

# HOME FROM HOME ACCOMMODATION



University of  
Reading

IT'S JUST UOR WAY

# 4982

student bedrooms  
on or close to campus

# 12

eating outlets to choose from  
as part of the meal plan  
package

# £0

No unexpected bills to pay  
with our all-inclusive rent †  
† Includes utility bills, basic contents insurance  
and communal cleaning

includes high-speed

# 86%

of students would recommend  
their hall to other students\*

\* UPP Reading Customer Satisfaction Survey,  
2022-23

# 24/7

Halls Hotline to deal with any  
halls-related issues quickly  
and efficiently

# WI-FI

# 150+

number of free events  
provided to residents last  
year as part of Home at Halls  
residence life programme

Available on both iOS and Android platforms  
our Home at Halls app is dedicated to  
improving your student experience

# All halls no more than 15

minutes walk from the  
nearest campus





# WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF READING

We're delighted that you're interested in finding out more about accommodation at the University of Reading.

We work closely with UPP, our accommodation partner, to offer a fantastic university living experience that provides a great opportunity to make new friends and play a part in creating some of your best university memories.

If you have any queries about the information within this guide our expert staff within the Accommodation Office will be more than happy to assist in finding your new home away from home.

Matthew White, Director of Campus Commerce



# LIVING IN HALLS

## Why live in halls?

University accommodation provides a safe and secure environment for residents to live, study, meet friends and socialise as part of a supportive community.

## Great location

All accommodation is located either on the main Whiteknights campus or within a 15-minute walk.

## A range of accommodation choices to suit your needs

Express a preference for self-catered rooms – with or without a Meal Plan – or Meal Plan Halls with a contract length to suit your needs from our wide variety of room types for various budgets. Do you have a special requirement due to a medical condition? Do you want to live in a same sex flat or a quieter lifestyle flat? We have accommodation to suit all needs!

## All inclusive rent

Including:

- all utility bills
- Wi-Fi
- a basic level of contents insurance
- maintenance
- communal cleaning, including communal kitchen areas and shared bathroom facilities







## Low deposit

An amount of £250 is payable to accept your offer of accommodation. Your offer **cannot** be accepted without payment of this amount.

## Safe and secure

The halls have regular security patrols and CCTV is constantly monitored. Each group of halls has a staffed reception.

## Welfare support

A dedicated and experienced team of on-site staff wardens and hall mentors take care of all aspects of pastoral care.

## 24/7 Halls Hotline

Available 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year ensuring any halls-related issues are dealt with quickly and efficiently. This service is complemented by our handy Home at Halls app where you can report maintenance, give feedback, register for Home at Halls events and receive important updates.

## Social spaces and study areas

All Hall Groups have access to a shared social space. We also have a number of study spaces within halls. Halls without study areas are able to access the closest hall's study area. For example, residents of Bridges Hall are able to use the study space within Wessex Hall.

## Community

**Home at Halls** is our residence life programme with a team dedicated to organising free and low-cost events for everyone living in halls at the University of Reading. Our activities involve cultural experiences, fitness and well-being, life skills, seasonal celebrations and so much more! We welcome students of all ages to participate, meet new people, and make the most of living within the University's community.



# CHOOSING YOUR ACCOMMODATION

## THINGS TO CONSIDER

### STEP Meal Plan or self-catered?

**1** The University recommend all first year students take a Meal Plan. Choose from a range of plans including our Unlimited and Midweeker plans providing unlimited access to food allowing you to focus on University Life. **Please note some rooms include a minimum mandatory Meal Plan.**

### STEP Your preferred room type

**2** When thinking about your room type, there are a few different factors to consider. For example, are you happy to share a bathroom? Your budget will play a big part and needs careful consideration. Due to demand we may not always be able to meet your room preference. You need to make at least five choices of preferred accommodation. The more preferences you pick, the more likely we will be able to meet your requirements.

### STEP Preferred contract length?

**3** We have different contract lengths available for full year and shorter periods of study, with entry points in September and January. Full-time students have the choice of the following contract lengths (not all contract lengths are available in each hall):

- **40 weeks (Sept to June):** This is the most popular option for undergraduate students and postgraduates who are not required to be in Reading for their course over the Summer vacation. Please note that some rooms available at St George's, Benyon, and Sherfield Halls are on 39 weeks.
- **51 weeks (Sept to Sept):** Postgraduate students often select this option but it is also suitable for any undergraduates who would like to use their room over the summer vacation. You are advised to check with your course to see which contract length will be most appropriate for you. If you are in doubt please check.

**Accommodation guarantee:** A new **full-time undergraduate** who holds Reading as a firm UCAS choice **and** applies for accommodation by 1 August is guaranteed a place in Hall.

### STEP Specific requirements

**4** When making your application, you have the opportunity to note any specific requirements. This includes single-sex accommodation, living in a 'quieter lifestyle' area and any medical conditions such as needing a wheelchair accessible room, or other conditions which may affect your time in halls. Please ensure you complete this part of the application accurately to ensure we match your requirements as closely as possible.



# APPLYING FOR ACCOMMODATION

## APPLICATION TIMELINE

**7 FEBRUARY 2024**

Applications open!



**EARLY FEBRUARY 2024**

Unconditional and conditional academic offer holders. Normally you will receive an update from us within 15 days of making your accommodation application, maybe longer for specific requirements (DAS).



**FROM MID-FEBRUARY**

Unconditional and conditional academic offer holders. You will have five days to accept your offer of accommodation.



**FROM MID-JUNE 2024**

Pre-sessional student academic offer holders can apply.



**1 AUGUST 2024**

Accommodation Guarantee deadline: The deadline to apply for accommodation under the guarantee is midnight on 1 August 2024. You must then fulfil the terms of your academic offer by 4 September 2024 in order to receive a guaranteed place in halls.



**15 AUGUST 2024**

Applications open for those coming to Reading through Clearing.



**15 AUGUST 2024**

Insurance students and those that have not yet applied.



**28 AUGUST 2024**

E-induction and booking your arrival slot.



**BY 4 SEPTEMBER 2024**

Room numbers will be released.



**14 SEPTEMBER 2024**

'Early start' contract arrivals.



**20/21/22 SEPTEMBER 2024**

Main halls arrivals days.

Scan to view  
the full  
application  
timeline



## Postgraduate students

There are a range of accommodation options available for postgraduate students. We do not offer dedicated postgraduate halls but we do our best to allocate you in areas sharing with other postgraduate or more mature students where possible. Our 51-week contract option is often popular with postgraduate students, although you should check with your school to find out if you will need to be on campus over the summer vacation for your particular course.

For more information visit [www.reading.ac.uk/accommodation/mature](http://www.reading.ac.uk/accommodation/mature). When you make an application you will need to follow the Postgraduate pathway by selecting the postgraduate option under 'New Students'.

## Quieter lifestyle

We allocate students together who consider themselves to have a 'quieter lifestyle'. If you prefer a quieter lifestyle, please select a 'quiet' room type in your application. Please note, we cannot guarantee a permanent quiet environment. Communal living will always involve some level of noise, including from outside the building. However, by placing students requesting a quieter lifestyle together we hope to better meet the different expectations of our students.



# ACCOMMODATION CONTRACT 2024–25

## Payment and deposit

You will need to pay a deposit of £250 to accept your offer of accommodation. Accommodation payments are due termly. Specific payments and their due dates can be viewed on your accommodation offer via the [RISIS web portal](#).

## Meal Plans

Meal Plans selected during the Accommodation Application process form part of your Accommodation Contract and are also governed by the Meal Plan Terms and Conditions found here [www.clever-cuisine.com/terms/](http://www.clever-cuisine.com/terms/). Please ensure you read and fully understand the terms of the meal plan you are signing up to.

You can find more about how each Meal Plan works, including dates they run, at [www.clever-cuisine.com](http://www.clever-cuisine.com)



## Contract dates

You will find your contract start date in your accommodation offer via the [RISIS web portal](#). Start dates are specific to each hall of residence, as an indication.

- Contract start date: 20 September 2024, ends 27 June 2025 (40 weeks) or 12 September 2025 (51 weeks)
- Contract start date: 21 September 2024, ends 28 June 2025 (40 weeks) or 13 September 2025 (51 weeks)
- Contract start date: 22 September 2024, ends 29 June 2025 (40 weeks) or 14 September 2025 (51 weeks)



## Frequently asked questions

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# CLEVER CUISINE MEAL PLANS

**Your stress-free pre-paid approach to eating during term time whilst living in halls**

**The University encourage all first year students choose a Meal Plan.** Our fixed price Meal Plans are unique to Reading and give you the flexibility to eat where, when and how you wish including our Unlimited Meal Plan allowing you to visit as and when you wish during operating hours. Our menus are designed around health and well-being, based on our extensive Academic expertise around everything food, from our farms to our food and nutritional scientists.

Meal Plans can help you succeed academically by ensuring you have access to a wide range of food without having to find the time to cook or shop.

Discover how our meal plans work and more at [www.clever-cuisine.com](http://www.clever-cuisine.com)



## How do I buy a plan?

The easiest way is to select your chosen Meal Plan during the Halls Application process and are billed along with your Hall Fees. Please note some rooms include a minimum mandatory Meal Plan.

Alternatively, you can buy online from [clever-cuisine.com](http://clever-cuisine.com) using a selected debit/credit card.




# ROOM TYPE OPTIONS

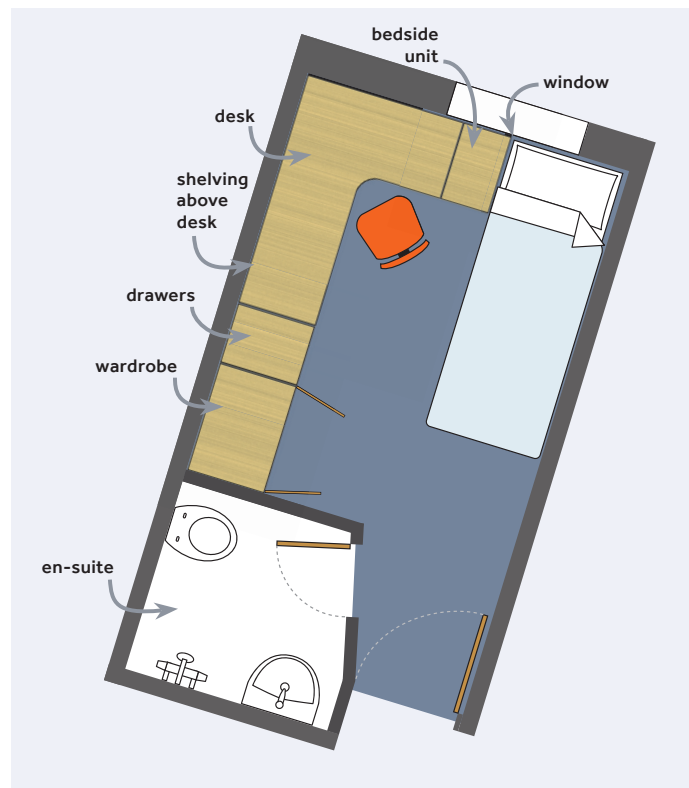
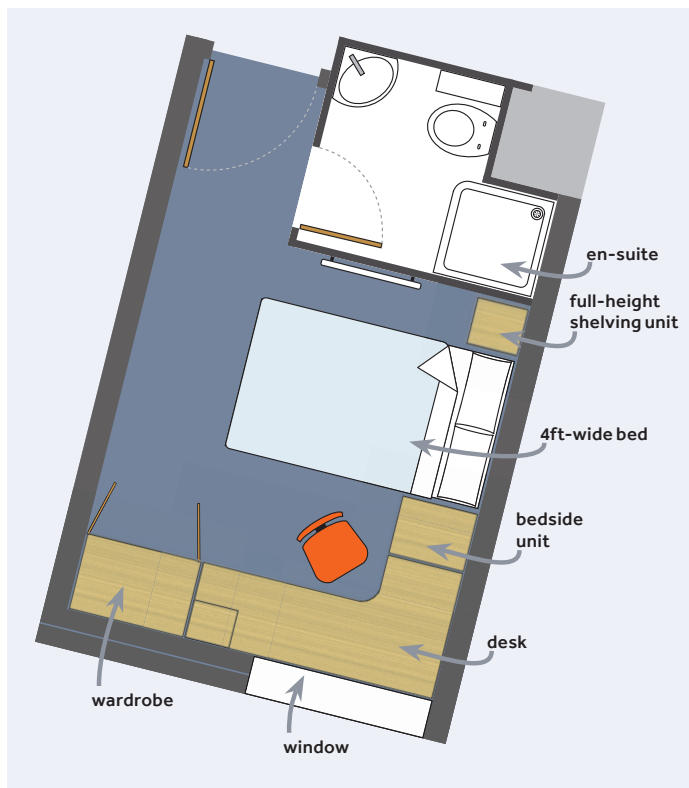
## PREMIUM EN-SUITE AND EN-SUITE ROOMS

Our **premium en-suite rooms** offer a high standard of accommodation in modern, well-appointed buildings. Premium en-suite rooms include a 4ft-wide bed, en-suite shower room and fitted furniture. All premium en-suites are self-catered rooms.

 Take a virtual tour of one of our rooms [here](#)

Our **en-suite rooms** offer a comfortable, well-equipped bedroom with fitted furniture, shelving units and an en-suite shower room, often in a 'wet room' style. En-suite rooms are available in both self-catered and Meal Plan Halls.

 Room dimensions are available in the *Key Fact Sheet* found on the room type specific [accommodation webpages](#).





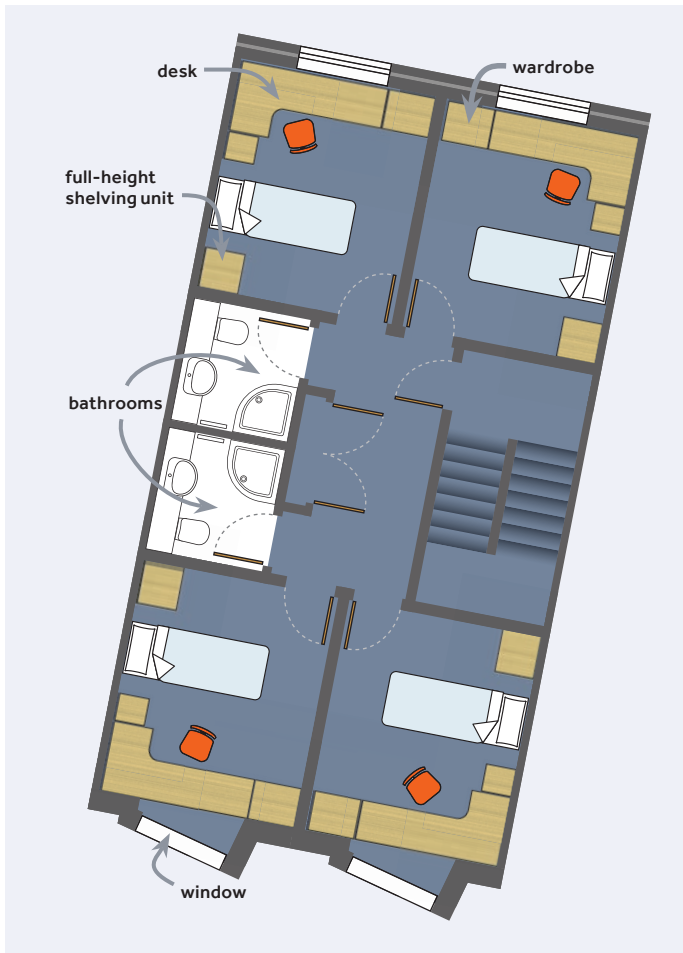
## TOWNHOUSE AND PREMIUM SHARED BATHROOM

Our **townhouse rooms** are arranged in modern, self-catered houses with 12 bedrooms arranged over three floors. Four bedrooms on each floor share two bathrooms. Bridges Townhouses have longer than standard single beds and Stenton Townhouses have 4ft-wide beds.

Our **premium rooms** with shared bathroom facilities have ten bedrooms which share three bathrooms. These flats have a modern kitchen, dining room and living area and are self-catered.



Room dimensions are available in the *Key Fact Sheet* found on the room type specific [accommodation webpages](#).



## UPGRADED AND STANDARD ROOM WITH SHARED BATHROOM FACILITIES

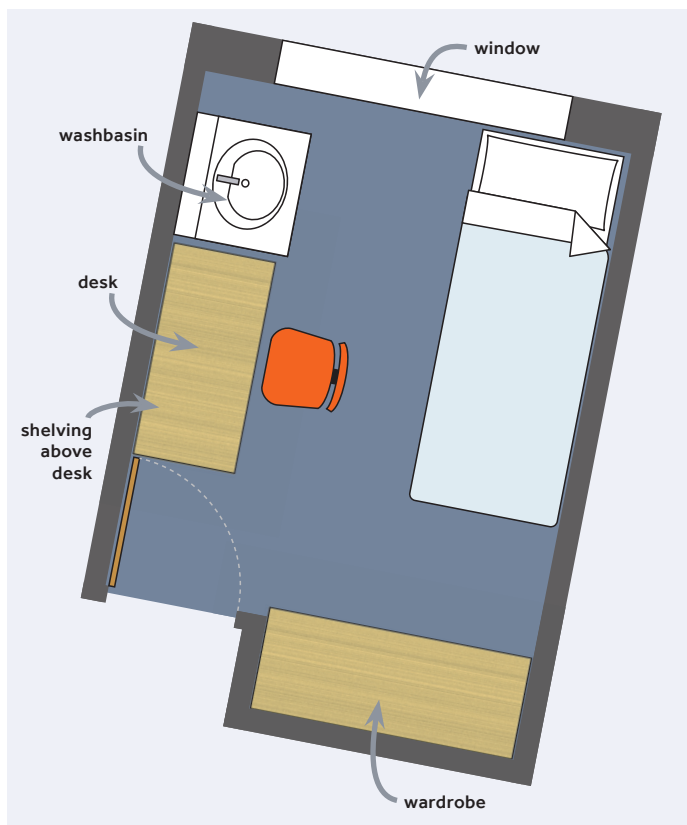
There are a range of halls offering shared bathroom facilities; many include a washbasin within the room.

At St George's and Wessex Halls, all the rooms have washbasins, have been upgraded and are self-catered. Kitchen facilities are shared with other residents in a traditional corridor-style arrangement.

Wantage and Windsor Halls are Meal Plan Halls. Wantage Hall has both standard and upgraded rooms, with or without a washbasin. At Windsor Hall, all rooms have been upgraded and there are rooms with either a single, or 4ft-wide bed, with or without a washbasin.



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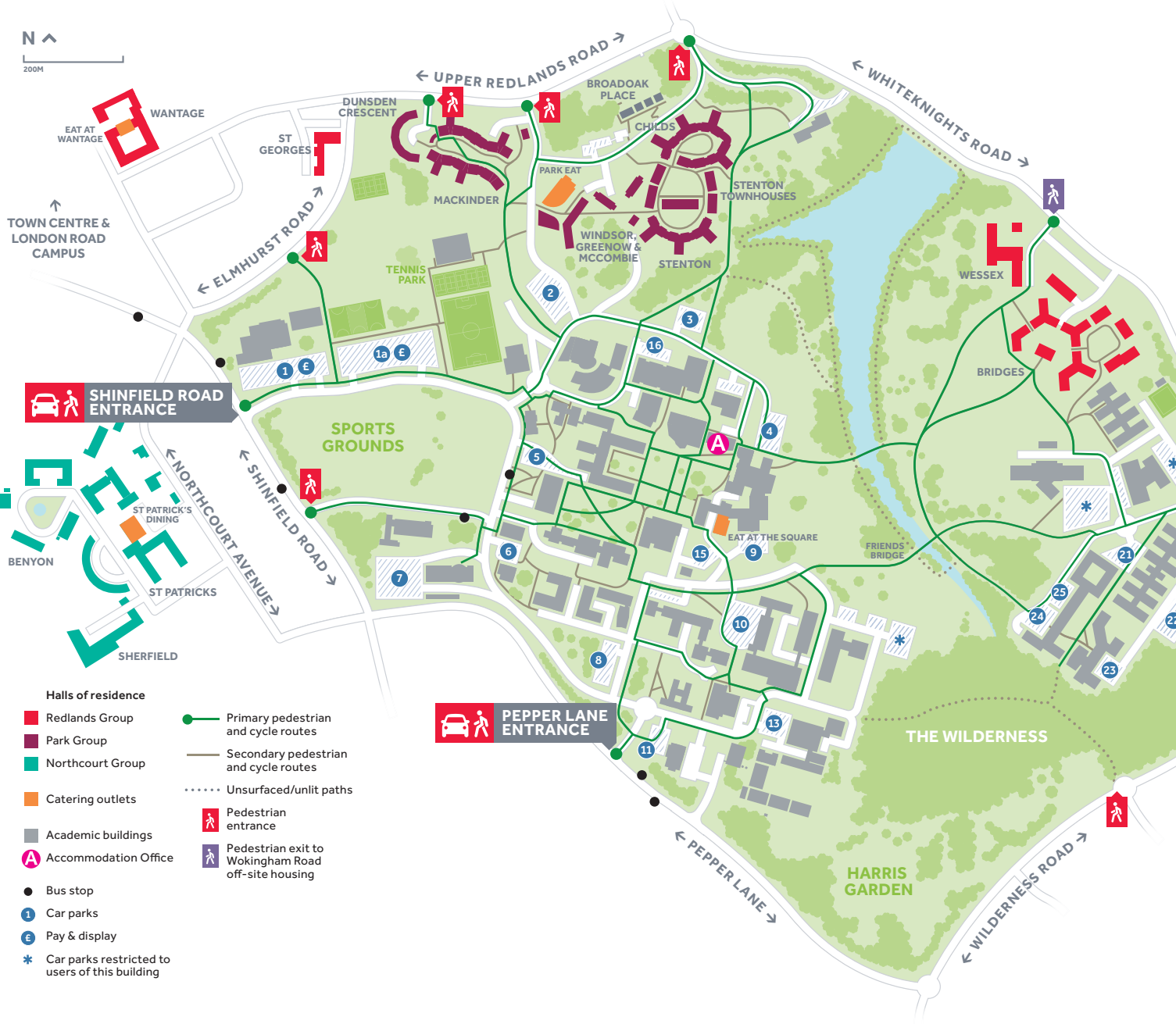


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Room type	Benyon Hall	Bridges Hall	Childs Hall	Creighton	Dunsden Crescent	Greenow & McCombie	Mackinder Hall	Northcourt Houses	Sherfield Hall	St George's Hall	St Patrick's Hall	Stenton Hall	Wantage Hall	Wessex Hall	Windsor Hall
SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS															
Quieter Lifestyle: Quieter lifestyle areas available in Sherfield and St George's Halls whilst Childs Hall is a designated Quieter Lifestyle hall			QL						QL	QL					
Single-sex accommodation available within these halls	SS	SS	SS				SS		SS	SS		SS			
Lifts		✓	✓				✓			✓		✓			✓



# HALL LOCATIONS WHITEKNIGHTS CAMPUS











## ACCOMMODATION GUIDE 2024–25

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### Please note

All photos are examples of facilities on offer and individual rooms may vary. Whilst every effort has been made to ensure that the details outlined in this booklet are correct at the time of publication, some arrangements may be subject to change.

All publications are available in a digital format upon request. For more information, please contact the Accommodation Office.



The University of Reading is committed to providing quality student accommodation and fully complies with the Student Accommodation Code. See [www.thesac.org.uk](http://www.thesac.org.uk) for more details. The code covers, among other matters, health and safety, maintenance and repair, and relationships between the University and student tenants. It outlines best practice and provides benchmarks for the management – and quality – of student housing in the sector.