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Mental Health Support

As part of your accommodation package, we have arranged for a 24/7/365 mental health and counselling telephone helpline and up to 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 on 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 a year.



Being in Birmingham

Located at the heart of the United Kingdom, Birmingham is one of the UK's most desirable places to study, work and play. Birmingham is a truly cosmopolitan city bursting with creativity and a lively atmosphere.

As Britain's second largest city and home to over 65,000 students it offers cultural diversity through its vibrant underground arts scene, worldwide iconic shopping centres and exciting nightlife. There's





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 hand basin 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 as preferred.

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 website for further information: [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 £25.00 each from the Housekeeping department dependent on availability, with £15.00 being refunded when the bedding pack is returned in good condition. Bedding packs include: 2 sheets, 2 pillows with shams, 1 duvet and cover, 1 matching pillow case, 1 white pillow case, 2 medium size towels and 6 coat hangers.

Partnered

Application Process

Priority for halls is given to new first year and foundation year students and accommodation is guaranteed providing the applicant applies for accommodation between the launch date in April and the deadline date of Friday 7 June 2024. However the type of accommodation cannot be guaranteed to applicants who apply during this period, and they may not be offered their first choice at this stage.

Accommodation is allocated on a receipt of application basis so application should be returned as soon as possible as availability cannot be guaranteed to later applicants.

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.

The link to the Application Form to be completed in Microsoft Forms will be sent to all applicants by the Admissions Team in April.

New students will be advised that their application has been received and a room provisionally reserved pending their place on the course being achieved. New students will be informed regarding the result of their application by the end of August (where possible). First year, HEADstart and PGCE students 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.

Registration

Foundation and first year may move into their room in the halls of residence on the Sunday before Welcome week. Students will need to provide their payment details for their hall fees by the specified date prior to arrival.



Contracts & Costs

The licences for new students living in Cofton, Maryvale, Littlemore and Oxford Hall will cover the periods as detailed below, and include the Christmas and Easter vacation periods:

Licence Length 2024/25

Cohort	Period of Licence	Number of weeks
Foundation/First Year Student	Monday 16 September 2024 - Friday 18 July 2025	44 weeks
Applied Humanities, Physiotherapy, Mental Health Nursing, Adult Nursing	Monday 2 September 2024 - Friday 11 July 2025	45 weeks
PGCE Students	Monday 2 September 2024 - Friday 4 July 2025	44 weeks
51 week students	Monday 2 September 2024 - Friday 22 August 2025	51 weeks

The costs for the appropriate licence length for each type of accommodation is shown below:

Licence Costs

Cohort	Shared bathroom bedroom	Standard en-suite bedroom	Deluxe en-suite bedroom	Standard one person flat	Deluxe one person flat
Year 1/Foundation/PGCE Student	£4840	£6468	£7260	£7568	£9240
Applied Humanities, Physiotherapy, Mental Health Nursing, Adult Nursing 1	£4950	£6615	£7425	£7740	£9450
51 week students	£5355	£7242	£8160	£8517	£10455

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

This will be split into three payments to cover the licence period, with arrangements for the total annual payment being made prior to arrival. Students are responsible for the payment of their own television licence.

The student should indicate in the appropriate section of the application form their preferences and their second, third choice etc.

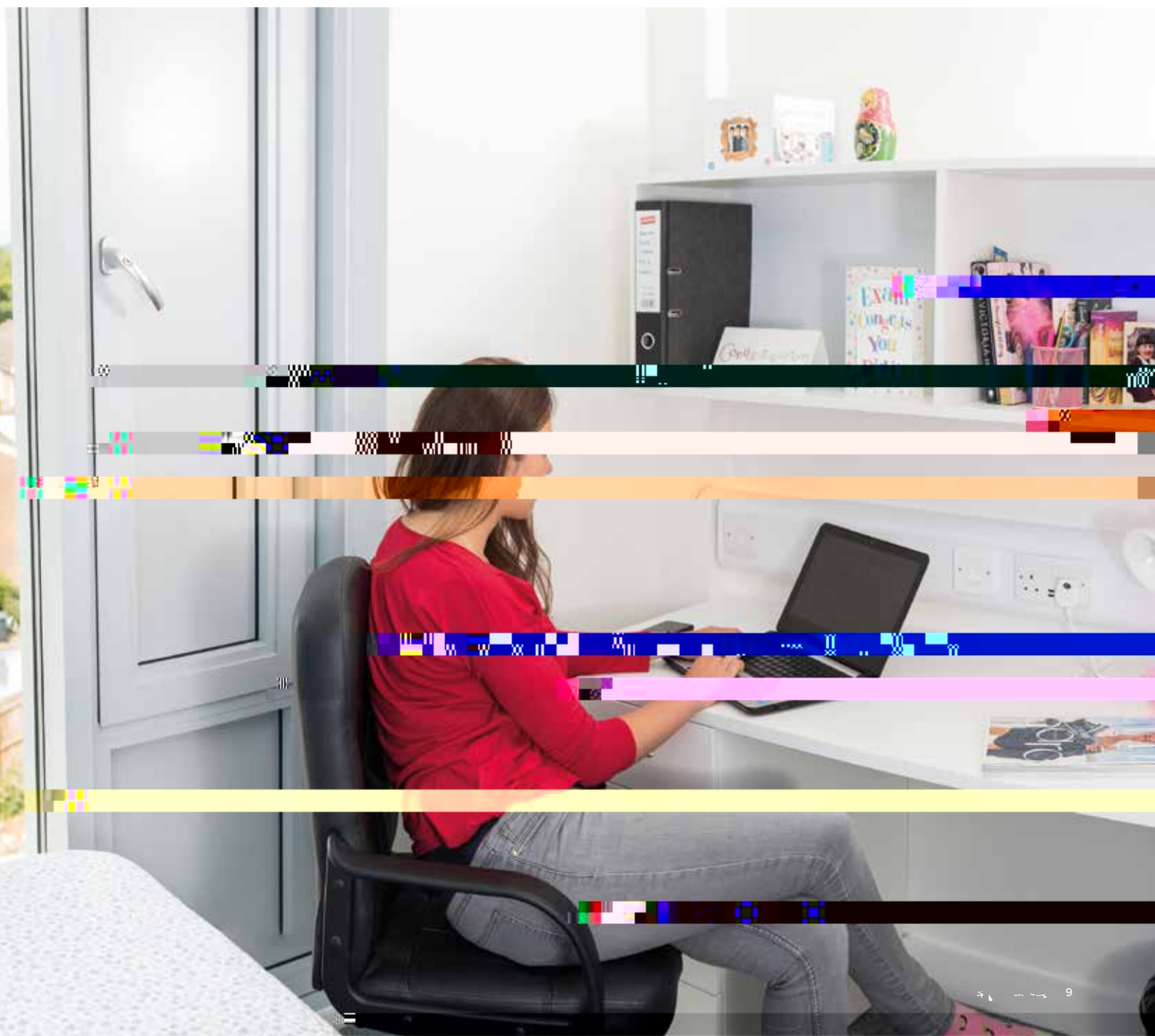
Students will need to complete the accommodation Licence to Occupy digitally and pay the accommodation deposit of £250.00 on the e-store

before a room can be allocated. Students will be required to set up a payment plan on-line by a specified date in August. Card payment details will be required for all three instalments and these payments will not be processed until the due date in line with Student Finance payments. If a student has any issues with providing payment details on-line, they should contact the Finance Office to discuss alternative arrangements.

In the event of payment not being processed promptly due to a delay in payment from Student Finance, an amended payment plan will need to be negotiated with the Finance office.

If the application has been approved, the student will be required to sign and complete a Licence to Occupy electronically via DocuSign by a specified date in August which will also be signed by the Accommodation Manager.

The licence length will be dependent on the year and type of accommodation and will always include the Christmas and Easter vacation periods. The student will receive a copy of the signed Licence for their reference. Students are required to adhere



Payments & Fees

- Annual halls fee is split into three equal payments.
- Each instalment is payable on a specific date in line with when the funds are received from Student Finance England.
- Foundation and first year students will be required to set up a payment plan on-line for the three instalments by a specified date in August.

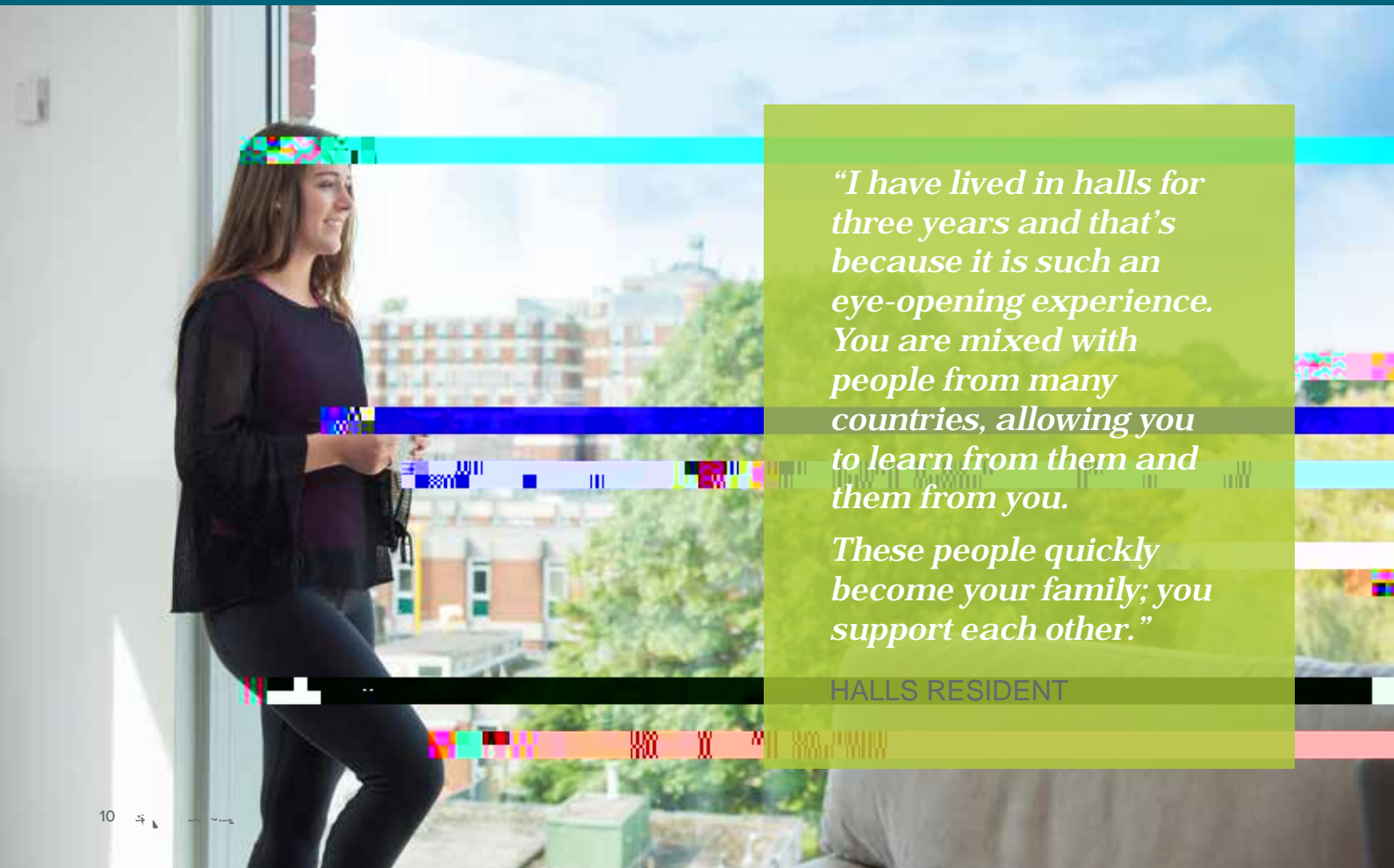
Payment of Deposit

An accommodation deposit of £250.00 will be payable prior to moving into halls of residence.

This is an additional amount to the three halls fees payments.

Accommodation Deposit

- The deposit will be held by the university as security in the event of damage to the bedroom and communal areas.
- The deposit will be repaid to the student when they finish their course or when they vacate their accommodation at the end of the academic year and are not living in university accommodation the following year.
- Deductions will be made for damage, items missing, non-return of keys etc, if applicable.
- Any damage caused throughout the academic year will be invoiced immediately and separately.
- If the student does not commence the course the accommodation deposit will be refunded to the bank account normally within 4 weeks
- The Finance office will normally process the refund within 8 weeks after the end of the Licence to Occupy period ends.



“I have lived in halls for three years and that’s because it is such an eye-opening experience. You are mixed with people from many countries, allowing you to learn from them and them from you.

These people quickly become your family; you support each other.”

HALLS RESIDENT

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