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**The University of York Accommodation  
Newsletter**

Spring edition

**Special points of interest:**

- Housemate Event  
9th September  
2011
- Landlord Meeting  
25th May 2011
- Staff trainings Visits  
are NOT official compliance visits
- 80% of University listings have been rented
- Summer Term dates  
26April–1 July 2011
- University of the Year 2010

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**Carbon Monoxide detectors**

The Code of Best Practice recommends that HMOs are fitted with Carbon Monoxide detectors. Before purchasing a CO alarm, please ensure it complies with British Standard EN 50291 and carries a British or European approval mark, such as a Kitemark.

For more information on gas safety please see the HSE Gas Safety website at [www.hse.gov.uk/gas/landlords/index.htm](http://www.hse.gov.uk/gas/landlords/index.htm)

**Find a Housemate**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2011.**

This event is held each year to assist new postgraduate students to find private accommodation in York. Following feedback from students who came along to the event last year, we have decided to invite Code of Practice Landlords to attend on the day. If you are still advertising a property on our private sector list at that time, you will be invited to come along to meet potential tenants. If you are not able to be there in person, your property will still be advertised to the students on the property boards and they will contact you on the day to arrange viewings.

**Landlord meeting**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2011 5:15pm - 6:45pm**  
**HG21, Heslington Hall, University of York**

You are welcome to attend this informal meeting for all Code of Practice Landlords.

Please email [accommodation@york.ac.uk](mailto:accommodation@york.ac.uk) or phone 01904 322165 to book a place before 18<sup>th</sup> May.

## Private Sector adverts online

80% of properties advertised through our private sector list are now let.

If you do still have a house to let, the following groups will still be looking for accommodation for 2011-12

**Families.** There is a shortage of affordable family accommodation in York and it is in high demand.

**Continuing undergraduate students in 51 week lets on campus.** These end on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2011

**Continuing and New Postgraduate students.** The Postgraduate term starts from the first weekend in October.

**Undergraduate students.** There will still be some undergraduates particularly those going into their final year, who have not yet arranged their accommodation.



University of York in Bloom



Spring time on Campus

## Non-Essential Works

During their tenancy, tenants are only obliged to give access to their home for essential repair work. If a landlord wants to make improvements to a property, this should be done between tenancies wherever possible by reducing the let length. If work is carried out over the summer months, rendering the property uninhabitable, rent should not be charged for this period even if the tenants are not resident.

If the works cannot be arranged between tenancies, we recommend that a landlord does the following:

- Sends the tenants written details of the works, including timescales, well in advance.
- Sends the tenants a written request for permission to carry out the work
- Obtains the tenants written permission before proceeding.

**Remember:** Tenants are under no obligation to agree to the work as it is a breach of their quiet enjoyment of the property as well as a possible derogation of grant if their use of the property is reduced.

## Staff training visits

Staff from Accommodation Services will be visiting a small number of Code properties over the summer term as part of our preparation for the introduction of compliance visits next year.

These visits are for staff training & development purposes only and will **not** be official compliance visits.



Heslington Hall in Spring

## Term Dates for 2011/12 and beyond

<b>2011 / 2012</b>	10 October 2011 - 16 December 2011	9 January 2012 - 16 March 2012	23 April 2012 - 29 June 2012
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Easter:</b> Sunday, 8 April 2012</li> </ul>		
<b>2012 / 2013</b>	8 October 2012 - 14 December 2012	7 January 2013 - 15 March 2013	22 April 2013 - 28 June 2013
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Easter:</b> Sunday, 31 March 2013</li> </ul>		
<b>2013 / 2014</b>	7 October 2013 - 13 December 2013	6 January 2014 - 14 March 2014	22 April 2014 - 27 June 2014
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Easter:</b> Sunday, 20 April 2014</li> <li>• <b>Please note:</b> Summer term begins on a Tuesday</li> </ul>		
<b>2014 / 2015</b>	6 October 2014 - 12 December 2014	5 January 2015 - 13 March 2015	20 April 2015 - 26 June 2015
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Easter:</b> Sunday, 5 April 2015</li> </ul>		
<b>2015 / 2016</b>	5 October 2015 - 11 December 2015	4 January 2016 - 11 March 2016	18 April 2016 - 24 June 2016
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Easter:</b> Sunday, 27 March 2016</li> </ul>		
<b>2016 / 2017</b>	10 October 2016 - 16 December 2016	9 January 2017 - 17 March 2017	24 April 2017 - 30 June 2017
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Easter:</b> Sunday, 16 April 2017</li> </ul>		
<b>2017 / 2018</b>	9 October 2017 - 15 December 2017	8 January 2018 - 16 March 2018	23 April 2018 - 29 June 2018
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Easter:</b> Sunday, 1 April 2018</li> </ul>		

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## University of the Year 2010

The University of York was named University of the Year at the Times Higher Education Awards 2010. Vice-chancellor Brian Cantor collected the award at a ceremony in London attended by over 1000 members of the higher education community from around the country.

Judges recognised our academic excellence, social inclusion and impressive track record in scientific discovery.

Since the founding of the University in 1963, York has powered its way to a consistent top ten ranking in the UK and is one of just six post-war universities to appear in the World Top 100.

2010  
**THE AWARDS**  
UNIVERSITY OF THE YEAR