

ACCOMMODATION

Excel College can help students who are looking for home stay accommodation with families. Please ask in reception or see our website:

www.excel-college.com/Accommodation.php

We do not provide assistance to students looking for private accommodation, and the College cannot recommend any particular estate agents, letting agencies, etc.

This document provides a few useful sources of information for students who are looking for accommodation and will tell you what types of accommodation are popular with international students living in Manchester.

In all cases we strongly suggest bookings should only be made **after** visa confirmation.

Manchester

Accommodation search:

www.accommodationforstudents.com/searchform.asp?city=Manchester

The following websites offer some information about Manchester and its districts:

www.manchester.com

www.manchesteronline.co.uk

www.simplymanchester.co.uk

Private Halls of Residence

Student halls or hostels, catered or self-catering.

Normally run by private companies. Manchester has a number of universities and 1000s of students move here every year so there is much demand for accommodation and most places fill up quickly. Student accommodation by private companies includes Sir Charles Groves Student Village, Victoria Hall, Mill Point and Liberty Court. Their websites will tell you how to apply, terms and conditions etc. The following links are examples of such providers:

www.libertystudents.com

www.victoriahall.com

www.wilmslowpark.com

www.unite-students.com

Universities

University of Manchester Accommodation office:

www.accommodation.manchester.ac.uk

University of Salford Accommodation office:

www.accommodation.salford.ac.uk

Manchester Metropolitan University Accommodation office:

www.mmu.ac.uk/accommodation

Private Homes / Rooms in Shared Houses

Some students choose to share accommodation in the private sector – i.e. an apartment or house in a residential district. Rented to adult students individually or in groups of usually four or more by local home owners. There may be less direct contact with English speakers and students will be self-catering.

You may make friends at the College and decide you want to share with classmates. Our students post notes on our notice boards with information about accommodation.

Normally you will rent through a residential letting agent, but you can also find advertisements in local newspapers, websites or directories:

Newspapers & Magazines

- *MEN* (Manchester Evening News): www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/property
www.thehomesmine.co.uk/renting
- *Metro* – see the Property adverts in the Metro Classified section
- *City Life* magazine

Websites / Internet sources

There are many websites which host advertisements for house shares or private rental. For example:

- Google search “manchester accommodation”
- <http://manchester.gumtree.com>
- www.manchesterstudenthomes.com

Directories: Yellow Pages / Phone Book / Thomson Local

See the following sections:

- Letting Agents
- Estate Agents
- Residential Accommodation
- Rental Agents

Accommodation in a private home is for adults and more than four students may be accommodated in one home. There will be less direct contact with the owner and students will be self-catering.

Private home accommodation is not suitable for under-18s. Some letting agents and landlords do not let to students. Those that do usually require a commitment to six months rent. You will share bathrooms, kitchens and living areas with other tenants. Your contract will be with the property owner.

Tenancy advice can be found on our website:

www.excel-college.com/Accommodation.php