

A STUDENT GUIDE TO ACCOMMODATION



WELCOME

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all prospective students. Here at Accommodation Services we are committed to assisting students in the transition from home to university life.

The University offers accommodation in University Managed and Partner halls of residence at various locations in Birmingham.

The majority of our accommodation offers en suite rooms, suitable for undergraduate and postgraduate students.

For students with a disability, we have accessible purpose -built rooms at some of the halls of residence. Further information is available on request.

I hope you find this booklet helpful in terms of giving information about accommodation at Birmingham City University. For up-to-date information please visit our website at bcu.ac.uk/accommodation.

Jare Grimmett

Jane Grimmett
Assistant Director
Estates and Facilities

WHY CHOOSE HALLS OF RESIDENCE?

- Security personnel patrol the campuses.
- CCTV on all campuses.
- Heating in all rooms.
- Free basic package internet connection socket and wi-fi (upgrades are available for an additional cost).
- Accommodation staff available on all campuses during office hours.
- Accommodation Services' commitment to quality.
- Basic insurance cover

What can you expect in your accommodation?

While there are some minor variations at each accommodation, a standard room is furnished with:

- bed, mattress and mattress protector (you will need to bring your own bed linen)
- curtains/blind
- wardrobe
- chest of drawers
- bookshelf
- study desk and chair
- mirror.

The majority of self-catering kitchens are equipped with the following:

- electric cooker
- fridge/freezer
- microwave
- kettle
- toaster
- ironing board.

Each site has its own laundry.

Please note there may be some minor variations at each accommodation. Full details of the facilities available at each site can be found on the website.





CITY SOUTH CAMPUS

Students on Health, Life Sciences and Sport courses are based on this state-of-the-art campus in the leafy suburb of Edgbaston, within easy reach of the city centre. Sport students may also study at the Alexander Stadium.

Our facilities replicate the real world of health, education, sport and life sciences, including an operating theatre, hospital wards and a fully equipped midwifery skills/birthing room, as well as specialist laboratories for sport and life sciences.



WE HAVE INVESTED £340 MILLION ACROSS OUR BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES, TO GIVE YOU THE VERY BEST LEARNING ENVIRONMENT TO SHAPE YOUR EXPERIENCE.



CITY CENTRE CAMPUS

This campus at the heart of Birmingham's fast-developing Eastside district, and just a short walk from the city centre, is where most students on courses including Music, Design, Media, Engineering, Computing, Built Environment, Education, Law, Social Sciences, Business and English are based.

You can find library, IT and student support facilities here, providing a modern, dynamic space for you to learn in with the resources you need. It also provides a base for our Students' Union, incorporating the Grade II listed Eagle and Ball pub.

ACROSS THE CITY

In addition to our two main campuses, our art and jewellery students benefit from studying at specialist locations in the city – Birmingham School of Art in Margaret Street and the School of Jewellery in Vittoria Street, St Paul's Square and a dedicated area within Birmingham's Assay Office.



BEECH GARDENS



POSTCODE: B15 2NL

LAYOUT: Five-bedroom flats

FACILITIES: Each 5-bed cluster flat, with small

double bed (4ft), comes standard with modern fitted lounge and kitchen with two bathrooms. There are two pavilions on site, one for socialising

and the other a study area.

LOCATION: A 20-minute walk to City South Campus

and less than a mile from the city centre.

Beech Gardens is a University partner accommodation.

COST FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/27*:

Single bedroom	
(43 week contract)	(51 week contract)
Weekly cost £163 Annual cost £7,009	Weekly cost £160 Annual cost £8,160

^{*}Costs are indicative for 2026/27.

CAMPUS DISTANCES

Beech Gardens to:

Campus	Distance
Margaret Street	1 mile
City South Campus	1.1 miles
Vittoria Street	1.4 miles
City Centre Campus	2.4 miles

FACILITIES



University partner



Small double bed (4ft)



Social space



Laundry



Wi-fi



Study space



Fully fitted kitchen



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Bike racks



Bills included



Parking may be subject



Shared bathroom

Beech Gardens Birmingham is managed by student accommodation provider Almero Student, one of our University partner providers.

Beech Gardens is located close to our City South Campus. Each five bedroom apartment comes standard with two toilets and two showers, kitchen and lounge facilities. It has parking and is centrally located to walk to university or take public transport to get to where you need to be. On the property, you can also take advantage of our vast gardens, picnic benches, herb garden, greenhouse and two brand new treehouse pavilions. One pavilion is a fully kitted games room with foosball, table tennis, all the board games you can imagine and a giant TV - challenge your flat mates to a game or two! If you're looking for somewhere a bit quieter, the second pavilion is a study room with high- spec furniture and an environment perfect for studying.

BENTLEY HOUSE



of our University partner providers. The accommodation is just a 10 minute walk from the City Centre Campus. Bentley House is convenient for students based at the City Centre Campus and offers ideal city living.

block and into four or five bedroom flats. which means you share a well-equipped kitchen, dining area and lounge which include a 43-inch Smart TV. There is also a gym for residents to use.

POSTCODE: B4 7AU

Four-to-five bedroom flats. LAYOUT:

FACILITIES: En suite bedrooms, small double bed

(4ft wide), shared kitchen, dining area and lounge, which includes a 43-inch Smart TV.

LOCATION: Based in the heart of the city centre

and just a 10-minute walk to the City

Centre Campus.

Bentley House is a university partner accommodation.

COST FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/27*:

Classic en suite bedroom

[43 week contract]

Weekly cost £186 Annual cost £7.998

Classic en suite plus bedroom

[43 week contract]

Weekly cost £189 Annual cost £8,127

Premium en suite bedroom

[43 week contract]

Weekly cost £193 Annual cost £8,299

Deluxe en suite bedroom

(43 week contract)

Weekly cost £200 Annual cost £8,600

CAMPUS DISTANCES

Bentley House to:

Campus	Distance
City Centre Campus	0.7 miles
Margaret Street	1.0 miles
Vittoria Street	1.1 miles
City South Campus	2.5 miles

FACILITIES

























Bentley House is managed by Yugo, one The en suite rooms are grouped into one

^{*}Costs are indicative for 2026/27.

HAMSTEAD CAMPUS



Hamstead Campus (Hamcam) is managed by Evenbrook, one of our University partner providers. The accommodation is less than four miles from campus.

This accommodation is situated in beautiful grounds. Hamstead Campus is located just outside the city centre and accommodates over 224 students.

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Hamstead Campus offers a variety of room types to suit every budget - five and two bedroom flats with shared facilities and studio rooms with a bathroom and kitchen. There is an on-site gym, social and study space.

*A travel pass is provided free of charge.

POSTCODE: B20 1AP

LAYOUT: Two and five-bedroom flats (non en suite)

and Studio Flats.

FACILITIES: Two and five bedroom flats (non en suite)

have three-quarter beds, bathroom, shared kitchen, dining area and lounge. Studio flats have a bedroom with double bed, lounge,

kitchen and bathroom.

LOCATION: Located outside the city centre and is less

than 4 miles from campus.

Hamstead Campus is a university partner accommodation.

COST FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/27*:

Single bedroom (Five-bedroom flat)	
(44 week contract)	(45 week contract)
Weekly cost £115 Annual cost £5,060	Weekly cost £115 Annual cost £5,175

Single bedroom (Two-bedroom flat)	
(44 week contract)	(45 week contract)
Weekly cost £119 Annual cost £5.236	Weekly cost £119 Annual cost £5.355

Studio Flat

(51 week contract)

Weekly cost £178 Annual cost £9.078

CAMPUS DISTANCES

Hamstead Campus to:

Campus	Distance
Vittoria Street	2.7 miles
Margaret Street	3.2 miles
City South Campus	3.8 miles
City Centre Campus	3.9 miles

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Study rooms



Laundry



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Bike racks



Bills include



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Free limited parking

*terms and conditions apply

^{*}Costs are indicative for 2026/27.

LAKESIDE



POSTCODE: B4 7EG

LAYOUT: Six-to-ten bedroom flats.

FACILITIES: En suite bedrooms, small double bed

(4ft wide), shared kitchen/lounge per

flat and social/study space.

LOCATION: Based in the heart of the city centre

and just a few minutes' walk to the

City Centre Campus.

Lakeside is a university partner accommodation.

COST FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/27*:

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(4	44 week contract)
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Δ	Annual cost £7,612

^{*}Costs are indicative for 2026/27.

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Lakeside to:

Campus	Distance
City Centre Campus	0.4 miles
Margaret Street	0.7 miles
Vittoria Street	1.2 miles
City South Campus	2.1 miles

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Public areas cleaned



Fully fitted kitchen



24 hour security



Bike racks



Bills included

Lakeside is managed by Unite Students, one of our University partner providers. Lakeside is located in Birmingham city centre, a few minutes' walk to our City Centre Campus, and offers ideal city living.

All en suite rooms are packed with features such as a private bathroom, small double bed (4ft wide), wardrobe, desk and chair. Each flat benefits from a shared large

lounge and kitchen area to relax with your flatmates. There is also a dedicated social/study space.

There is a great student community and all the modern comforts you need to study and have fun. Just a few minutes' walk and you'll find yourself in the centre of Birmingham's shopping district.

OLD FIRE STATION



The Old Fire Station is managed by Canvas, one of our University partner providers. Each studio room has a private shower room with sink and toilet, a comfortable small double bed (4ft wide) with mattress and cover, and a Wi-Fi connected study area with a desk, chair and a notice board. As well as a mirror and wardrobe, you'll find storage space under your bed with shelves and drawers to store your belongings.

The studio also contains a personal fitted kitchen which includes a cooker, fridge/

freezer, and microwave, plus a living area which is an ideal space to relax with your friends. There are also ensuite bedrooms. Enjoy a good-sized bedroom with a comfortable small double bed (4ft wide) which includes a mattress and a mattress topper. Indulge in the luxury of having a private bathroom with a shower, toilet, and sink.

There is also the social area, a study room which offers the perfect environment for solo and group work and an onsite gym which is free for all residents.

POSTCODE: B47DA

LAYOUT: Studio flats and en-suite rooms.

FACILITIES: Each studio contains an en suite, fitted

kitchen, plus a living area to relax in.

LOCATION: Based in the heart of the city centre close

to our City Centre Campus.

Old Fire Station is a University partner accommodation.

COST FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/27*:

En suite bedroom
(51 weeks contract)
Weekly cost £185 Annual cost £9,435

Studio flat
(51 weeks contract)
Weekly cost £223 Annual cost £11,373

^{*}Costs are indicative for 2026/27.

CAMPUS DISTANCES

Old Fire Station to:

Campus	Distance
Margaret Street	0.5 miles
City South Campus	2 miles
Vittoria Street	1.2 miles
City Centre Campus	0.5 miles

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Public areas cleaned



Fully fitted kitchen



24 hour security



Bike rack



Bills included

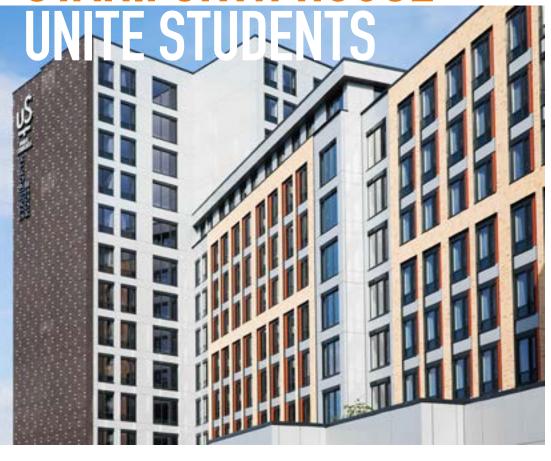


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STANIFORTH HOUSE



POSTCODE: B47DN

LAYOUT: Five-to-ten bedroom flats.

FACILITIES: En suite bedrooms with small double bed

(4ft wide), shared kitchen/lounge per flat, social/study space, amphitheatre and a

rooftop garden.

LOCATION: Based in the heart of the city centre

and just a 10-minute walk to the City

Centre Campus.

Staniforth House is a university partner accommodation.

COST FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/27*:

En suite bedroom
(44 week contract)
Weekly cost £184 Annual cost £8,096

^{*}Costs are indicative for 2026/27.

CAMPUS DISTANCES

Staniforth House to:

Campus	Distance
City Centre Campus	0.6 miles
Margaret Street	0.9 miles
Vittoria Street	1.1 miles
City South Campus	2.3 miles

Staniforth House is managed by Unite Students, one of our University partner providers. Just a 10-minute walk from the City Centre Campus, Staniforth House is convenient for students based at the City Centre Campus and offers ideal city living.

All en suite rooms are packed with features such as a private bathroom, small double bed (4ft wide), wardrobe, desk and chair. They also benefit from a shared large lounge and kitchen area to relax with your flatmates. Take a break from your studies and relax with friends in the garden, with panoramic views of Birmingham city centre, or the amazing amphitheatre!

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Small double bed (4ft wide)



Study/social space



Laundry



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Public areas cleaned



Fully fitted kitchen



24 hour security



Bike racks



Bills included

THE HEIGHTS CANVAS

The Heights is managed by Canvas, one of our University partner providers. Just a 10-minute walk from the City Centre Campus, The Heights is convenient for students based at the City Centre Campus and offers ideal city living. The en suite rooms are grouped into four-to six-bedroom flats, which means you share a well-equipped kitchen, dining area and lounge with fellow residents.

As well as the shared space in each flat, you can also take advantage of the social space on the ground floor, which has widescreen TV with Sky, comfortable sofas and a pool table. There is also a free gym for residents to use.

POSTCODE: B47DR

LAYOUT: Four-to-six bedroom flats

FACILITIES: En suite bedrooms with small double bed

(4ft wide), shared kitchen/lounge per flat.

Common room with TV, free gym.

LOCATION: Based in the heart of the city centre and just

a ten-minute walk to the City Centre Campus.

The Heights is a university partner accommodation.

COST FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/27*:

En suite bedroom	
(44 week contract)	
Weekly cost £172 Annual cost £7,568	

En suite bedroom
(51 week contract)
Weekly cost £167 Annual cost £8,517

^{*}Costs are indicative for 2026/27.

CAMPUS DISTANCES

The Heights to:

Campus	Distance
City Centre Campus	0.6 miles
Margaret Street	0.9 miles
Vittoria Street	1.1 miles
City South Campus	2.3 miles

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Bike racks



Bills included

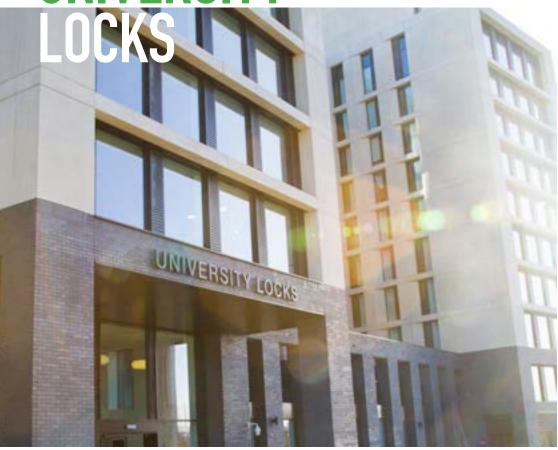


Limited parking



Gym

UNIVERSITY



University Locks is managed by Birmingham City University and is located in Birmingham city centre. It is just a two-minute walk away from our City Centre Campus and there is a Co-Op store on the ground floor.

University Locks is ideal if you want to live close to campus as well as enjoying that city-living feeling. Security is important and, in addition to 24-hour CCTV, security officers are on duty out of office hours and there is a secure door entry system.

The bright and airy rooms are fully furnished. En suite bedrooms (five to eight bedroom flats), each come with a shared kitchen and lounge/dining area and a TV.

Two-bedroom flats are also available at University Locks. Each comes with a shared bathroom, kitchen and lounge/dining area with a TV.

We also have some accessible rooms for students with physical and sensory disabilities.

POSTCODE: B4 7XJ

LAYOUT: Two-bedroom non en suite flats, five-to

eight-bedroom en suite flats, each with

small double bed (4ft wide).

FACILITIES: Shared kitchen/lounge per flat including

a TV. Social room with a TV and a study room. Music practice rooms for Royal Birmingham Conservatoire students.

 ${\color{red}\textbf{LOCATION:}} \quad \textbf{Based next to the City Centre Campus.}$

This accommodation is managed by the University.

COST FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/27*:

Single en suite bedroom	
Weekly cost £180	
40 week contract Annual cost £7,200	
41 week contract Annual cost £7,380	
51 week contract Weekly cost £175 Annual cost £8,925	

2 bedroom flat (non en suite)

Weekly cost £180 (per bedroom)

40 week contract Annual cost £7,200 (per bedroom)

41 week contract Annual cost £7,380 (per bedroom)

51 week contract Weekly cost £175 Annual cost £8,925 (per bedroom)

CAMPUS DISTANCES

University Locks to:

Campus	Distance		
City Centre Campus	0.2 miles		
Margaret Street	1.1 miles		
Vittoria Street	1.6 miles		
City South Campus	2.4 miles		

FACILITIES

En suite (cluster flats)



Small double bed (4ft wide



Study/social space



Music practice rooms



Laundry



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Public areas cleaned



Fully fitted kitcher



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2/4 hour security









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20 City South Campus 2.4 miles

^{*}Costs are indicative for 2026/27.

^{*}Please note that the music practice rooms are only for Royal Birmingham Conservatoire students.

^{**} Charges appl

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR ACCOMMODATION?

All first-year, full-time home, and International students are guaranteed University accommodation if they have firmly accepted an offer in the main application cycle and apply by the deadline date.

We reserve rooms for semester students at some of the accommodation sites, this is subject to availability. Please view the website for further details.

Allocations of rooms can only be made once your academic place has been confirmed, which is normally when all the conditions of your course offer have been met.

You will be allocated a room at one of your selected preferences (most of which are close to your place of study); we are not able to guarantee your first preference of accommodation.

WHEN CAN I APPLY FOR ACCOMMODATION?

You are able to apply for accommodation via the online accommodation application portal from **February 2026**, provided you have accepted an unconditional or conditional offer on a full-time course and made Birmingham City University your first or insurance choice.

- Guaranteed accommodation deadline date for applications for UK students is 31 July 2026.
- Guaranteed accommodation deadline date for applications for international students is 31 August 2026.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR ACCOMMODATION?

Please view the range of accommodation and identify your preferences before making an application. The Accommodation Offer Policy can be found on our website from **January 2026** along with lots of useful information.

Please read through the details in this booklet and visit bcu.ac.uk/accommodation. If you have any unanswered questions after doing so, please contact Accommodation Services by email on ac.uk or you can call the team on 1121.331.5191.

If you have a disability or if there are medical or mobility factors which have a bearing on your accommodation needs, please provide full details and supporting evidence at the time of application to enable us to allocate appropriately. You should also contact the Disability Support Team on 0121 331 6495 or by email disability@bcu.ac.uk. The Mental Health and Wellbeing Team can be contacted on 0121 331 5188 or by email wellbeing@bcu.ac.uk

To apply for accommodation you will need to visit our website at bcc.ac.uk/accommodation to view all of the accommodation preferences.

Once you have accepted Birmingham City University as your first or insurance choice, an email will be sent to you with details on how to apply for accommodation along with the link to the accommodation portal.

Please register your details and then complete the online accommodation application form.

Please use the notes section of the application form to advise us of any additional information; for example, if you have specific requirements that you would like us to consider when allocating you a room.

WHEN WILL I KNOW IF I HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED ACCOMMODATION?

Allocation of rooms will commence from:

- February 2026 for all students holding an accepted Unconditional Firm offer (UF).
- 13 August 2026 for all students awaiting exam results.

You will receive an email (to the email address provided in the Accommodation Portal) informing you that you have been offered accommodation. Please follow the instructions set out in the email to accept your offer.

At the point you are offered a room, you will be required to make an advance payment. Your rent payment plan and instalment dates will be provided to you during the acceptance process.

Guarantor details maybe required depending on the accommodation you have been allocated to.

PRE ARRIVAL INFORMATION

UNIVERSITY LOCKS

Your room offer will indicate the date from when you will be liable for the Residence Fees. International students will be able to arrival from Friday 4 September.

Prior to arrival, you will be requested to complete the online welcome. You will receive an email with instructions on how to complete this process. The online welcome will include important information, for example:

- · Living in Birmingham
- Useful information regarding your stay in accommodation

- Checklist of items you need to bring with you, which are not supplied within the accommodation
- Arrival instructions.

Home students will be able to select a booking slot to arrive from Tuesday 8 September once the online induction has been completed.

BEECH GARDENS, HAMSTEAD CAMPUS, LAKESIDE, STANIFORTH HOUSE, BENTLEY HOUSE, THE HEIGHTS AND THE OLD FIRE STATION.

You will be able to move into your accommodation from the date indicated on your Tenancy Agreement, which is when you will be liable for the Residence Fees.

Prior to arrival, you will be requested to complete the online welcome. You will receive an email with instructions on how to complete this process. The online welcome will include important information, for example:

- Living in Birmingham
- Useful information regarding your stay in accommodation
- Checklist of items you need to bring with you, which are not supplied within the accommodation
- Arrival instructions.

FACILITIES SUMMARY 2026/27

	UNIVERSITY LOCKS	UNIVERSITY LOCKS TWO-BED	BENTLEY HOUSE	HAMSTEAD
University Managed	ed • •			
University Partner			•	•
Price per week (£)	£175-180	£175-180	£186-200	£115-178
BCU rooms (first years)	589	62	340	81
Total rooms in property	651	651	534	224
Semester contracts	•			
1st year undergrad	•	•	•	•
Postgrad	•	•	•	•
40 week let	•	•		
41 week let	•	•		
43 week let			•	
44 week let				•
45 week let				•
51 week let	•	•		•
SERVICES				
Laundry on site	•	•	•	•
Social/study space	•	•	•	•
Car parking				•
Gym			•	•
On-site shop	•	•		
FACILITIES				
En suite	•		•	• (studio)
Number to bathroom(s)	1	2	1	2 - 5
Bed size	Small double (4ft wide)	Small double (4ft wide)	Small double (4ft wide)	Small double (4ft wide)
Average room size (sq. metres)	14 inc. en suite	8 - 9	Classic 13 Classic Plus 14 inc. en suite Premium 15 inc. en suite Deluxe 17 inc. en suite	Two/five bed flat 9 Studio flat 46

The description below is intended to provide a general overview of the residence's facilities. All are rooms in shared flats unless otherwise stated. Please note that there may be minor variations in some areas.

THE HEIGHTS	LAKESIDE	STANIFORTH HOUSE	BEECH GARDENS	OLD FIRE STATION STUDIO FLAT	OLD FIRE STATION EN-SUITE
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£167-172	£173	£184	£160-163	£185	£223
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Small double (4ft wide)	Small double (4ft wide)				
13 inc. en suite	15 inc. en suite	12 inc. en suite	14	18.5 inc. en suite	14.8 - 15.1 inc. en suite

THE CITY IS YOUR CAMPUS

JOIN US AT BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY
AND YOU WILL BE RIGHT IN THE HEART OF A
FORWARD-LOOKING AND VIBRANT CITY WITH
PLENTY OF ATTRACTIONS CLOSE AT HAND.



- 1. BEECH GARDENS
- 2. BENTLEY HOUSE
- 3. LAKESIDE
- 4. OLD FIRE STATION
- 5. STANIFORTH HOUSE
- 6. THE HEIGHTS
- 7. UNIVERSITY LOCKS



IMPORTANT LEGAL INFORMATION

All detail is correct at the time of print March 2025. All images used are for illustrative purposes only. Images are indicative of the quality and style of the specification and may not wholly represent the actual fittings and furnishings in a particular site or room.

GET IN TOUCH

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