Stoker. Captain Cook was trained as seaman in

Whitby. Whitby is also the last stop on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway line. This railway is operated by steam engines and runs from Pickering through to Whitby. It is great starting point for a day out seeing the moors.

There are a number of historic houses and gardens in Yorkshire that are worth visiting. Castle Howard is an eighteenth-century historic house and estate where the television series “Brideshead Revisited” was filmed. Fountains Abbey and Studley

Family Fun

For those looking for family fun-time activities, there are plenty of indoor and outdoor facilities in and around York. You can take your children to the Jorvik Museum, York Dungeon, the National Railway Museum or the Air Museum, all in York.

Alternatively, indoor entertainment can be found a short drive away from York: in Hull there is the Deep Aquarium and Dino Star - the dinosaur experience; Eureka, the national children’s museum, is in Halifax and the Magna Science Adventure Centre in Rotherham.

Royal is a World Heritage site with the medieval abbey ruins, Jacobean Mansion, Georgian water garden, Neo-Gothic church and a deer park. The home of the Brontë sisters, now the Brontë Parsonage Museum, is at Haworth near Bradford.

Everyone likes spending time outdoors when the weather is nice, so why not take your family to some of York’s fun places such as Creepy Crawlies (an indoor and outdoor play park) and York Maze.

Outside York, you can spend a great day out in Flamingo Land Theme Park and Zoo, the Forbidden Corner in the Dales, Yorkshire Sculpture Park near Wakefield, Pleasure Island Family Theme Park at Cleethorpes, Scarborough Sealife Centre and Marine Sanctuary and Yorkshire Wildlife Park near Doncaster.

Living in York if you have a family

Work for partners/spouses

If your partner or spouse intends to look for work when you move to York, the following links may be helpful.

Specialist recruitment agencies may be more useful for particular professions.

Find out more

- [Manpower](#)
- [Royle Recruitment](#)
- [Bridge Recruitment](#)
- [Adecco](#)
- [Reed](#)
- [Total Jobs](#)
- [Monster](#)

Childcare

Childcare for 0-5 year olds

If you know that you will require preschool childcare, the links to the right may be useful as a starting point.

Find out more

- [Childcare in York](#)
- [Finding a nanny](#)
- [Sure Start Children’s Centres](#)

Childcare for 5-11 year olds

When your child starts school you may still need help with childcare before and after school hours.

Schools in York

Some schools are oversubscribed and it can be useful to look for accommodation before you arrive in York to make it easier to arrange school places.

The links in this section give details of catchment areas, by street, which may help you decide where you want to live.

For a list of schools with extended services and all the above listed options see:

www.yor-ok.org.uk/parents

School rankings

- [Ofsted reports on York schools](#)
- [School league tables](#)

Primary schools

- [Admissions information for York primary schools](#)
- [List of York primary schools](#)

Secondary schools

- [Admissions information for York secondary schools](#)
- [List of York secondary schools](#)

Other information

- [Apply online for a school place](#)
- [Independent schools in the York area](#)