Student housing in Portsmouth

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We are delighted that you have chosen to study at the University of Portsmouth. The city is a great place to be a student, with all the appeal of a vibrant city alongside four miles of beach and extensive green spaces. Portsmouth is very compact so it’s easy to find accommodation within a reasonable distance of where you will study, shop and spend your leisure time.

At Portsmouth, our new students either live in halls of residence or within the local community in private rented accommodation.

This brochure will help you decide which type of accommodation would be best for you. It includes details of all our halls of residence as well as information about private rented accommodation. Whatever you decide, we are here to help you secure your preferred accommodation choice. Around 70 per cent of first year students live in our halls, while 30 per cent live with other students in private rented accommodation. If your preferred choice is not available we are here to help you find a suitable alternative.

Finding the right place to live is very important and, wherever you choose to stay, the Student Housing team will be on hand to help you make the right choice.

Your accommodation options

We know that finding the right type of accommodation is very important. We have options to suit everyone, these include:

- **Halls of residence**
  Self-catering, part-catered and fully catered halls of residence in Guildhall, Rees/Burrell and Langstone Student Village.

- **Privately rented shared houses and flats**
  Privately owned and managed accommodation for students (where the landlord does not live on the premises) that vary in terms of price ranges, sizes and location.

- **Lodgings**
  Rooms rented in private houses where the landlord lives on the premises.

Discover more at [www.port.ac.uk](http://www.port.ac.uk)
Portsmouth, a city by the sea

Portsmouth is a vibrant city with lots to offer. Its excellent location on the south coast makes it easily accessible by road, rail, air and sea to the Hampshire countryside, London and mainland Europe. It takes around an hour to walk from east to west across the island, so everything is within walking distance.

Locations

There are many student-friendly areas to live in Portsmouth, whether you are in halls of residence or in private rented accommodation.

Our halls are highlighted on the map opposite. Other great places to live include:

- **Southsea** and **Fratton** are popular with students due to their proximity to the campus. Much of the student accommodation in these areas is within walking distance of the campus, with good cycling links and use of the free University bus service. These areas offer a wide range of facilities, such as supermarkets, launderettes and banks, as well as a number of specialist shops and department stores. Southsea is the main focus for the majority of the nightlife, with a variety of cafés, pubs, wine bars, restaurants and nightclubs. Gunwharf Quays is also a short walk or taxi ride away.

- **Eastney, Milton, North End** and **Hilsea** are located to the east and north of Southsea and Fratton. They are in easy reach of the University thanks to the excellent public transport links in the city, as well as good cycling routes.

- **Drayton, Farlington** and **Cosham** are located to the north of the city, areas well served by public transport links (it is a seven-minute train ride from Cosham to Portsmouth), with good value accommodation to be found.

- **Fareham** and **Gosport** are located to the west of Portsmouth, with direct public transport links into Portsmouth. Gosport is linked to Gunwharf Quays by a five-minute ferry ride (and you can take your bike on board!) while the central Fareham train station is around a fifteen-minute ride into Portsmouth and Southsea city centre station.
Our Student Housing team are available to help you through the process of securing your accommodation. As well as allocating places in halls to our students, we also offer house-hunting advice and support, and host a number of events to help you find a place in private rented accommodation.

**Facebook**
If you are concerned that you won’t know anyone before you arrive, join our Facebook page and groups to meet like-minded people who you may want to share a house with. We have found in the past that our students have successfully met potential housemates through our official Facebook groups.

**Twitter**
Our Twitter account, @UoPHousing, is a great place to get in touch and ask our team any questions you may have.

**Housing events**
This is an opportunity to meet other new students and find out more information about house-hunting. These are one-day events, held during the week and on the weekends to provide you with extra support whilst house-hunting. For the 2015/16 academic year, events will take place throughout the summer and further details will be sent to you closer to that time.

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**E-intro to house-hunting**
All new first-year students looking to secure a room in private rented accommodation will be given access to our secure online resource, e-intro to house-hunting. E-intro will:
- offer house-hunting advice and support
- give you access to our up-to-date private sector room/house vacancies
- allow you to book on to one of our housing support events
- suggest ways for you to meet like-minded people prior to coming to University
Students who prefer to live in private rented accommodation, or students who we are unable to allocate hall places to, are helped to find appropriate housing by our Student Housing team.

Living as part of the local community

Portsmouth is a compact city and everything that you could possibly need, such as the main shopping areas, transport links, key University buildings, nightlife and the seafront, are just a stone’s throw away from each other. This makes living in private rented accommodation a brilliant alternative to halls, and suitable for most students’ needs. Sharing a house or lodgings gives you the opportunity to live with other students of your choice and with similar interests.

Students living within the city have access to a dedicated student support team. They assist students with community living and offer a confidential service, providing help should any difficulties arise.
Some students will find their own accommodation in Portsmouth – there is a wealth of accommodation around the city and the surrounding areas. Finding the right place to live is very important and we will support and assist you every step of the way. Read about the types of accommodation available and ways we can help you to find your new student home.
This type of accommodation makes up the majority of student accommodation in Portsmouth. It is typical for students to rent houses in groups of three to five, although some smaller or larger properties are available.

Student Housing continuously monitors the standards of properties advertised: in all cases we must receive a copy of the gas safety certificate for any gas appliances on the property and all registered properties should meet our criteria for safety, facilities, location and decorative order. Average rentals for this type of accommodation range from £80 to £95 per week excluding bills.

Student Housing publishes information on shared houses, flats and lodgings registered for advertising with the University through [www.portsmouthstudentpad.co.uk](http://www.portsmouthstudentpad.co.uk). There is also our Facebook group, ‘University of Portsmouth Student Housing’ for students to advertise their vacancies in shared houses or lodgings. A full programme of housing support events will also be sent to students who have not been allocated a place in University accommodation from July onwards.

**What is in a typical shared house?**

Students living in a privately rented house would usually be sharing the communal areas such as the lounge, diner, kitchen and bathroom facilities. Each student will have their own fully furnished bedrooms which vary in size.
Lodgings

These are rooms in private houses where the landlord or a close relative lives on the premises. They can be family households, guest houses, or houses owned by other students (or their parents). Rooms are offered either as room only (with use of a kitchen, bathroom and other communal areas) or half board (with breakfast and evening meals provided).

Typical facilities in lodgings include:
- single occupancy study bedrooms, each containing a bed, suitable work surface and chair
- adequate drawer and hanging space
- adequate heating with permanently fixed heating appliances
- smoke detectors on each floor of the property
- adequate facilities for the number of occupants

All the rooms offered as lodgings meet the registration criteria set by Student Housing for advertising on Portsmouth StudentPad. Unless otherwise specified, rooms offered as lodgings have been inspected by a Student Housing Officer.

**Charges for lodgings**

Students in lodgings are personally responsible for paying their rent to the householder. Generally, payment should be made weekly or monthly in advance, with a week or month’s rent deposit. The University does not specify lodging charges and these must be agreed between the householder and student.

We find that lodgings are generally very cost effective as all bills are usually included, except for the telephone in most cases, and food, if on a room-only basis. Neither householder nor student are asked to enter into any extended commitment as to the period of stay. For guidance, the approximate weekly charges in Portsmouth for lodgings are:
- room only (with use of kitchen): £75–£95 per week.
- half board (bed, breakfast and evening meal): £85–£110 per week.
Specific requirements (shared houses and lodgings)

- **Single-sex accommodation**
  You can still live in single-sex accommodation whilst sharing a house by finding students with similar requirements. Alternatively, if you are interested in living in lodgings, some landlords may specify their preferences on our website.

- **Quieter location**
  Residential areas tend to be quieter and you and your housemates can create a peaceful environment in your home, wherever you choose to live.

- **Postgraduate and mature students**
  Students who wish to live with other postgraduate and mature students will be given access to a dedicated Facebook group to find like-minded potential flatmates, and share their house-hunting experiences.

- **Dependants**
  We strongly advise any student with dependants to come to Portsmouth to secure accommodation before moving them to the area. Please contact the Student Housing team for further guidance and assistance to secure accommodation suitable for yourself and your dependants.

- **Accessible rooms**
  Due to the layout of the terraced houses in Portsmouth, the majority of the houses within the city are not able to provide accessible rooms. However, if you would like more guidance and support to find suitable accommodation, please contact the Student Housing team. Also, please contact the Additional Support and Disability Advice Centre (ASDAC) at asdac@port.ac.uk and they will discuss available options with you and liaise with the Student Housing team as appropriate.

- **Students with pets**
  The majority of private accommodation does not allow pets, however permission to bring a pet to the property is at the landlord's discretion and you would need to discuss this aspect with them before making a decision.

- **Student Support Managers**
  Students living in the private sector are able to access the Student Support Managers based in the Guildhall halls of residence, who are available to offer advice and support on a range of issues and help with the transition to University.

- **Car parking**
  We strongly recommend that students do not bring their own car to the city. However, if it is necessary, please check on the City Council website for details and restrictions on the car parks and the residential parking places around main student areas. We also recommend that students check with their landlord or letting agent whether the property has a designated parking place and the prices for a parking permit.
Halls of residence

We have a wide range of purpose-built, modern and well-equipped halls of residence, all offering the opportunity to meet and live amongst other students from different courses, ages, cultures and backgrounds. There are ten halls, in three locations, providing nearly 3,000 hall rooms.

Our halls are grouped into three bases with each hall sharing its facilities with the other halls in the same base.

Some of our halls are reserved for new international students, residents’ assistants and medical priority applicants. The rest are allocated to new students in line with our allocation policy (see page 23).

**Guildhall Halls (self-catered)**
These halls are close to the University city campus, including the Students’ Union and the sports facilities.
- Bateson Hall (page 19)
- Harry Law Hall (page 18)
- Margaret Rule Hall (page 17)
- Trafalgar Hall (page 17)
- James Watson Hall (page 16)

**Southsea (catered)**
These two halls are close to Southsea Common and the seaside. The University city campus, including the Students’ Union and sports facilities, are all within easy walking distance.
- Burrell Hall (page 20)
- Rees Hall (page 21)

**Langstone Student Village (part-catered and self-catered)**
Our student village is situated two and a half miles from the city campus, on the edge of Langstone Harbour. There is a regular free University bus service that links the Langstone campus to the city campus in just 15 minutes.
- Trust Hall (page 19)
- Langstone Flats (page 18)
- QEQM Hall (page 21)
**Self-catered or catered?**

We offer both catered and self-catered accommodation.

Self-catered halls: students cook for themselves in shared kitchens or in their own kitchenette if allocated to a studio flat.

Catered halls: these provide a wide variety of food and up to 14 meals per week during term time. For those wanting flexibility in their catering options, QEQM Hall offers the convenience and assurance of having eight main meals provided per week in the basic package, with the option to buy more meals if you want. Students living in Trust Hall or Langstone Flats can also buy meals in the restaurant at Langstone Student Village, as well as books of meal tickets in advance. If you have special dietary requirements, but think a catered hall may suit you, then please contact George Heir, Catered Hall Manager, by emailing george.heir@port.ac.uk.

**Shared or en suite bathroom?**

There are two types of bathroom facilities for you to choose between: shared and en suite.

Shared facilities: adequate shower rooms and toilet facilities are provided per flat or corridor. These are cleaned daily.

En suite facilities: each room has a private shower, basin and toilet.

**Studio flats**

The studio flats in Trafalgar Hall offer self-contained accommodation. These are prioritised for postgraduate students depending on demand and availability. The studio flats have a single bedroom with en suite kitchenette (with a two-ring hob, microwave, small larder fridge and sink) and en suite toilet and shower facilities. As well as Trafalgar Hall, there are also studio rooms in James Watson, Margaret Rule and Harry Law Halls.

**What is in a typical bedroom?**

A typical hall bedroom is furnished with a single bed, study desk, chair, drawers, wardrobe, noticeboard, electrical sockets and WiFi access. You can view room interiors at www.port.ac.uk/accommodation.

**What else is included in the accommodation fees?**

- free WiFi connection available 24 hours per day (PCs not supplied)
- access to additional Freewire channels using Freewire TV through your PC or laptop (additional TV licence required), with the option of subscribing to more for a small fee
- a dedicated, on-site student support team
- access to pay-as-you-go launderette facilities
- basic insurance cover
- utility services – gas, electricity, water
**Occupancy**

All rooms are for single occupancy (except for the limited number of twin rooms as detailed under specific requirements on page 15) and are allocated for the full academic year. The session fee relates to this period of time and is for approximately 38 weeks. Students requiring accommodation outside these dates should contact Student Housing for details of summer accommodation options.

**Vacation arrangements**

You can use your room during the Christmas and Easter vacations – there is no need to clear your room or move out. Meals are not provided in catered halls during vacations, but self-catering facilities are available instead. The fee charged reflects this change.

**When do I pay the accommodation fees?**

If allocated to halls, a £250 advance rent will be required to secure your booking.

Thereafter, the annual rent is payable in termly instalments payable in October, January and April. Alternatively, you can set up a direct debit or credit/debit instalment plan to spread the annual cost over eight monthly instalments from October to May.

You can make payments and set up termly or monthly direct debit plans or instalments by credit/debit card at www.port.ac.uk/webpay.

For payment queries, please email income@port.ac.uk quoting your Student ID number.

**Living as part of a hall community**

When allocating the rooms and flats in University accommodation, we aim to create mixed, integrated communities. The benefits of this include the opportunity to live with students of different ages, cultures and backgrounds.

However, it is important to realise that at times, living with many different people can naturally be vibrant and lively. We ask all our students to live harmoniously, with consideration and respect towards their fellow hall residents and the local community.

Each of the hall bases has its own student support team to assist students with community living. They offer a confidential service and provide help and assistance should any difficulties arise.

**Car parking**

The University has agreed with Portsmouth City Council to participate fully in policies aimed at alleviating traffic and parking congestion in the city. Therefore please note:

- **Guildhall Halls** – students accepting a place at any of the Guildhall Halls must agree not to bring a car to Portsmouth.
- **Rees and Burrell** – there are no general car parking facilities at either of these halls.
- **Langstone Student Village** – offers some car parking spaces. Once you have been offered and accepted a room at this hall base, you will need to contact the transport/mobility coordinator by emailing car.parking@port.ac.uk to be considered for a parking space. Places will be allocated in the first instance to students who can demonstrate a special need.
Specific requirements

- **Single-sex accommodation**
  All the halls provide mixed-sex accommodation with the exception of Bateson Hall flats, which are single-sex due to shared bathroom facilities. Bateson Hall also has an accommodation block that is solely allocated to female students. Individual flats in other halls can be allocated as single-sex depending upon demand. Please specify on your application form if this type of accommodation is required and we will do our best to meet your request.

- **Quieter location**
  Living in halls of residence provides a lively environment to live and study in. Students who wish to experience living in a vibrant hall community, but who would prefer a calmer study/work environment can request a quieter location. Individual flats or areas across the halls can be designated as quiet flats depending upon demand. Please specify on your application form if you have a preference for a quieter location and we will endeavour to do our best to meet your request and allocate you with like-minded people.

- **Postgraduate and mature students**
  Postgraduate and mature students have further options to consider. Trafalgar Studios are prioritised for postgraduate students, depending upon demand and availability. Individual flats in the halls can also be allocated for postgraduate and mature students depending upon demand. Please specify on your application form if this type of accommodation is required and we will do our best to meet your request.

- **Dependants**
  Rooms in halls of residence are equipped for single occupancy (with the exception of some twin rooms). Students with dependants are advised to contact Student Housing for information on the latest availability of accommodation in the private rented sector or at Langstone Student Village, which may be suitable for families. Please note that there is no accommodation suitable for students with dependants in the Guildhall or Rees/Burrell locations. We strongly advise any student with dependants to come to Portsmouth to secure accommodation before moving them to the area.

- **Accessible rooms**
  The University aims to take into account the needs of all students with disabilities and health conditions. We ask that if you require any form of ‘adapted’ or ‘accessible’ accommodation to advise us at the earliest opportunity so we can discuss your needs and advise on the availability of suitable facilities. If you have a mobility-limiting impairment that may impact upon your ability to evacuate from upper floors in an emergency, please advise us so that we can provide you with suitable accommodation. Please contact the Additional Support and Disability Advice Centre (ASDAC) at asdac@port.ac.uk in the first instance and they will discuss available options with you and liaise with Student Housing as appropriate.

- **Twin rooms**
  A very limited number of shared bathroom and studio twin study bedroom facilities are available in selected hall locations. Applicants considering this option due to the cost benefits should be mindful of the implications of sharing a study bedroom and be sure that they will be content to share close personal space with another person for the duration of the academic year. Where a hall room is let on a twin basis, the rent will be adjusted so that each occupant is only paying 65 per cent of the normal single-let rate. Some twin rooms will have two combination ‘study beds’, which combine single bed and personal study desk space. The study bed is specially designed to offer daytime use as a study desk and then neatly folds away to offer a standard single bed for sleeping. Due to space restrictions, some rooms will have limited storage for suitcases; however, each study bed does incorporate unlocked, personal storage space for books and personal possessions.

  Priority for these rooms will be given to students who already know someone they wish to share with and where both parties have indicated this on their applications.
The University offers a range of different types of self-catered accommodation for students. The individual facilities of each hall are listed under the descriptions that follow.

Halls with en suite rooms

James Watson Hall
(Guildhall Halls)

- 688 en suite rooms arranged in self-contained flats for four to six students
- Kitchen/diner in each flat
- Laundry facilities
- Six studio rooms

Cost
- £4,522 per academic year (£119 per week)
- Studio room: £5,092 per academic year (£134 per week)
Margaret Rule Hall
(Guildhall Halls)

- 342 en suite rooms arranged as flats for three to seven students
- Kitchen/diner in each flat
- Laundry facilities
- Six single studio rooms

Cost
£4,522 per academic year (£119 per week)

Studio room: £5,092 per academic year (£134 per week)

Trafalgar Hall
(Guildhall Halls)

- 288 en suite rooms arranged as flats for six students
- Kitchen/diner in each flat
- 40 studio rooms, with en suite facilities and kitchenette (prioritised for postgraduate students)
- Laundry facilities

Cost
£4,522 per academic year (£119 per week)

Studio room: £5,092 per academic year (£134 per week)

Please note: all hall fees are rounded to the nearest pound and subject to confirmation.
Langstone Flats  
(Langstone Student Village)

- 192 en suite rooms arranged in flats for eight students
- Kitchen/diner in each flat
- Restaurant, computer suite and laundry facilities

Cost
£3,952 per academic year (£104 per week)

Harry Law Hall  
(Guildhall Halls)

- 289 en suite rooms arranged along corridors
- Kitchen/diner per seven students
- Laundry facilities
- Six single studio rooms and five twin rooms

Cost
£4,408 per academic year (£116 per week)

Studio room: £5,092 per academic year (£134 per week)
Halls with shared bathrooms

Bateson Hall
(Guildhall Halls)

- Single-sex flats for four to six students.
- Shared kitchen/diner and shower/toilet facilities in each flat.
- Accommodation for 281 students.
- Laundry facilities.

Cost
- Standard room: £3,268 per academic year (£86 per week)
- Large room: £3,648 per academic year (£96 per week)

Trust Hall
(Langstone Student Village)

- Flats for eight students.
- Kitchen/diner and shower/toilet facilities in each flat.
- Washbasin in each room.
- Some separate self-contained flats for four to six students close to the hall, with twin and single rooms and shared bathroom and kitchen facilities.

Cost
- £3,230–£3,268 per academic year (£85–£86 per week)

Please note: all hall fees are rounded to the nearest pound and subject to confirmation.
Catered and part-catered accommodation

Students choosing catered accommodation can expect up to 14 meals a week during term time included in the cost. Smaller kitchenettes are available for you to make light meals and snacks, and there is also the option to purchase additional meal vouchers.

Hall with shared bathrooms

Burrell House
(Rees and Burrell)

- 131 rooms arranged along corridors
- Washbasins in all rooms
- Shared shower rooms and toilets on each floor
- Shared kitchenette on each floor
- Laundry facilities

Cost
£4,028 per academic year (£106 per week)
Halls with en suite rooms

Rees Hall
(Rees and Burrell)

- 267 en suite rooms arranged along corridors
- Kitchenettes on each floor
- Communal TV lounges
- Laundry facilities

Cost
£5,130 per academic year (£135 per week)

Part-catered hall with en suite rooms

QEQM Hall
(Langstone Student Village)

- 330 en suite rooms
- Kitchenettes on each floor/block
- Restaurant and computer suite
- Laundry facilities

Cost
£3,914 per academic year (£103 per week for basic package including eight meals per week)

Please note: all hall fees are rounded to the nearest pound and subject to confirmation.
How to apply

1. Read the information in this brochure carefully and decide on the type of accommodation you wish to apply for.

2. Please follow the instructions detailed on the covering letter sent with this brochure on how to access the e-application form. If you do not have internet access, please contact Student Housing for a paper form.

3. When completing the application form, please check that the information provided on the form is current and correct, especially your email address, and make any necessary amendments.

4. Indicate clearly on the application form which type of accommodation you wish to apply for, taking the following into account:

   - **Halls of residence or private rented accommodation**
     There are two sections on the form under accommodation requirements: private rented accommodation and halls of residence. You should select either private rented accommodation or indicate your preferences for halls of residence. There is no need to complete both sections. If you apply for a halls of residence room and we cannot offer you one of your choices, we will automatically send you information about finding private rented accommodation.

   - **Contractual obligations in halls**
     It is vital that you familiarise yourself with the information provided for each type of halls of residence, including the costs, facilities and occupancy periods as detailed in this brochure. Under normal circumstances, we will only make one offer of accommodation and if you accept that offer, you will be responsible for paying the fees for the entire occupancy period, unless you leave because you have withdrawn from University. Transfers between halls during the year are not usually possible.

   - **Twin rooms**
     Please note: if you accept a twin room and your twin sharer declines their offer, then you must agree to take on the room at the full single rate.

5. If you apply for halls of residence, you should indicate your choice of room type in order of preference from 1 (favourite) to 6 (least favourite) and your preferred location from 1 (favourite) to 3 (least favourite). You should only indicate a preference if you are willing to accept that particular room type or location for the entire contractual period of 38 weeks. You should enter a ‘0’ for any types of accommodation you are not willing to accept. We would like to make you aware that some types of room, particularly in the Guildhall area, are very popular and can be oversubscribed. It is advisable to be flexible with your choices and to make as many choices as possible to increase your chance of being offered a halls of residence room. If we are unable to offer you any of your preferences, we will send you details of how to find private rented accommodation.

If you apply for halls, please also consider the following:

   - **Occupancy periods**
     The occupancy period for all halls of residence is 38 weeks and runs from 12 September 2015 to 5 June 2016 (to be confirmed). This covers the length of the standard academic year. If your course duration is different in length, for example, if it is only for one term, or it starts and finishes outside the standard dates, we may still be able to offer you a hall place, but may have to restrict the choices available to you for operational reasons.

   - **Specific requirements**
     If you have any specific requirements, please indicate this on your application and if necessary send in any supporting documents.

6. Once you have completed the application form, please check it and return it to Student Housing without delay following the instructions online.

Please note:

- Due to data protection legislation, we are not able to discuss your accommodation application or allocation information with anyone other than you. Please note: we can only give general information to third parties (for example, parents, guardians).

- If you would like someone to complete your application or act on your behalf with regards to your application, please provide Student Housing with written permission authorising this at the time of returning your completed accommodation application.

Please note: in all instances we aim to offer you your highest available preference at the time of your application, within faculty quotas.
At the University of Portsmouth we are able to offer a room to around 70 per cent of new full-time UK and EU students who make the University of Portsmouth their firm choice. New full-time UK and EU students applying for September 2015 entry will become eligible to apply for halls of residence once they have firmly accepted an offer to study at the University.

Accommodation packs will be sent out on a weekly basis from the end of March to September as applicants firmly accept a place to study at Portsmouth.

Places in halls of residence will be allocated in line with faculty quotas*, based on order of receipt of accommodation application forms in Student Housing.

Applicants are therefore encouraged to submit an accommodation application form at the earliest opportunity.

Where possible, applicants will be allocated their highest available preference of accommodation, subject to availability.

Applicants to whom we are unable to offer a place in halls of residence due to faculty quotas becoming full, will be given help and advice on finding private rented accommodation through online resources and housing support events held throughout the summer (see page 5).

*Exceptions to allocation policy

Any students attending courses in Chichester (approximately 18 miles from Portsmouth) are advised to contact the Accommodation Office at the University of Chichester (01243 816 000) for assistance in securing more conveniently located accommodation in the Chichester area.

Students coming for a single term have a separate allocation of places, which are allocated on a similar basis.
We will notify you of the outcome of your accommodation application from July onwards. If we offer you a place in halls of residence, we will ask you to pay £250 advance rent to secure the place at that time. The advance rent must be paid by the date specified on the offer, which is usually within 14 days of the offer being made. If it is not paid by the specified date, we reserve the right to cancel the offer and in some circumstances, this may be without further notice.

The advance rent is credited to your accommodation fees account. Any student, who for any reason does not intend to start their course of study at Portsmouth, must inform Student Housing in writing before 28 August 2015 in order for their advance rent to be refunded in full. After this date, any refund (partial or full) that is due following cancellation before the start of occupancy is dependent upon if and when the room is re-let. Any other cancellations after 28 August must also be in writing and before the start of the occupancy.

If we are unable to offer you a place in halls of residence or if you indicate a preference for private rented accommodation, our Student Housing team is here to help you find the right student home. You will be sent a full programme of events from July onwards. Our help doesn’t stop there, we provide ongoing advice and support throughout the year to all of our students, to make sure that you are settled in Portsmouth.
How the Student Housing team can help you

Student Housing offers an all-year-round support service that new and returning students can easily access. We are centrally located in the Nuffield Centre on the Guildhall Campus, which is where you will find most other student services.

As well as administering the allocation policy for halls of residences, including the allocation of hall places, we can advise and assist students on securing private rented accommodation for the remainder of their time at University. This includes offering advice on the following issues:

- inter-tenant issues
- deposit disputes
- condensation and mould
- maintenance issues
- landlord management
- contract checking
- noise

Please do not hesitate to contact us during the year for advice on any accommodation issues.
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