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The University of York Accommodation Newsletter

Post Graduate Find a Housemate

Friday 9th September 2011 at 10:30am

This event is organised by the Graduate Students' Association and Accommodation Services to assist new postgraduate students to secure private accommodation in York.

This year, for the first time, Code landlords who are still advertising property on the private sector list in September will be invited to attend this event to meet potential tenants.

Please note that all vacant properties on the list will be advertised as code compliant properties on boards at the event whether the landlord is present or not.

If you are not able to attend but are advertising property at that time, please be available on Friday 9th September to take calls from students

Private Sector List

Most properties are now let but there is still a demand for postgraduate accommodation for October.

If you still have a house to let or will have one available in October, please can you set up an advertisement online as soon as possible. Postgraduate students looking for accommodation for October 2011 will be looking at the list throughout August and September. There are also still undergraduate students looking for accommodation who are currently living in 51 week lets on campus.





Carbon Monoxide Detectors and PAT testing

The Code of Best Practice committee has decided that the installation of **CO Detectors** and **PAT testing** of portable appliances will become a requirement of the code for 2012-13 lets.

CO detectors should comply with British Standard EN 50291 and carry a British or European approval mark, such as a Kitemark

University Logo

Please note that we do not give permission for landlords on the Code of Best Practice to use the University logo.

If you are currently displaying our logo on your website or in any other publicity, please arrange for it to be removed as soon as possible.

Term Dates

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

Undergraduate Clearing Students

New 1st year undergraduate students applying to the University of York through the UCAS clearing system are no longer guaranteed accommodation on campus. Throughout September, these late applicants will be looking for private sector accommodation for the start of the Undergraduate term on Monday 10th October 2011.

Accommodation Services may be holding an **Undergraduate Find a Housemate Event** on Friday 16th September, with support from the Student Union. Further information will be sent to landlords with vacancies nearer the event.

This is a great opportunity both to advertise vacant houses and also to advertise any vacant rooms that are available in your undergraduate properties.

Staff training visits

Staff from Accommodation Services have now carried out some training visits to a small number of Code properties. These were very useful preparation for the introduction of compliance visits. We are pleased to report that all the properties visited were code compliant.

We plan to introduce random compliance visits during the Autumn term.



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Tenancy End Dates

From 2010-11, the University has been offering tenancies of different lengths.

This year, some of our students in 33 week lets (which finished a week earlier than the 39 week lets) were unable to move into their new private tenancies straight from their University room. This resulted in them having to return home for a few days and arrange private storage for their belongings.

Some students in 39 week lets were unable to move in to their new accommodation because their tenancy started on Monday 11th July and they had to vacate on Saturday 9th.

In 2011-12, our 33 and 38 week tenancies will end on **30th June 2012** and 39 week tenancies will finish on **7th July 2012**.

It would assist the students if you could take this into consideration when agreeing start dates for lettings for 2012-13.

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