



BIRMINGHAM CITY
University

A STUDENT GUIDE TO ACCOMMODATION

2023/24

UNIVERSITY LOCKS

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. We also have two-bedroom flats with shared facilities at University Locks.

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.



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.

OUR CAMPUSES

City Centre Campus and Eastside City Park

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

STEAMhouse Building, City Centre Campus

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, Digital Technology, Built Environment, 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.



CITY SOUTH CAMPUS

Students on Health, Life Sciences, Sport and Education courses are based on this state-of-the-art campus in the leafy suburb of Edgbaston, within easy reach of the city centre.

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 sport and life sciences laboratories and replica classrooms.

Seacole Building, City South Campus



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.

School of Jewellery, Vittoria Street



BEECH GARDENS

ALMERO



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

POSTCODE: B15 2NL

LAYOUT: Five-bedroom flats

FACILITIES: Each 5-bed cluster flat, with three-quarter beds, 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 2023/24*:

En suite bedroom

(43 weeks contract)

Weekly Cost £129

Annual Cost £5,547













*Costs are indicative for 2023/24.

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
-  Three-quarter beds
-  Social space
-  Laundry
-  Wi-fi
-  Study space
-  Fully fitted kitchen
-  Security
-  Bike racks
-  Bills included
-  Free parking
-  Shared bathroom

BENTLEY HOUSE

YUGO



Bentley House is managed by Yugo, one 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.

The en suite rooms are grouped into one 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

LAYOUT: Four-to-five bedroom flats.

FACILITIES: En suite bedrooms, three-quarter beds, 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 2023/24*:

En suite bedroom

(43 week contract)
Weekly cost £163
Annual cost £7,009

Premium en suite bedroom

(43 week contract)
Weekly cost £170
Annual cost £7,310

Deluxe en suite bedroom

(43 week contract)
Weekly cost £176
Annual cost £7,568














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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

-  University partner
-  En suite
-  Three quarter beds
-  Study rooms
-  Laundry
-  Wi-fi
-  Public areas cleaned
-  Fully fitted kitchen
-  Social space
-  24 hour staff on-site
-  Bike racks
-  Bills included
-  Gym

JENNENS COURT

UNITE STUDENTS



Jennens Court is managed by Unite Students, one of our University partner providers. Jennens Court is located in Birmingham city centre, next to our City Centre Campus. These en suite rooms are grouped into flats of between three and six occupants. You share a fully equipped kitchen, dining area and lounge.

Away from your room, there's a social area furnished with sofas, a TV, table football and pool. You'll also find a dedicated study room. There is a convenience store and food outlet located next to the main entrance.

POSTCODE: B5 5JR

LAYOUT: Three-to six-bedroom flats.

FACILITIES: En suite bedrooms with three-quarter beds, shared kitchen/lounge per flat. Social space with TV and study room.

LOCATION: Based in the heart of the city centre next to our City Centre Campus.

Jennens Court is a university partner accommodation.

COST FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24:

En suite bedroom

(44 week contract)
Weekly cost £150
Annual cost £6,600

En suite bedroom

(51 week contract)
Weekly cost £144
Annual cost £7,344












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CAMPUS DISTANCES

Jennens Court to:

Campus	Distance
City Centre Campus	0.3 miles
Margaret Street	0.8 miles
Vittoria Street	1.3 miles
City South Campus	2.1 miles

FACILITIES

-  University partner
-  En suite
-  Three-quarter beds
-  Study/social space
-  Laundry
-  Wi-fi
-  Public areas cleaned
-  Fully fitted kitchen
-  24 hour security
-  Bike racks
-  Bills included

LAKE UNITE STUDENTS



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, three-quarter bed, 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.

POSTCODE: B4 7EG

LAYOUT: Six-to-ten bedroom flats.

FACILITIES: En suite bedrooms, three quarter beds, 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 2023/24*:

En suite bedroom

(44 week contract)
Weekly cost £150
Annual cost £6,600

*Costs are indicative for 2023/24.

CAMPUS DISTANCES

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

FACILITIES



University partner



En suite



Three-quarter beds



Study/social space



Laundry



Wi-fi



Public areas cleaned



Fully fitted kitchen



24 hour security



Bike racks



Bills included

OLD FIRE STATION STUDENT ROOST



The Old Fire Station is managed by Student Roost, one of our University partner providers. Each studio room has a private shower room with sink and toilet, a comfortable three-quarter bed 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. Dual occupancy is available at no extra cost. The second occupant would need to be a student.

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: B4 7DA

LAYOUT: Studio flats

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 2023/24*:

En suite bedroom

(51 weeks contract)
Weekly Cost £200
Annual Cost £10,200














*Costs are indicative for 2023/24.

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

FACILITIES

-  University partner
-  En suite
-  Three-quarter beds
-  Study/social space
-  Laundry
-  Wi-fi
-  Public areas cleaned
-  Fully fitted kitchen
-  24 hour security
-  Bike racks
-  Bills included
-  Gym
-  Limited parking

STANIFORTH HOUSE

UNITE STUDENTS



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, three quarter bed, 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!

POSTCODE: B4 7DN

LAYOUT: Five-to-ten bedroom flats.

FACILITIES: En suite bedrooms with three-quarter beds, 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 2023/24*:

En suite bedroom

(44 week contract)
Weekly cost £160
Annual cost £7,040












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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

FACILITIES

-  University partner
-  En suite
-  Three-quarter beds
-  Study/social space
-  Laundry
-  Wi-fi
-  Public areas cleaned
-  Fully fitted kitchen
-  24 hour security
-  Bike racks
-  Bills included

THE HEIGHTS STUDENT ROOST



The Heights is managed by Student Roost, 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: B4 7DR

LAYOUT: Four-to-six bedroom flats

FACILITIES: En suite bedrooms with three-quarter beds, 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 2023/24*:

En suite bedroom

(44 week contract)
Weekly cost £156
Annual cost £6,864

En suite bedroom

(51 week contract)
Weekly cost £152
Annual cost £7,752














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CAMPUS DISTANCES

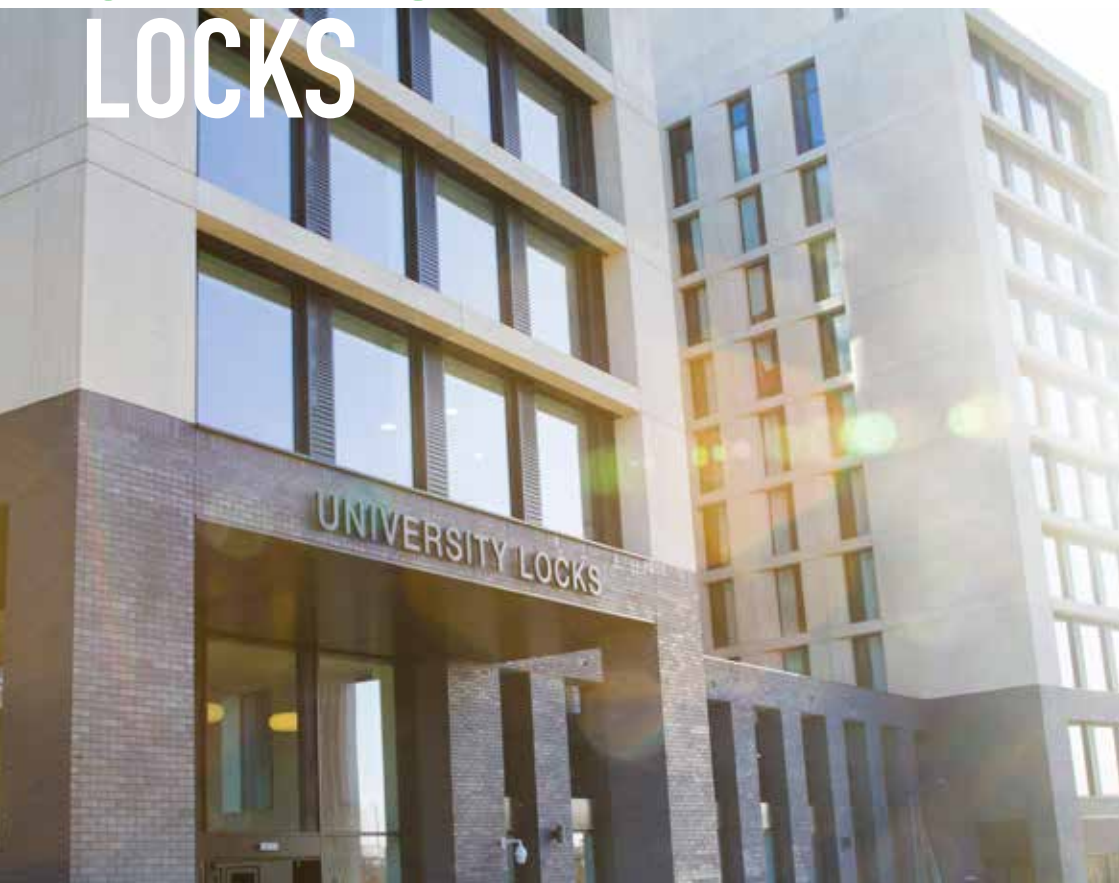
The Heights to:

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

FACILITIES

-  University partner
-  En suite
-  Three-quarter beds
-  Study/social space
-  Laundry
-  Wi-fi
-  Public areas cleaned
-  Fully fitted kitchen
-  24 hour security
-  Bike racks
-  Bills included
-  Limited parking
-  Gym

UNIVERSITY LOCKS



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 (three 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, three-to eight-bedroom en suite flats, each with three-quarter beds.

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.

LOCATION: Based next to the City Centre Campus. This accommodation is managed by the University.

COST FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24:

Single en suite bedroom

Weekly cost £160

40 week contract
(annual cost £6,400)

41 week contract
(annual cost £6,560)

2 bedroom flat (non en suite)

Weekly cost £160 (per bedroom)

40 week contract
(annual cost £6,400 per bedroom)

41 week contract
(annual cost £6,560 per bedroom)














*Costs are indicative for 2023/24.

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)
-  Three-quarter beds
-  Study/social space
-  Music practice rooms*
-  Laundry
-  Wi-fi
-  Public areas cleaned
-  Fully fitted kitchen
-  Convenience store
-  24 hour security
-  Bike racks
-  Bills included
-  Two bed flats offered

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

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR ACCOMMODATION?

Students are guaranteed a room in University Managed or Partner hall of residence for their first year, providing they:

- have accepted an offer on a full-time course at Birmingham City University as their first choice
- apply for accommodation by **31 July 2023**.

We aim to provide accommodation to new undergraduate students if Birmingham City University is your Insurance choice or if you are admitted to the University through the Clearing process. This is subject to availability of rooms and you must apply for accommodation by **31 August 2023**.

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 2023**, provided you have accepted an unconditional or conditional offer on a full-time course and made Birmingham City University your first choice.

- Guaranteed accommodation deadline date for applications for UK students is **31 July 2023**.
- Guaranteed accommodation deadline date for applications for international students is **31 August 2023**.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR ACCOMMODATION?

Please view the range of accommodation and identify your preferences before making an accommodation application. The accommodation room offer policy can be found on our website from **January 2023** 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 accommodation@bcu.ac.uk or you can call the team on **0121 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 sa.wellbeing@bcu.ac.uk

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

Once you have accepted Birmingham City University as your first 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 take into account when allocating you a room.

WHEN WILL I KNOW IF I HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED ACCOMMODATION?

Allocation of rooms will commence from:

- **February 2023** for all students holding an accepted Unconditional Firm offer (UF).
- **17 August 2023** 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 or deposit. 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

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You will be able to move into your accommodation from the date indicated on your room offer, 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.

Once you have completed the online welcome, you will then be required to select your booking slot to collect your keys.

BEECH GARDENS, LAKESIDE, STANIFORTH HOUSE, JENNENS COURT, 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 2023/24

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.

	UNIVERSITY LOCKS	UNIVERSITY LOCKS TWO-BED	JENNENS COURT	BENTLEY HOUSE
 University Managed	•	•		
 University Partner			•	•
 Price per week (£)	160	160	144 - 150	163 - 176
 1st year undergrad	•	•	•	•
 Postgrad	•	•	•	•
 40 week let	•	•		
 41 week let	•	•		
 43 week let				•
 44 week let			•	
 51 week let			•	
SERVICES				
 Laundry on site	•	•	•	•
 Social/study space	•	•	•	•
 Car parking				
 Gym				•
 On-site shop	•			
FACILITIES				
 En suite	•		•	•
 Number to bathroom(s)	1	2	1	1
 Bed size	Three-quarter	Three-quarter	Three-quarter	Three-quarter
 Average room size (sq. metres)	14 inc. en suite	8 - 9	14 inc. en suite	Classic 13 Premium 15 inc. en suite Deluxe 17 inc. en suite

THE HEIGHTS	LAKESIDE	STANIFORTH HOUSE	BEECH GARDENS	OLD FIRE STATION
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152 - 156	150	160	129	200
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Three-quarter	Three-quarter	Three-quarter	Three-quarter	Three-quarter
13 inc. en suite	15 inc. en suite	12 inc. en suite	14	18.5 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.

CITY SOUTH CAMPUS

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



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IMPORTANT LEGAL INFORMATION

All detail is correct at the time of print (June 2022). 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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