

Your Home at Birmingham Newman University

January Intake 2025

(including International Students)

Living at Newman

If you are living in halls of residence, student life is all around you. Newman has a great social scene with an active student community set up to ensure you have a fun time alongside your studies.

- ON-SITE LOCATION
- CHOICE OF BEDROOM WITH SHARED BATHROOM, STANDARD EN-SUITE, DELUXE EN-SUITE(INCLUDINGLIVINGSPEACE)ORA ONEBEDROOM SELF-CONTAINED FLAT
- FREE GYM MEMBERSHIP FOR ALL RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS (NEWMAN UNIVERSITY SPORT & FITNESS CENTRE) - SIGN-UP BY END OF OCTOBER (END OF FEBRUARY FOR SEMESTER 2 STUDENTS)
- ELECTRICITY AND HEATING PROVIDED (HEATING MAINTAINED AT A CONSTANT TEMPERATURE)
- UNLIMITED ACCESS TO A 24/7/365 MENTAL HEALTH AND COUNSELLING CONFIDENTIAL TELEPHONE HELPLINE AND UP TO 6 SESSIONSOFTTELEPHONECOUNSELLING
- POSSESSIONS INSURANCE
- NO CHARGE FOR WI-FI
- ALL ROOMS ARE NO-SMOKING
- SELF-SERVICE LAUNDRY ON-SITE
- OUT OF HOURS TEAM ON CALL OUTSIDE OFFICE HOURS

Access To Facilities

Not all university halls are close to the university, but at Newman you will be living directly on campus. All the facilities on-site are easily accessible to you, if you fancy an early morning gym workout or a late- night study session then everything is only a stone throws away. Plus, no early morning commute, you can roll out of bed for your 9am lecture!

Lifelong Friends

Strong friendships are built at university that will last a lifetime. When you first come to halls you will meet people from all walks of life, but everyone will be in the same position, and you will be able to support each other in this new chapter of your lives.

Sports Centre

The University Sports Centre is open 7 days a week. The facilities include a recently refurbished Cardio Suite, Sports Performance Suite and Squash Courts, which enable our members to achieve a broad range of fitness goals.

Places for Worship

Birmingham Newman University has a Chapel, Multi-Faith Prayer room and a quiet room for reflection. All are located along Chapel Gallery Walk and are open at all times. The Multi-Faith Prayer Room is permanently available and includes wudu facilities. A programme of events is held throughout, and all are welcome to attend.

Mental Health Support

As part of your accommodation package, we have arranged for a 24/7/365 mental health and counselling telephone helpline and upto 6 sessions of telephone counselling available for students if required. This supports the current provision in place at Birmingham Newman University (helping to reduce waiting lists), as well as covering the out of hour's support and when students are off campus.

The service provides:

- Unlimited access to a 24/7/365 mental health and counselling (BACP accredited) confidential telephone helpline, which includes a translation service in over 200 languages. Answered by an experienced counsellor or therapist, who will offer support for a variety of issues including health & lifestyle (i.e. mental health, physical health, addiction such as gambling or alcohol, terminal illness), student life (i.e. stress & anxiety, exam worries, housing, harassment, managing change) and home life (i.e. Relationships, family issues, identity, childcare, bereavement)
- 24/7 critical and traumatic incident telephone support
- Medical information telephone helpline
- Legal information telephone helpline
- Debt and financial information (which includes additional support from Step Change – the debt charity)
- Online health and wellbeing portal & health e-hub mobile app (for a variety of advice and support including health checks, nutritional advice, financial wellbeing, expert health/wellbeing information)

- Up to 6 sessions of structured telephone counselling, including telephonic CBT counselling, per student, per issue, per year
- Online counselling, including online CBT & trauma courses
- Full triage, assessment and case management protocols
- Self, lecturer and personal tutor referrals / physiotherapy referrals
- Coverage for spouse/partner and dependents within HMRC guidelines
- Family advice line

Student Support Services

The Student Support Services Team and Accommodation Team are available to support students during office hours. Residential Advisors will be available for all students in halls outside of office hours and they are first aid and mental health trained. There is 24-hour university security team on-site who are available 365 days

Universities UK (UUK) Code of Practice for the Management of Student Housing

Birmingham Newman University has affirmed membership to the Code of Practice for the Management of Student Housing. The Code is concerned with the main principles and essential requirements for well managed student accommodation. It also should assist you in understanding both the standards and the procedures applying to your accommodation and your obligations as a tenant.

A full version of the UUK Code of Practice is available to download at: www.thesac.org.uk

The main elements covered by the Code are:

- Health and safety standards and procedures
- Maintenance and repair regimes
- Environmental quality
- Landlord and tenant relationship
- Student welfare
- Anti-social behaviour and disciplinary procedures
- Administration of, and compliance with, the Code

Further information regarding each of the above elements is included in the Accommodation Handbook which is available on the website for prospective students, or on the intranet for current students.

Accommodation Overview

As a prospective student at Birmingham Newman University, you can contact the Accommodation Office to obtain assistance in finding suitable accommodation.

If you wish to apply for on-campus accommodation in halls of residence, you will be required to complete the application form and you will be sent a link to MS Forms in order to do so electronically.

If you are interested in accommodation off-campus in as shared student flat or a house, please contact the Accommodation Office who will be able to provide you with a list of contacts, dependent on availability. Unfortunately, it is not possible to recommend properties and it is the responsibility of individuals to contact landlords and view prospective accommodation.

Cofton Hall

There are 108 rooms in Cofton Hall.

This comprises of:

- 104 deluxe en-suite bedrooms (In flats of 6, with shared living space comprising of a kitchen, dining and lounge area)
- 2 en-suite accessible rooms (in flats of 5, with shared living space comprising of a kitchen, dining and lounge area)
- 2 self-contained flats (1 bedroom with bathroom, kitchen, dining and lounge area)

Maryvale, Littlemore and Oxford Halls are a cheaper alternative to Cofton Hall

There are 100 single study bedrooms in the Original Halls of Residence. This comprises of 73 single bedrooms with a shared bathroom, 1 accessible en-suite bedrooms, 14 standard en-suite bedrooms, 3 standard self-contained flats and 5 deluxe self-contained flats. The original halls of residence are split into four halls which are all interlinked:

- Littlemore Hall – 3. floors with 1 accessible en-suite rooms
- Maryvale Hall – 6 floors with 63 shared bathroom bedrooms, 14 en-suite bedrooms, 1 standard self-contained flats and 5 deluxe self-contained flats.
- Oxford Hall – 1 floor with 4 en-suite bedrooms

Bedrooms and Communal Areas in Maryvale, Littlemore and Oxford Halls

The bedrooms with a shared bathroom in the existing halls of residence are sole occupancy study rooms with handbasin and shared bathroom facilities.

The standard en-suite rooms in halls of residence are sole occupancy study bedrooms with a private bathroom. The flats are self-contained and comprise of a bedroom, bathroom, lounge and small kitchen area.

Each room is furnished with a bed, bedside table, fixed wardrobe/cupboards, desk, chair, easy chair, mattress cover, curtains and a waste bin.

There are shared kitchens in halls of residence which include two fridges, two freezers, two cookers, a microwave, a toaster, a kettle, a lockable cupboard space and seating area. There is a food court on site which is open Monday to Friday and a local convenience store located near to the campus.

Bedrooms and Communal Areas in Cofton Hall

Flats contain deluxe en-suite sole occupancy bedrooms for six students with a shared open plan living space. Each type of bedroom and flat in Cofton Hall contains a small double bed (120 x 190cm), desk, chair, spot lighting, mirror in pod, integrated wardrobe and an en-suite bathroom.

The living space comprises of a kitchen, lounge and dining area. This includes a table and chairs for six, sofas for six, LCD screen, fridge, freezer, integrated cooker, toaster, microwave and kettle. There are two flats for five students on the ground floor with each containing one accessible room with wet room and a shared open plan living space comprising of a kitchen, dining and lounge area.

The one-bedroom deluxe flats comprise of a bedroom, bathroom and kitchen/living space and contain the same furniture as the 6 bedroom flats including a sofa, LCD screen, table/chairs and kitchen appliances. You can ask to be allocated a flat with friends and the group can be mixed gender or single gender.

LCD Screens

The LCD screens are for use with ipad, laptop and DVD and not as a TV.

TV Access

Students are required to pay for their own TV licence in halls of residence. Please see the web-page for further information and to [check if you need a TV Licence](#)

Bedding Packs

Students are required to bring their own bedding, towels, coat hangers, and any kitchen utensils they require. Students are able to hire a bedding pack upon request at £25 each from and need to indicate this on their application form. £15 is refunded when the bedding pack is returned in good condition.

Bedding packs include:

2 sheets, 2 pillows with protective covers, 1 duvet and cover, 1 matching pillow-case, 1 white pillow-case, 2 medium size towels and 6 coat hangers.

Parking

Residential students in halls of residence and their guests are NOT allowed to use the car parks on-site, or the Bartley Green Sailing Club car park at any time unless they are in receipt of a blue badge. Free on-street parking is available in the surrounding area.

A covered cycle rack is available situated outside the entrance to Oxford Hall.

Application Process

Accommodation is allocated on a receipt of application basis so application should be returned as soon as possible.

Applicants are asked to include on their application form if they have any access needs or specific requirements. Applicants may request a quiet flat, mixed or single gender flat which will be dependent on availability.

Applicants will receive a notification that their application by MS Forms has been received.

January intake applicants will be informed regarding the result of their application by e-mail.

The student will receive a Licence to Occupy to complete via DocuSign once their place on the course has been confirmed. Applicants are required to make payment of a £250 deposit as soon as they have received the accommodation confirmation e-mail and by the specified date in order to confirm their room. They will also be sent further details regarding how to make payment and moving into halls.

Once the agreement has been signed, this will commit the student to the full Licence length and no refunds will be made in the event of early departure.

Registration

January intake students may move into their room in the halls of residence prior to the start date of their course, this information will be provided on the confirmation letter.

Licences and Payments

The licences for students living in Cofton, Maryvale, Littlemore and Oxford Hall will cover the periods as detailed below, for semester 2:

Cohort	Period of Licence	Number of weeks
Foundation		
Foundation courses	Monday 13 January 2025 - Friday 11 July 2025	26 weeks
Undergraduate		
Business Management, Computer Science	Monday 13 January 2025 - Friday 18 July 2025	27 weeks
Applied Humanities	Monday 20 January 2025 - Friday 4 July 2025	24 weeks
Primary Education, Education and SEND	Monday 20 January 2025 - Friday 23 May 2025	18 weeks

Postgraduate incl International*		
MBA Master of Business Administration*	Monday 13 January 2025 - Friday 29 August 2025	33 weeks
MSc International Business Management*	Monday 13 January 2025 - Friday 29 August 2025	33 weeks
MSc Computer Science (conversion)*	Monday 13 January 2025 – Friday 5 September 2024	34 weeks
MA Education (on campus)*	Monday 13 January 2025 - Friday 29 August 2025	33 weeks
PGDip/MSc Integrative Counselling	20 January 2025 - 9 May 2025	16 weeks

The weekly costs for each type of accommodation are shown below:

Shared bathroom bedroom	Standard en-suite bedroom	Deluxe en-suite bedroom	Standard one person flat	Deluxe one person flat
£110 a week	£147 a week	£165 a week	£172 a week	£210 a week

The charges are for a sole occupancy room on a self-catering basis, including electricity, heating costs and block possessions insurance cover.

The halls fees are split into three equal payments with the processing dates aligned with when Student Finance England make their payments in October, January and April. Each applicant will need to set up a payment plan on-line prior to moving in so the amounts are processed automatically.

The Licence to Occupy will be sent to all applicants electronically to be completed by **18 December 2024** (dependent on application date).

Payment of Deposit

The accommodation deposit needs to be paid by **18 December 2024** (dependent on application date).

The deposit will be held by the university as security in the event of damage to the bedroom or one-person flat. The deposit will be refunded to the student when they vacate their accommodation. Deductions will be made for damage, items missing, non-return of keys etc if applicable.

The Finance Office will normally process the refund within 8-weeks after the end of the Licence to Occupy period ends.