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Accommodation Guide

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Accommodation

One essential thing you must ensure you have arranged prior to your studies at BIMM Institute Bristol is your accommodation. Your living arrangements can be an important factor in your success as a student and the Student Services team is on hand to help when you are arranging this if required.

We do not have halls of residence at BIMM Institute Bristol, which means you must find housing privately, but we have various resources available to help with every step of the process.

Bristol has various different types of accommodation available, such as:

- Private student accommodation
- Flats
- Shared houses
- Temporary housing & hostels

However, as Bristol is a university city there is a heavy demand for student accommodation. We advise you to look as early as possible to find a place that suits your needs.

“Bristol is the best and really dear to me. It’s where I properly fell in love with music.”

**- Danny Nedelko,
Heavy Lungs frontman**

Bristol Locations

Close To BIMM's King Square & St James' House Buildings

City Centre

Bristol's city centre encompasses a range of businesses, open spaces like College Green and Castle Park, shopping areas, such as Cabot Circus & Broadmead, and loads of places to live – student & non-student accommodation. Both campus buildings are based in Bristol's city centre so any accommodation in the centre will be ideal if you want a shorter journey to uni.

Stokes Croft

A 5-minute walk from King Square, Stokes Croft is a hub of students, independent businesses and music venues, most notably Crofter's Rights & Café Kino.

Gloucester Road

Gloucester Road boasts the longest road of independent businesses in Europe! There's a great mix of restaurants, bars and venues, including The Gallimaufry and Blue Lagoon, as well as shops & housing. It's worth looking around Gloucester Road too at St Andrews, Montpelier and Horfield, which have more housing & tend to be a bit cheaper than living on Gloucester Road itself!

Student Areas Further From BIMM Campus'

Old Market

Old Market is a quieter option than Stokes Croft or Gloucester road but still has the hustle and bustle of city living, with the Exchange right at the bottom of the road & plenty of local independent coffee shops dotted along the street.

Redland & Cotham

Redland and Cotham are more residential but have big student communities & are a stone's throw away from Whiteladies Road.

Clifton

Clifton has a reputation as being a more expensive area of Bristol, but it has recently become more popular with students. Clifton has our famous Suspension Bridge, Clifton Village, and some great music venues.

Bedminster

Bedminster has transformed into a popular area for students recently, with an infamous massive ASDA and plenty of pubs, cafes and independent businesses.

Filton

Filton is popular with students, has lots of affordable housing, a good public transport route down Gloucester Road, and Cribbs Causeway, a huge shopping centre, only 10-minute drive away.

Fishponds

Fishponds is popular with students, particularly as it's so close to one of UWE's campuses. There's loads of great takeaways and shops, as well as a variety of supermarkets, and parks to explore. If you have a car, living in Fishponds might be a good choice for you as you won't have to worry so much about permits/parking zones.

Private Student Accommodation

While BIMM don't own halls of residence, you'll often find your fellow BIMM students in these privately owned student halls locations:

King Square Studios

- Located right next to BIMM's King Square building
- Variety of studio sizes from standard to premium, with the option of single or double one-bed apartments available
- Mostly BIMM students
- Includes on-site laundry room, gym, reading room & cinema room
- Utility bills included

IQ Student Accommodation

- Music room onsite
- Five-minute walk away from BIMM's King Square Campus and St James' House Campus
- Mix of students from Bristol's universities
- Utility bills included

Studio 58

- Located right next to BIMM's King Square building
- Includes on-site common room, laundry room and outside courtyard
- MyUnite app to meet your flatmates before you arrive & get help with your daily tasks once you've moved in
- Mix of students from Bristol's universities
- Studio rooms with Premium Studio option
- Laundry room, common room, utility bills included

Cathedral Park

- Located a 20 minute walk from our Kings Square Campus and St James' House Campus
- Twin, Studio and Ensuite rooms available
- MyUnite app to meet your flatmates before you arrive & get help with your daily tasks once you've moved in
- Mix of students from Bristol's universities
- All inclusive of bills
- Laundry room, study spaces, common room, gym, cinema

Hotwells House

- Located a 20-minute walk to Kings Square Campus & St James' House
- 3-5-bedroom shared apartments and self-contained studios
- Includes on-site gym, games area and study space
- Mix of students from Bristol's universities
- All inclusive of utility bills and contents insurance

St Lawrence House

- 11 minute walk to Kings Square Campus & St James' House
- Self contained studios
- Fitness Suite & Study Spaces
- All inclusive of bills and Wi-Fi

Centre Gate (Mansion Group)

- 12 minute walk to Kings Square Campus & St James' House
- A mixture of 3 bed, 2 bed and studio apartments
- All inclusive of bills and Wi-Fi
- Bike Storage

The Colston (Mansion Group)

- 12 minute walk to Kings Square Campus & St James' House
- A mixture of two bed apartments and studios
- All inclusive of bills and Wi-Fi
- Contents insurance

Dean Street Works

- 7 minute walk to Kings Square Campus & 2 minute walk to St James' House
- Studio rooms
- Cinema room
- All inclusive of bills and Wi-Fi

Canvas Wilder Street

- Next door to our St James' House Campus and a 2 minute walk from Kings Square Campus
- A mixture of en-suite rooms and studios
- All inclusive of bills and Wi-Fi
- Gym, study spaces, events, common room
- Contents insurance

Make sure you've also joined the BIMM Bristol Student Group on Facebook which goes live around March as there will be plenty of fellow students to hang out with, and potentially housemates on there too.



Other Accommodation

Private Renting

If You Can't Find A Spot In Private Student Accommodation, Or If That's Just Not Really Your Style, There Are Plenty Of Legitimate Letting Sites That Can Help You Find Your Perfect Home While At Bimm & After:

[HYBR](#) – Bimm Bristol's Housing Partner

[Bristol SU Lettings](#)

[Antony James And Co](#)

[Bristol Student Lets](#)

[Rightmove](#) – Be Sure To Select The Option For Student Properties To Avoid Confusion Or Disappointment At Viewings!

House Sharing

There are plenty of house sharing opportunities in Bristol where you can find either groups of people looking for extra housemates, or properties that have a room available:

[Bimm Bristol Facebook Group](#) (Goes Live In Spring)
Bristol Housing, Room & Flat Share Facebook Group

[Spareroom](#)

Temporary Housing

If you are looking for temporary accommodation during the week whilst studying, there are many hostels offering cheap rooms in the Bristol area:

[The Bristol Wing](#)

- Located near Broadmead & Cabot Circus

[Bristol Backpackers](#)

- Located on St Stephens Street
- Private rooms from £41 per night

[YHA Bristol](#)

- Located on Narrow Quay

[The Full Moon Backpackers Hostel](#)

- Located in Stokes Croft, a 5-minute walk from BIMM's King Square building
- Prices around £20-30 per person, per night

[Print Hall](#)

- Summer accommodation in Uni of Bristol halls
- Includes on-site gym, laundry, study area and courtyard

Transport

Go Explore

The closest bus stop to Kings Square and St James' is Bristol Bus & Coach Station (4-minute walk from stop to building)

Download the First Bus app to see the bus timetable for your stop, plan a route and pre-purchase tickets to save time & money. Make sure you have your student ID to hand as well because you'll get discount!

Bike Routes

Bristol is very bike-friendly so make sure you bring your bike with you!

There are bike lanes on most of Bristol city centre's main roads, and the further out of the city you live, there may be bike routes available to speed your journey up a little.

There are new [electric scooters](#) that are available to hire too. They're dotted around the city; you'll be able to easily recognise them. You can hire them by the hour using an app and are a great way to get around quickly & avoid a lot of that famous Bristol traffic!

Train

Temple Meads

Bristol's central station. It is approximately a 20-minute walk from Kings Square and St James' House and connects you to the country via First Great Western, Cross Country and Stage Coach.

Parkway

A large station connecting Bristol to Wales, surrounding Bristol towns. London and the Midlands.

Montpelier

King Square's nearest platform. This is an inner-city station which connects you to other parts of Bristol, including Bristol Temple Meads, Clifton, Lawrence Hill and Stapleton Road.

Redland

Another platform near King Square connecting you to other parts of Bristol, including Shire Hampton, Avonmouth and Severn Tunnel Junction.



Helpful Information

Tenancy Agreements

There's plenty of information on private renting and tenancy agreements online, here are some helpful ones to start with:

[Government Information](#)

[Shelter](#)

[Citizen's Advice](#)

There is also a dedicated housing and tenancy union - ACORN – that can help with any issues you may be having with renting/landlords/eviction/etc.

AVERAGE ACCOMMODATION PRICE	PER WEEK
Student Accommodation (flat share)	£150
Student Accommodation (studio)	£200 - 265
Studio/1-bed flat	£200-250
House share	£125

*Based on cost per week, per person in city centre.

You can also contact Student Support at studentsupportbristol@bimm.co.uk if you are having housing issues & need additional guidance.

Frequently Asked Questions

What Is A Guarantor & Who Should Mine Be?

A guarantor is someone who signs an agreement to pay for any rent or damages if the tenant fails to pay up. The guarantor will most likely be a parent or guardian.

Some landlords ask for a guarantor but not all do. So, there are still plenty of properties to choose from if you don't have someone who will be a guarantor for you – you'll just need to look around.

A guarantor is taking on quite a large responsibility, particularly if you are signing a joint contract. For example, if your housemate hasn't paid their rent, your guarantor could be made to pay.

What Bills Will I Have To Pay Outside Of Rent?

Depending on your own personal consumption, you can expect to pay £10 – £15 per week for utility bills, including water, electricity, telephone, broadband, and gas if applicable (not all properties have gas). Some properties have bills included & this will be included in the contract.

Remember that if solely full-time students occupy a property then they are exempt from Council Tax.

What Is A Deposit?

The deposit is generally the equivalent of one month's rent. Your landlord or agent must, under the 2004 Housing Act, protect your deposit within 14 days of receiving it as part of the Tenancy Deposit Protection Scheme and provide you with certain information relating to this.

This scheme ensures that deposits paid to the landlords are kept safe and that tenants gets their deposits back at the end of the tenancy, so long as there hasn't been a breach of the tenancy agreement, such as unpaid rent. Remember that the money held as a deposit remains yours at all times and not the landlords, and only by mutual agreement should any money be deducted.

Your deposit, or part of it, may be withheld if you:

- Owe unpaid rent
- Fail to return ALL keys at the end of the tenancy
- Are responsible for any damage to the property
- Have not cleaned the property adequately
- Have left rubbish/furniture that needs to be removed from the property

Frequently Asked Questions

What Should I Look Out For When Viewing Properties?

Don't be afraid to ask lots of questions – it's a big decision.

1. Does the place look well maintained?
2. Will you be warm enough in winter?
3. Will be safe and secure?
4. Does it have the space and facilities you need (e.g. washing machine, heating, fridge/freezer, plug sockets)?
5. Are the current tenants happy with the landlord?
6. Are any communal/shared areas kept clean & tidy (e.g. hallways, doorways)?
7. Is the property affordable and good value?
8. Is the area suitable for your needs?

It is recommended to view a property at least twice as you may not notice everything the first-time round – there can be a lot to take in so don't feel rushed or pressured into making a quick decision. Make sure you have a good look and make sure it's right for you.

It's also important to ensure that everyone who will be living at the property has seen it & is happy before signing a contract. Don't take someone else's word that the property is right for you.

I Am Leaving The House A Few Weeks Early - Can I Get My Deposit Back Early?

It may be possible for you to come to an arrangement for the early return of the deposit, but the landlord/agent will obviously want to inspect the house and check all rent is paid.

Can I Deduct My Deposit From My Last Month's Rent?

No, because to do so would be a breach of your contract. It is important that rent and deposits are separate.

Further Questions

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Student Services team on 0117 980 7060 or studentsupportbristol@bimm.ac.uk



“Bristol is such a diverse yet unified city. Of course, the music scene is brilliant.”

Will Brookes, Bass

Join Us in Bristol

To apply to BIMM Institute Bristol, book an audition or ask us a question, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

We can't wait for you to join us in this incredible city – and start your career (and life) in music.

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