YOUR HOME AT YORK

INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE UNDERGRADUATES
LIFE AT YORK CENTRES AROUND OUR COLLEGES: SMALL, DISTINCT COMMUNITIES WHICH WILL BECOME YOUR HOME FROM HOME FOR EACH YEAR OF YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME AND BEYOND, WHETHER YOU LIVE ON OR OFF CAMPUS.

MORE THAN JUST A PLACE TO LIVE

Each college has its own social facilities and a range of accommodation options, from Economy rooms in our older blocks to recently built Premium rooms featuring TVs in the spacious shared kitchens and larger beds – all on, or very close to, campus.

Colleges provide you with a network of support and a calendar of events and activities to help you settle in, develop skills and explore interests. You’ll meet people of all ages, nationalities and disciplines and most likely make friends for life.

Friendships formed in colleges are a starting point to exploring all the activities available at York, ones you already enjoy and completely new ones.

Activities and events
Unlike most universities, your Freshers’ week at York is organised by student volunteers in your college. Events and activities continue throughout the year and are usually open to everyone so no matter which college you are a member of you can attend and invite your friends. Events include big summer parties, club nights, live music events, guest lectures, Christmas fairs, bake-off competitions and much more. Organising, or simply attending college events is a great way to get to know people from across the University and get fully immersed in campus life.

College sports and clubs
Every week colleges compete in over a dozen sporting leagues. There are also one-day competitions where you can try out a new sport like Lacrosse or Ultimate Frisbee and keep fit activities like yoga. There is regular training and coaching for club members – who range from
JOINING A COLLEGE

When you apply for accommodation, each room type you select will be located in a particular college. Like the sound of Halifax College? Put all the Halifax preferences at the top of your list to increase your chances of joining that college. Or if you know you want a Premium room but don’t mind which college you’re in, put those room types at the top of your list.

LIVING OFF CAMPUS

You’ll be asked to choose a college during the enrolment process or assigned to one if you don’t indicate a preference. Use the following pages to get a feel for the location, facilities and events that each college offers to help you decide which one to pick.

QUICK FACTS

- £106 to £158 per week for self-catered rooms or £158 to £184 per week for catered options (single rooms, 2018/19 prices)
- Heating, electricity, water, contents insurance and wifi included
- Bars, cafés, dining halls, launderettes, secure bike sheds, common rooms and study areas on your doorstep
- Accommodation available for each year of your course

Support and wellbeing

Your college team will welcome and support you while you’re here so you get the most of your time at York. A team of Second and Third Year Contacts (STYCs) will help you move in and settle quickly. College staff and tutors provide a listening ear and can signpost you towards the support available across the University. We deliver workshops on topics such as perfectionism, procrastination, and anxiety to help you develop the skills needed to deal with some of the challenges you may face.

OUR GUARANTEE

Whether we’re your firm choice or your insurance choice, we guarantee you a room offer if you apply for accommodation by the designated deadline.

leadership and volunteering

Run for a position on your college committee and you could deliver campaigns, design and sell college clothing, co-ordinate the sports teams or arrange socials. You’ll also have the chance to organise volunteering and charity fundraising for projects you’re passionate about. Everything you take part in will help to build your skills and experience and this will be recognised through the innovative York Award.

beginners to seasoned pros – so whatever your sporting ability you can take part. You could even play for your college against Durham University college teams in our annual College Varsity competition.

Durham University
As I am in catered accommodation I don’t have to worry about cooking my own meals five days a week. The food is good and I like the social element of going to dinner at the same time as my housemates.”
Georgia, Derwent (page 8)

THINGS TO CONSIDER

YOUR ACCOMMODATION IS MORE THAN JUST A BEDROOM, BATHROOM AND KITCHEN. WHEN YOU CHOOSE YOUR PREFERENCES, THERE ARE LOTS OF OPTIONS TO THINK ABOUT WHICH WILL HELP TO SHAPE YOUR COLLEGE AND ACCOMMODATION EXPERIENCE.

YOUR OPTIONS

Department and location
You don’t need to apply to a particular college based on your department – even if it’s located in a college building.
It’s quick and easy to get across campus on foot, bike or bus, so think about whether you want to roll out of bed and into your lectures or put a bit of distance between your studies and your social life.

College facilities and events
All colleges have launderettes and common rooms, but some also have bars, study spaces and more. These will influence the types of events and activities taking place in your college – and the events you can host yourself – but you’ll also be welcome at many of the events at other colleges.

Layouts
Our accommodation varies from flats and houses, which you’ll usually share with around five to fifteen other students, to open corridors which allow you to move freely around your block and bump into lots more people from your college.
Catered or self-catered?

Whether your accommodation is catered or self-catered, you’ll have access to a shared kitchen where you can prepare meals and catch up with your housemates.

Catered packages allow students to meet up with other college members for breakfast and dinner, Monday to Friday during term time. Our catering covers most dietary requirements including options for vegans and vegetarians. The Roger Kirk Centre’s Galleria Restaurant has developed a Halal Service Standard.

If you’re self-catered, our Meals in Advance (MAD) deal lets you save money by buying packages of meals each term.

For more about food on campus see: york.ac.uk/food-and-bars.

Ensuite or shared bathroom?

Having your own ensuite bathroom or wet room can offer a little extra privacy, but sharing a bathroom gives you a great opportunity to get out of your room and make friends – and can make a real difference to your budget.

Just like a family bathroom, shared bathrooms are lockable and only used by one person at a time. They’re cleaned regularly and you’ll also have a wash basin in your room.

Price bands

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<td>Standard</td>
<td>rooms are our most common room type. They’re newer or more recently refurbished than Economy rooms, and you’ll generally share your kitchen/bathroom facilities with fewer students.</td>
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<td>Premium</td>
<td>rooms feature larger (¾ size) beds as well as TVs in the shared kitchen. Even if you don’t have an ensuite, you won’t share your bathroom with more than three other students.</td>
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Living Learning Communities

Some of our colleges are home to residential learning communities built around shared interests where students live and learn together. For more information see york.ac.uk/study/accommodation/undergraduate/llc/

Let lengths

Most of our rooms are available for 40–44 weeks, which includes Easter and Christmas vacations, but we also have some 50-week lets which cover the Summer vacation and a small number of 38-week lets which need to be vacated for two weeks during the Easter break.

Health, Welfare and Disability Requirements

We provide rooms for additional health, welfare and disability requirements. Just let us know what you need when you submit your application and we’ll get in touch. For more information see york.ac.uk/study/accommodation/health/

Nursing and Midwifery Students

Currently we house Nursing and Midwifery students together in self-catered flats or houses because their course placements can include night shifts. The choice of rooms is therefore more limited.

With the upcoming changes to the curriculum for Nursing students from 19/20, we’re in the process of consulting Health Sciences staff and students to help us decide whether Nursing and Midwifery students should continue to be housed together. Further information will be available on our website once the consultation is completed.

I like the houses at Halifax – it feels a lot more homely than a flat. Having a shared bathroom means my room is a lot bigger than those with an ensuite and it’s always clean and tidy.”

Talia, Halifax (page 10)
Located at one of the highest points on campus, near the library, Alcuin College is organised in blocks around grassy social squares. The accommodation is all ensuite and arranged in flats with shared kitchens. You can get a bite to eat at Alcuin Bistro or nearby cosy café, The Kitchen (run by the Students’ Union).

We have an ethos of mutual support and civic and environmental engagement. We’ll support your personal and academic development by working with neighbouring departments and student organisations, and you’ll have the opportunity to work on projects with the local community and charities in the area through the Civic Alcuin Initiative.

Facilities
- Common room
- Launderette
- Cafés

Alcuin is a great college in beautiful surroundings. The college does fun events throughout the year and the staff are very helpful and friendly.”

Chloe, Alcuin College

*2018/19 prices, rounded to the nearest pound
Constantine is friendly and inclusive, with scope for students to set up new groups and projects. We support our students’ well-being with peer mentoring, personal development workshops, and sports tasters. We are the newest and one of the most diverse colleges and are keen to recruit members who want to engage with people from different cultures.

Located near the Sport Village on Campus East, all rooms have small double beds and televisions in the shared kitchens.

Students and tutors organise activities such as hula hooping, gardening, gaming nights, and yoga. Our college charity, Refugee Action York, provide opportunities for our students to volunteer at their weekly Hub and go into schools as Refugee Ambassadors. Highlights of the year include our outdoor festival day ‘ConstanChill’ and college formals. Our college colour is magenta and we wear it with pride.

Facilities
- Common room
- Study space
- Launderette

*The Constantine team goes out of its way to make sure everyone feels comfortable and involved. There’s always something to do so you can get to know the people around you really well and you make some of your best friends here.*

Mobayo, Constantine College

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QUICK FACTS
- 620 rooms
- Premium ensuite or shared bathroom
- Mostly flat-style layout

"2018/19 prices, rounded to the nearest pound
** Includes one college evening meal per week, during term time
Our 1960s buildings feature open corridor layouts which are great for socialising, and we organise numerous events from student-run club nights to ceilidh dancing in our large dining hall and bar.

As a Derwent member, you’ll embrace tradition and welcome new experiences, fostering a strong sense of identity and college spirit. Our friendly and respectful ethos is reflected in the Derwent Global Community, which will encourage you to consider world issues in order to make a positive contribution.

Facilities
- Common room
- Computer room
- Launderette
- Bar
- Dining hall
- BBQs

QUICK FACTS
- 580 rooms
- Economy shared bathroom or ensuite, standard shared bathroom
- Mostly corridor-, some house-style layout
- Living Learning Communities: Human rights and international development
- Catering available
- Rooms available for Nursing and Midwifery students †

"Derwent is in a great location, it has a great atmosphere and the people are lovely. My room is really big which means everyone can hang out together in here."
Emma, Derwent College

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Located on Campus East, Goodricke consists of three courts set around a central nucleus in which you will find the college offices, two large common rooms, a ‘wellbeing hub’, and other amenities. Most accommodation is in flats with large social kitchens, though we also have a few townhouses.

Goodricke is known as a friendly, vibrant, close-knit and happy college. The College team, working with the Junior Common Room Committee, put on weekly events including our famous ‘GoodFood’ (free baked potatoes with toppings every Wednesday) and College Nights (everything from smoothie making to cocktail masterclasses, as well as yoga, mindfulness, and film nights). Annually, we have a free student-led festival, ‘GoodFest’, and a Midsummer Jazz evening.

Facilities
- Common room
- Launderette
- Study space
- BBQs

Every week at Goodricke there are events to take part in like BBQs throughout the summer term. The kitchens are massive and I love having an ensuite.”
Eloise, Goodricke College

Room type | Price per week* | Price per year*
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Standard
Shared bathroom with weekly college meal | £136 | £5,435 (40 weeks) (£5,985 (44 weeks))
Standard
Ensuite with weekly college meal | £149 | £6,570 (44 weeks)

QUICK FACTS
- 590 rooms
- Standard ensuite or shared bathroom
- Mostly flat-, some house-style layout

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** Includes one college evening meal per week, during term time
Located next to the University sports fields and the picturesque village of Heslington, Halifax is the largest and most diverse college on campus. It’s built around attractive leafy courtyards close to our own mini supermarket, computer room, cashpoint, common rooms, and large event space, with staging and sound equipment. Halifax’s location, outdoor spaces and facilities give the college a feeling of security and a great sense of community.

As a member you will have the exciting prospect of making a large friendship group and will be actively encouraged to pursue lots of social and academic interests. Although known for our sport, we’re also proud of our wide range of events which promote wellbeing and creativity. We are developing our arts, volunteering and mentoring programmes and working with our students’ association to continue their success in hosting large social events.

Facilities
- Common room
- Launderette
- Computer room
- Shop
- BBQs
- Resident parking

There was always support from Halifax, getting emails about careers talks, flyers through the door for pub quizzes and our College Tutor knocking on the door with a smile to see how I was.”

Joshua, Halifax College

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Located on Campus West close to the Sports Centre, James is built around landscaped quadrants with lakeside views. We have a large dining hall and we’re home to the Students’ Union cocktail bar, The Lounge.

Priding ourselves on our give-it-a-go ethos, we encourage everyone to get involved with a diverse range of activities. All of our first year accommodation is catered and mealtimes often become social events. We have a strong sporting tradition and we’ll work hard to ensure that you’ll feel welcome to take part, make new friends and challenge yourself.

Our new building, James Lodge, is a great social and study space complete with kitchen, playstations and a picnic area for all our students to enjoy throughout the year.

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**Facilities**

- Common rooms
- Café
- Launderette
- Bar
- Dining hall
- BBQs

**QUICK FACTS**

- 590 rooms
- Economy shared bathroom, standard ensuite or shared bathroom
- Mostly flat-, some house-style layout
- Catering available

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“From the first day I arrived in James, I’ve felt really welcome; there’s a strong community spirit and everyone looks out for each other.”

Rebecca, James College
Langwith is the joint-oldest College at York, but moved to Campus East in 2012. Our accommodation is arranged in flats and houses with large social kitchens. We’re also home to the Glasshouse, a Students’ Union Bar.

Our motto is Vincit Qui, Se Vincit which means ‘in order to conquer, you must first conquer yourself’. We have a strong community spirit, and an active student population; with dozens of student leadership and development opportunities available. We run initiatives associated with creativity and community; including regular workshops, open mics and an annual arts competition. We also have a strong reputation for sports, and regularly get the most spectators down to our games!

Facilities
- Common rooms
- Study space with PCs
- Launderette
- BBQs
- Music practice space
- Gallery
- Bar

“Langwith has given me so much: my friends, a sense of belonging, and the opportunity to thrive both independently and as part of a community. Langwith didn’t give me a room; Langwith gave me a home.”

Olivia, Langwith College

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**QUICK FACTS**
- 650 rooms
- Premium ensuite or shared bathroom, studio
- Mostly flat-, some house-style layout
- Living Learning Communities: arts and music
Located on Campus West, beside Central Hall and Market Square, Vanbrugh accommodation ranges from large social blocks organised as open corridors to modern ensuite flats. It’s a lively, inclusive college with an ethos of participation, whether in music, sport or creative activities. We have a ‘give-it-a-go’ attitude and encourage all members to join in our student-led events, our many and varied sports teams, and our student-leadership opportunities.

Vanbrugh’s music facilities include garage-band rehearsal space, recording studio and instrument lending library. Vanbrugh’s college house, ‘The Warren’, has a kitchen, garden, snug and lounge available for all members. It also hosts many of our weekly activities both during the day and the evening and is a lovely place for off-campus students to study, relax, and eat lunch.

It’s really easy to meet new people through the college musical events and sports teams as there are fewer people than there are in the university teams, so it’s not overwhelming at all.”

Charlie, Vanbrugh College

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DID YOU KNOW?
You can live on campus during your second and third year too and enjoy the benefits of having everything on your doorstep for longer. You can apply individually or as a group with friends and you’ll live with other second and third year students.

NEED TO KNOW
What’s included in the price?
- Contents insurance
- Wifi and 100Mbs wired internet access with no download limit
- Electricity, heating and water
- Bed and mattress
- Wardrobe, shelving and storage
- Desk, chair and noticeboard
- Ensuite bathroom with WC, sink and shower OR a wash basin and access to a shared bathroom which is cleaned regularly
- Access to a shared kitchen

Added extras
When you accept your room booking you can add these optional extras onto your order including:
- Gym and sports membership
- Catering card (MAD card) (for non-catered rooms)

How to apply
You can find out more about applying for accommodation, how we allocate rooms and a short video guide at york.ac.uk/study/accommodation/undergraduate/how-to-apply.

YOUR NEXT STEPS
VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION, PHOTOS AND 360-DEGREE TOURS TO HELP YOU TO NARROW DOWN YOUR PREFERENCES

POSTGRADUATES
All nine of our colleges welcome postgraduate members and some offer dedicated postgraduate accommodation, including our graduate college Wentworth.
For more information visit york.ac.uk/study/accommodation/postgraduate

TOP TIPS
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- Don’t leave it until the last minute! Book your accommodation early.

Even if we’re your insurance offer, you should still apply for a room.

Private sector accommodation
We hope our accommodation will become your home away from home, but there’s also plenty of private sector accommodation within easy walking distance of the campus.
For more information see york.ac.uk/study/accommodation/private-sector
The 66 bus runs from University to the city centre and is free between campus east and west.

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We review our accommodation provision and application process annually. The information in the leaflet refers to the academic year 2018/19 and is correct at the time of publication (June 2018). For the most up-to-date information please visit our website at york.ac.uk.

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