

Accommodation Options Leaflet 2017-2018



Student flats

This type of accommodation is self-catering so you would need to buy your own food.

1) Clever Student Lets

Clever Student Lets is a large accommodation provider for students in Plymouth. As with Unite, City College Plymouth has a special arrangement with Clever Student Lets to reserve rooms for students.

This year they are offering two types of accommodation:

- 1) **En-suite single study bedrooms** arranged in flats, sharing a kitchen with other students



- 2) **Classic studio flats** – studios with their own bathroom and kitchen



All halls are newly refurbished, near bus routes to the college, and in a central location for the town centre.

Included in the rent are:

- Basic contents insurance
- Secure door entry system
- Utility bills
- Wi-Fi Internet access throughout accommodation

Some further information about Clever Student Lets is as follows:

- On-site launderette
- Common rooms
- Double beds
- College bus nearby
- En-suite bathroom in every room
- 24 hour emergency support phone line
- Chinese speaking member of staff

Rent is approximately £125 per week for an en-suite single, and £158 for a studio. A welcome kitchen and bedding pack is included.

Home stay/Host Family accommodation

This is a room in the home of a British family and normally includes bed, breakfast (packed) lunch, evening meal and some fruit, as well as utility bills and laundry. You pay the fees directly to your landlord. The cost of host family accommodation is £120 per week with limited internet access. Usage will need to be discussed with the host family. Students who share a room will be required to pay £90 per student per week with limited access to the internet. Students on a self-catering basis will pay £90 per week with limited access to the internet. Not all families allow self-catering. On average most host families are around a 15 to 30 minute walk to college.

(We also very limited host family accommodation available where one of the hosts speaks Chinese. If would like to opt for this host family please state on your form, but please note there are 5 rooms in this home).

Private House sharing

This is a room in a house shared with other students. Usually, you would have your own bedroom but would share the lounge, kitchen and bathroom with other students. You will have to do your own cooking, cleaning, and will need to pay rent and running costs (bills) independently.

For details of privately rented flats please email Karen in the International Office at kcoburn@cityplym.ac.uk to find out if we had recent offers from private landlords. **We won't be able to organise your private accommodation** but can give you names of landlords and advice. Students will have to contact landlords directly.

You pay the rent directly to your landlord. You should sign a contract before your tenancy begins, and you should receive a receipt or your landlord should enter your payments in a rent book. The landlord may also ask you for a deposit which will be returned to you at the end of your stay provided all bills have been paid and there has been no damage to the property. Your landlord may ask you to sign an inventory of all the items listed in the property and might want a reference before offering you accommodation. The cost of a shared flat or house depends on the property and location. Normally prices range from £80-95 per week excluding bills.

HOMEIT Ltd is a Chinese estate agency in Plymouth designed for international students. The hand-picked, high quality student houses are close to Plymouth University and the agents are bilingual (English and Chinese) They use Wechat to provide a quick and effective communication between students and landlords. You can contact them at ukhomeit@gmail.com.

Please note:

If you are under the age of 18, we will place you with a host family, unless your parents provide written consent for you to live in another type of accommodation.

You must inform the college of any change of address either before or during your course.

If you have difficulties while in your accommodation, please speak directly to your landlord, host-family or renting company where you are staying first. If you are unable to do this, or need further help, contact the International Office who will provide advice and guidance.