

Residential Statement of Principles and Practice 2023-2024

Wiltshire College & University Centre provides accommodation at our Salisbury and Lackham campuses. This statement relates to the residential provision at our Lackham Campus, where accommodation is available to all students at the College over the age of 16 on 31st August on the year of entry to their course. The statement is intended to assist prospective students and their parents/carers in deciding if residential accommodation is the right choice for them. Finally, the statement is underpinned by several of the College policies and procedures, all of which are available for students to access. These policies are accessible on the College website or available on request.

We want all residential students residing at Lackham to have an enjoyable experience that compliments and enhances their time at college. We want this positive experience to take place in an environment where students feel safe, and well cared for by the Residential Team. Residents are encouraged to develop and demonstrate positive behaviours, make healthy lifestyle choices, and be a valued member of the residential community.

Admission

Once a student is offered a place on a college course, they may apply for accommodation at the Lackham campus. Applications are reviewed by the Residential Team, and places offered accordingly. Students who identify additional needs on their application form will be supported through the admissions process by the Residential Team. Please note, that acceptance onto a college course does not guarantee that a student is deemed suitable to reside in halls of residence or will be offered a place in accommodation. You can expect to be sent your offer letter of a place in accommodation in June.

Accommodation

Residential accommodation is offered to those students who are unable to travel daily from home to the campus where they will study, and those prospective students who may have other specific reasons for wishing to reside in halls of residence.

Students aged over 18 are accommodated in separate blocks to those students aged under 18. Further to this, under 18-year-old students are accommodated in same gender halls of residence. All halls of residence at the Lackham campus are located together in one area, which includes the residential communal areas. Suitable arrangements are in place to ensure residents are safeguarded and well supported by the Residential Staff Team. There are additional protocols in place for residents aged under 18 to ensure safeguarding requirements are met at all times.

The college does not arrange any off-site accommodation.

The Experience

Residential students in Lackham are supported by an Accommodation Manager and team of Residential Supervisors 24 hours day, including during the holidays. Out of hours, security gates restrict access to the campus to residents and authorised staff/visitors only, while access to halls of residence is controlled through a key fob entry system. There are CCTV cameras in place across the campus. Residential students are responsible for acting in accordance with the terms of their license to occupy and to play their part in maintaining a safe environment.

Further to the support from the Residential Team, residents are provided with appropriate contacts who can provide assistance where needed with health and wellbeing matters. Students complete a Health Form as part of the application process, and are supported during their time in halls of residence with suitable adjustments being made where possible. Financial support may be available to those students who are eligible through application for a bursary. Further information on bursaries is available through the student finance team.

There is a canteen onsite which provides a range of hot meals for breakfast and dinner 5 days a week. The menu is designed to support different dietary requirements, but any additional needs can be discussed on application.

Residential students benefit from a range of activities that are provided to enhance their time in accommodation and develop their independent living and social skills. Students also have access to recreational sports facilities.

The Residential Team at Lackham can be contacted by emailing accommodationLA@wiltshire.ac.uk or by calling 07767 384472.