

# Getting to your accommodation

Guide for January 2024





# Hello!

We look forward to welcoming you to Oxford Brookes University. The International Student Advice Team (known as ISAT) have prepared this guide for you to help you get to your accommodation once you arrive in Oxford and to provide you with practical information that we hope you will find useful! You will find enclosed practical information and links to Google Maps to help you reach your destination in Oxford smoothly\*.

Please do contact us if you have any questions!

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\* Please note that we aim to keep the information in this guide up to date. However, changes may occur at short notice, so please make sure you check your route by using the Google map links provided.

## Looking for your accommodation

Looking for accommodation in Oxford and surrounding areas can be very challenging and expensive, especially if you plan to move to the UK with your family. The University has limited accommodation for families and we recommend that you look for an accommodation before travelling to the UK.

If you are planning to move to the UK with your family, please read the information available on the **Students with families** webpage.

Please contact the **Accommodation Bureau Team** to enquire about accommodation at Oxford Brookes.

If instead you wish to look for a private accommodation, there are different websites and apps that you can use to look for different solutions.

**Rightmove**\* and **Zoopla**\* are widely used to look for an accommodation as a flat or a house. Also **Spareroom**\* can be useful if you are looking for a shared accommodation.



Please be aware of scams and frauds. Always make sure that you are dealing with a legitimate landlord or a genuine letting agent. Take your time to run your checks before signing a contract or paying any money.

When looking for an accommodation, make sure you take into account your needs and what is your budget. Try to assess what you can afford and that an accommodation is well connected to your campus to attend your course. Oxford is well linked to many towns and villages both by buses and trains. However, commuting might be costly so consider this when deciding your budget.

It might not be possible to secure your longer term accommodation before travelling to the UK. If this is the case for you, try to arrange a temporary solution such as a hotel or a short let. Please absolutely avoid arriving in the UK with no place to stay as this will cause you a lot of stress and finding a solution at the very last minute might be very expensive and difficult. You could use [\*\*AirBnb\*\*](#)\* and [\*\*Booking.com\*\*](#)\* to find hotels, Bed and Breakfast or short term rental homestays for temporary accommodation\*.

*\*Please note that the University does not have any affiliations with these companies.*



If you booked a Brookes accommodation, please make sure you liaise with the **Accommodation Bureau** to arrange access to your accommodation when you arrive.

If instead you booked a private accommodation but you arrive overnight and you are unable to access it, please contact the Security Team at +(44) 1865 603060 who will be able to provide you access to the **Headington campus** in Gipsy Lane.

*Please note that there will not be rooms or beds available if you haven't arranged an accommodation at Brookes but you will be able to spend the night on campus which will be safe and warm. You will have access to the toilets and there are vending machines.*

*Please note that this would be allowed only exceptionally and you must make sure that you have your accommodation booked before you arrive.*

# Travelling in Oxford – essential information

Please find out more about [Getting to Oxford](#), whether you are travelling to the UK by train or if you are landing at a UK airport.

## Travelling by Train

If you are travelling by train, Network Rail has announced that there will be work at the Oxford train station. Please check the [Network Rail](#) website for information when planning your travel to Oxford.

If you are travelling by train, make sure you check the [National Rail](#) website for travel disruptions.

## Travelling by Bus

If you land at Gatwick or Heathrow airport, the easiest and cheapest way to reach Oxford will be to travel by the [Airline bus](#).

Once in Oxford, you can easily reach most accommodation by bus. Once you have your Brookes ID student card, you will be entitled to discounted fares. Until then, if you catch a [Stagecoach](#) bus or an [Oxford Bus Company](#) bus, a single ticket costs about £2.00 and you can buy it on the bus by cash or with a contactless card.



If you plan to use the Brookes buses (100, 400 and U5), you will receive a Welcome email which contains a QR code to allow you to travel on these buses for free from Monday 15 January to Sunday 11 February. The U5 bus runs only during weekends and Monday to Friday evenings, please take this into account when planning your journey.

You can check live departure times online on the bus companies websites:

**[Oxford Bus Company live departure times](#)**

**[Stagecoach find your next bus journey](#)**

Or by using the **[Oxontime](#)** website.

## **Travelling by Taxi**

If you prefer instead to travel by taxi, you can find a list of private hire taxi operators on the **[Oxford City Council](#)** webpage. If you are getting a taxi in Oxford, the minimum fare is £6.00. You can book a taxi online or by calling the company. You can usually find out more about the fares by checking the companies' websites.

# Canterbury House

 393 Cowley Road, Oxford, OX4 2BS

 [Google map link](#)

If you are travelling by Airline bus, you can get off at *St Clements* bus stop. Walk through Dawson Street and turn on the left to reach the bus stop *The Plain* on Cowley road. You can catch the buses 1, 5, 5A, 10 and U5 to get off at the stop *Shelley Road*. The accommodation is just a few steps away from this bus stop.



## Parade Green

 James Wolfe Road, Oxford, OX4 2WP

 [Google map link](#)

and

## Paul Kent Hall

 James Wolfe Road, Oxford, OX4 2WA


 [Google map link](#)

These two student halls are located next to each other.

If you are travelling by Airline bus, you could get off at the bus stop *Headington Shops HS5* and catch the bus 10 at the bus stop *Headington Shops HS3* (you will need to cross and walk towards Windmill Road where this bus stop is). Then you can get off at the *Paul Kent Hall* bus stop.

Alternatively, you could get off from the Airline bus at the bus stop *Brookes University*, walk to the bus stop *Gipsy Lane campus* and catch from there the Brookes bus 100 or U5 up to *Paul Kent Hall* bus stop.

# Cheney Student Village


 Cheney Lane, Headington, Oxford,  
OX3 0BD

 [Google map link](#)

This accommodation is within walking distance from Brookes University main campus in Headington. Get off from the airline at the bus stop outside Brookes University. From the bus stop outside the university walk 90ft up the road to the entrance to Oxford Brookes on your right. Enter the University and walk past the Lloyd building and bicycle park which will be on your right. Go up a ramp and turn right onto Cheney walk. Follow this path past along the sports fields. Turn left when you have passed the football pitch and walk past the indoor gym. Keep walking and Cheney Student village will be on your left.



# Clive Booth Student Village

 John Garne Way, Marston, Oxford,  
OX3 0FE

 [Google map link](#)

Get off from the airline bus at the bus stop *Brookes University* and then you can walk to this accommodation: You will need to cross the road and use the 'Headington Hill' entrance which is next to a gatehouse. This road leads straight to Clive Booth. Follow the road and you will see a sign to Clive Booth Hall. The gate at the bottom brings you to Clive Booth site. Follow the main path to Reception which is in Block N.

# Crescent Hall

 Crescent Road, Oxford, OX4 2NS

 [Google map link](#)

If you are travelling by Airline bus, you could get off at the bus stop *Headington Shops HS5* and catch the bus 10 at the bus stop *Headington Shops HS3* (you will need to cross and walk towards Windmill Road where this bus stop is). Then you can get off at the bus stop *Crescent Hall*.

Alternatively, you could get off from the Airline bus at the bus stop *Brookes University*, walk to the bus stop *Gipsy Lane campus* and catch from there the Brookes bus 100 or U5 up to *Crescent Hall* bus stop.



# Friar Court

 Old Marston Road, Marston, Oxford,  
OX3 0JP

 [Google map link](#)

Get off at *St Clements* bus stop from the airline bus and then cross the road and catch bus X3 at the bus stop *St Clements (B)*. The bus X3 stops at the bus stop *Crotch Crescent* which is very few steps away from the accommodation.

# Harcourt Hill Hall N Block

 Harcourt Hill Campus, Botley, Oxford,  
OX2 9AT

 [Google map link](#)

Travelling by airline bus, get off at *Brookes University e* bus stop and catch the bus 400 BROOKESbusU1. You will need to stop at *Harcourt Hill* bus stop and walk about 5 mins to the accommodation.



# Warneford Hall

 Roosevelt Drive, Oxford, OX3 7XA

 [Google map link](#)

This accommodation is only 0.6 mile away from campus and you could walk there.

Alternatively, you can catch the bus 700 at the bus stop *Gipsy Lane Campus* and get off at the bus stop *Warneford Hospital*.

# Westminster Hall and Westminster Studios

 Westminster Hall, Oxford Brookes University Harcourt Hill Campus, Botley, Oxford

 [Google map link](#)

Please note that postcode varies depending on the block (listed below). However, they are in the same area and can be reached by the same route:

Blocks A & B: OX2 9GJ

Block C: OX2 9GL

Block D: OX2 9GN

Blocks E & F: OX2 9GP


Blocks G, H & I: OX2 9GQ

Blocks J, K & L: OX2 9GR

The 400 BROOKESbus U1 bus stops at this accommodation and you can catch it from the *Brookes University* bus stop. If you are travelling by the Airline bus, you will need to get off the *Brookes University* bus stop to change and get the 400 BROOKESbus U1 bus.

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# Sinnet Court

 Sinnet Court, Southfield Road, Oxford, OX4 1FY


 [Google map link](#)

This accommodation is 15 minutes walk away from the Headington Campus.

If you prefer to get there by bus, get off from the *Airline* bus at *St Clements* bus stop (Stop C). Then you will need to keep walking from the bus stop and turn on the left at Dawson Street. At the end of Dawson Street, turn on the left to find yourself on Cowley road. On Cowley road, at the bus stop *The Plain* you can catch different bus numbers (1, 5, 5A, 10, U5) to get off at the bus stop *Magdalen Road East*. From there you can walk to the accommodation which is 4 minutes away (you will need to walk along Cowley road – in the opposite direction from the bus stop and turn right to Southfield road).




## Beech House

 London Road, Headington, Oxford,  
OX3 7PA

 [Google map link](#)

and

## Dorset House

 London Road, Headington, Oxford,  
OX3 7FT

 [Google map link](#)

These two student halls are very close to each other. You can get off at the bus stop *Headington shops* from the Airline which is 5/6 minutes away on foot from both these locations.

# The Park


 The Park, Horspath Driftway,  
Headington, Oxford, OX3 7FJ

 [Google map link](#)

If you are travelling by Airline bus, you could get off at the bus stop *Headington Shops HS5* and catch the bus 10 at the bus stop HS3 (you will need to cross and walk towards Windmill Road where this bus stop is). Then you can get off at the bus stop *Corner House* and then walk for 3 minutes to reach the accommodation.

Alternatively, you could get off from the airline at the bus stop *Brookes University*, walk to the bus stop *Gipsy Lane campus* and catch from there the bus Brookes 100 or U5 bus up to *Corner House* bus stop.

# Between Towns Court

 13 Between Towns Road, Oxford,  
OX4 3LX

 [Google map link](#)

If you are travelling by the Airline bus, you can get off at the bus stop *Brookes University*, walk to the bus stop *Gipsy Lane campus* and catch from there the Brookes bus 100 up to the *Original Swan* bus stop which is just outside the accommodation.

Alternatively, you can get off at the bus stop *Queens Lane* (on the High Street). Cross the road and at the bus stop *Queens Lane K1*, you can catch the buses 1, 5, 5A or 10 which will stop at the *Original Swan* bus stop.



## Other areas in Oxford

If you are not going to live in one of the Brookes accommodation above, you might find it useful to have a look at how to reach the following areas in Oxford which might help you to get to your final destination.

**Oxford city centre: Carfax tower**

 [Google map link](#)

**Oxford city centre: Gloucester Green**

 [Google map link](#)

**Oxford Train Station**  [Google map link](#)

**Summertown**  [Google map link](#)

**Headington**  [Google map link](#)

**Jericho**  [Google map link](#)

**New Marston**  [Google map link](#)

**Cowley**  [Google map link](#)

**Templars Square**  [Google map link](#)

**Blackbird Leys**  [Google map link](#)

**Rose Hill**  [Google map link](#)

**Littlemore**  [Google map link](#)

**New Hinksey**  [Google map link](#)

**Botley**  [Google map link](#)