

UNIVERSITY OF YORK ACCOMMODATION SERVICES PRIVATE SECTOR ACCOMMODATION FOR 2012/13

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL FIRST YEAR STUDENTS



TERM 1

IMPORTANT

You do not need to do anything this term about finding accommodation for 2012/13. **There is a surplus** of private sector accommodation in York.

Please do not be pressured to rush into looking for accommodation in term 1.

All you need to do is:

Come along to the Housing Talk to get more information. This is held towards the end of November in Central Hall.

TERM 2

- Accommodation Services publish the Private Sector List of 2012/13 vacancies on their website. It opens each year in **February**: www.york.ac.uk/about/departments/support-and-admin/accommodation/private-sector/search/
- This list advertises properties that comply with the Code of Best Practice for Student Accommodation: www.york.ac.uk/about/departments/support-and-admin/accommodation/private-sector/student-information/
- Each year there are over 400 properties advertised on this list, including around 35 larger properties with 6/7/8 bedrooms. The best size for a group is of 3 – 5 students.
- There is **no charge** to advertise or look for accommodation using the private sector list. *Any administration fee charged by an agency advertising on the list will be clearly stated.*
- Rents can range from £55 to over £70 per student per week. However, the majority of rents are between £60 - £68 per student per week.
- Some landlords and agencies advertise before February and give the impression to students that there is a shortage of housing. Students taking property before February may find that:
 - they have paid more than similar accommodation advertised on our list
 - have less choice
 - no longer wish to live with the students they have signed up with.
- **Beware:** If a property is not on our private sector list it may not comply with the Code of Practice for Student Accommodation.

Remember!

- There is a surplus of student rented accommodation in York so you do not need to settle for second best!
- February – you should start looking for accommodation.
- Once you sign a tenancy agreement with a landlord it is very hard to get out of it, so take your time to decide who you want to live with.

For further housing advice, please see...

Student Support Office – Block B, Sally Baldwin Buildings

Web: www.york.ac.uk/students/housing-and-money/finding-somewhere/

Email: student-support@york.ac.uk

Accommodation Services – Information Centre, Market Square

Web: www.york.ac.uk/about/departments/support-and-admin/accommodation/private-sector/

Email: accommodation@york.ac.uk

