



Walford
College



Accommodation Information

2023 - 2024

Residential Accommodation

North Shropshire College offers residential accommodation on its Walford Campus. Priority for accommodation is given to students on land-based courses for whom daily travel presents particular problems. The accommodation comprises of single study bedrooms, some en-suite and some with washbasins.

Caradoc	24 students	En-suite study bedrooms
Lawley	8 students	Shared toilets and showers
Mynd	8 students	Shared toilets and showers
Pimhill	8 students	Shared toilets and showers
Wrekin	8 students	Shared toilets and showers



All halls have shared kitchen areas.



Most students do not have classes five days per week so accommodation is offered from Sunday night to Thursday night inclusive. Students cannot stay at weekends.

Students need to provide their own duvet, pillows, bed linen and towels. If students intend to cook in the residence they also need to provide their own pots, pans, crockery and cutlery.

There is a laundry room with coin operated washing machines and tumble driers on site for student use.

There is a £250 damage deposit payment due when the student accepts an offer of accommodation. This will be refunded at the end of the year assuming there has been no damage to the residence common areas or the individual student's room and that no monies are owed to the College. In addition,

there is a £100 residential club membership payment which helps with the cost of social activities, shopping trips, equipment and entertainment facilities.

Halls of Residence rules are part of the Accommodation Licence Agreement that students sign to accept when offered a room in the residences.

Each residence has a small kitchen with facilities that allow students to prepare hot food and drinks. Alternatively, they can use the large communal kitchen in the Social Centre. Cooking in rooms is strictly prohibited.

Students are encouraged to be independent and enhance their 'life skills' while in residence. Opportunities to develop skills form part of the activities programme.



Wi-Fi is available in all halls of residence.

Meals can be taken in the Refectory Monday - Friday. A meal package of 3 evening meals and 3 other meals is included in the Accommodation Fee.

Students with specific dietary requirements need to discuss their specific requirements with the Catering Manager.

The College does not provide residential accommodation off site other than for College organised visits or trips.

Room Allocation

The Accommodation and Welfare Manager allocates rooms based on the criteria set out in the Accommodation Allocation Policy.

Where possible, students under the age of 18 years are accommodated in separate halls, on separate corridors or separate floors.

Staff Working Hours

The Accommodation Manager normally works Monday to Friday 8.30am - 5pm and then the duty manager/safeguarding activity officers cover evenings. The current team is comprised of five staff members who either live on campus or stay on campus when they are on duty.

From Sunday to Thursday, there are two members of the residential team on duty from 5pm until 8.30am the following morning, and they are always contactable by telephone. There's one member of staff on duty on Friday who ensures all residents have left campus and secures the residences.

On Sunday evening a mini bus pick up from Shrewsbury station operates (if required). The time of pick up is set when the manager knows how many students need to use the service. Students should confirm if they need picking up each week so the driver is aware of who they are collecting.

Whilst on duty, staff are available and regularly check the campus and halls of residence.



Students have access to our sports hall, refectory and learning resource centre while on-site.

Facilities



Residential students have exclusive access to the social centre common room area which has comfortable seating and TV. There is also a large communal kitchen for students to use in the evenings. This area is commonly known as the 'club'.



Arrival and Induction

On arrival students will be issued with **hall of residence entrance fob, tracker and room keys, residential handbook, residential induction information and a programme of activities for the first week.**

During the first term each student will be required to meet with the Accommodation Manager or Duty Manager Safeguarding Activities Officer for a short interview to set personal progression targets to enhance their residential experience through the Individual Residential Development Programme (IRDP). Further IRDP meetings will take place throughout the year and each student will have a minimum of four meetings.

Students are also required to attend Halls of Residence meetings each term where they are given the opportunity to make suggestions and feedback about the service provided.

Parents / guardians will have the opportunity to meet and speak to the Accommodation and Welfare Manager on arrivals day. The manager will answer any questions that parents/guardians have and will give further information about the service. Parents / guardians are encouraged to keep in contact with staff if they have any concerns.

Programme of Events

There is a varied range of activities offered throughout the year, including:

- Dances and Karaoke
- Ice Skating
- Cinema and shopping trips
- Ten Pin Bowling
- Film Nights
- Student organised events
- BBQ's
- Swimming, Rounders and French Boule
- Cooking
- Skills Workshops
- Crafts and Upcycling
- First Aid Workshops
- Nail Bar
- Dance Options
- General Keep Fit

Supported study and revision sessions are offered through-out the year.

Students also have use of the sports hall when it is not booked for other events for various sports such as football, basketball, badminton, netball, tennis.

In addition, the Duty Manager / Safeguarding Activity Officers are willing to help organise events that students request.



Behaviour

The residential accommodation is located in close proximity to privately owned residences. The "Accommodation Licence Agreement" explains the behaviour expected of all residential students and also sets out the terms, conditions and halls of residence rules.

Cost of Accommodation

Accommodation Fees for 2023-2024 are not yet available as fees are normally confirmed after the Easter vacation. As a guide the cost of accommodation for the current 2022-2023 academic year is:

- **£3,970 for a standard room (36 weeks)**
- **£4,674 for an en-suite room (36 weeks)**

Fees may increase from year to year. Please note the fees are for Accommodation from **Sunday night to Thursday night inclusive (five nights)**.



Accommodation is for term-time only and accommodation is not normally offered at weekends, half term or any of the vacation periods.

Accommodation outside term dates would only be considered under exceptional circumstances and would incur extra costs.

Included in the fees is a six-meal package which includes three evening meals and three meal cards to use for lunch or breakfast per week. All other meals are paid for separately using cash/card.



Welfare and Safeguarding

In addition to the Accommodation and Welfare Manager, Safeguarding Activity Officers and Tutors, the College has a Designated Senior Person with safeguarding responsibilities who can be contacted directly about personal problems or concerns at College. The campus has CCTV and all residences have doors with computerised access systems and access is strictly controlled. If a student has specific support needs, these should be disclosed on the application form and a meeting will be arranged to discuss the support required.

Medication

Students are expected to be responsible for taking their own medication whilst in residence at the College. If there are special requirements these can be discussed with the Accommodation and Welfare Manager.



Applications and offers

All applications received are placed on the waiting list and the process of offering accommodation to students' usually starts in July each year where offers are made based on the criteria set out in the Allocation of Halls of Residence Accommodation Policy.

Further Information

If you have any questions or wish to discuss anything further about residency please do not hesitate to contact the Accommodation and Welfare Manager on **01939 262126** or email: **crowther-smithf@hlnsc.ac.uk**



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