



Accommodation



Homestay Student Accommodation Guide



Everything you need to know
as a homestay student
studying at Chichester College

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Welcome to Homestay

The Accommodation Team warmly welcomes you to Chichester and your choice of homestay accommodation.

Chichester is located in a beautiful part of the country with lots of exciting sights and activities to enjoy. You will be able to meet and make new friends from England and many other countries, whilst studying here.

Your homestay family will make your stay here a real 'home from home' and also give you an ideal opportunity to practise and enjoy speaking English in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

This guide gives you all the information you need to make your transition to staying here quick, easy and enjoyable. If you need any additional information or help, don't hesitate to contact the Accommodation Team for advice or assistance.

We hope you enjoy your stay with us and create many lasting memories and friendships that you will treasure for many years to come.

The Accommodation Team
Chichester College

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What is Homestay Accommodation?

Homestay accommodation provides you with all the advantages of living in the warm and welcoming home of a local Chichester host. It is by far the quickest and easiest way to get to know the city and feel at home right away.

If you are traveling here from another country, it is also a great way to experience living in a 'real' English home and to practice your spoken English in a friendly, casual way. Becoming accustomed to a different country and an unfamiliar culture can be daunting and having a friendly host to rely on for advice and a helping hand is really useful and reassuring.

Your host provider will be able to tell you all about the local sights in and around the city and suggest great places to visit. There will be plenty of opportunities to explore the local area on the many college trips you can enjoy with your new friends.

**FOR THE BEST WAY TO LIVE AND LEARN
IN ENGLAND, HOMESTAY HAS IT ALL!**

Half-Board Homestay

With half-board homestay accommodation you can enjoy living in somebody's home with breakfast and an evening meal provided for you, 7 days a week. You will also be given a light lunch on Saturdays and Sundays. You will have the opportunity to sit down with your host for your evening meals and is a good opportunity to get to know them and talk about your day. Lunch and snacks during the week are your own responsibility and a snack cupboard in the kitchen will be provided by your host provider. Please **DO NOT** store food in your bedroom. Laundry will be done by your host provider each week (one dark and one light wash per week).

Help with Accommodation

The Accommodation Team are here to help you. From the moment you apply until the time you leave us, the College's Accommodation Team are here to offer you continuous help and support.

The Accommodation Team are based in the International & Accommodation office, which can be found next to the college shop. They are happy to answer any questions or queries and are available 8.30am - 5.00pm, Monday - Friday.

There is also an emergency out of hours number available for your convenience and safety. Please see back cover for all contact details.

BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL AT CHICHESTER COLLEGE

As a homestay resident, you should have already received your host provider's profile, along with a photo of them and their contact details. If, for whatever reason, you do not have this information please contact the Accommodation Team for advice.

It is important (and highly recommended) that you contact your host provider to let them know your expected date and time of arrival. They will be looking forward to welcoming you and this will give you the opportunity to introduce yourself and to start practicing your spoken and written English.

If you or your agent have organised a taxi transfer through us from any UK airport we will pass this information on to your host provider.

Induction

All residents have an induction with the homestay Coordinator on their first day at the College. This will check how they are settling in with their host provider and ensure they understand how to get to and from College. The Coordinator will also collect all contact details to provide easy communications between the College, the student and the host provider. The under 18 rules and regulations will also be explained, if applicable.

Homestay Meals

Living with a host provider is an excellent way to improve your English and learn about the area and meal times are an ideal time for this. You can also get to know your host, integrate into family life and enjoy the culture of the UK.

A TYPICAL HOMESTAY MENU MIGHT BE...

BREAKFAST

Continental, i.e. Coffee, toast, bread, jams or cereal.

LUNCH (Saturday and Sunday only)

A light lunch such as a sandwich or toasted meal, fruit and a drink will be provided.

During the week you will be required to purchase your own lunch.

EVENING MEAL

At least two courses, which provide a varied and well balanced diet of adequate proportions, e.g. meat or equivalent, two vegetables and potatoes / rice / pasta as well as a dessert, such as yogurt or fruit.

PLEASE NOTE: Any student on a half-board basis WILL NOT be allowed to use the oven / hobs / grill / air fryer / rice cooker or any other portable cooking appliance to cook during their stay. You are able to use the toaster and kettle, as well as a microwave, if available, to heat any food you have purchased yourself.

Laundry / Cleaning

The host will do your washing for you, but you will do your own ironing. Your host will do one white wash and one coloured wash each week and will let you know which day they will do this. Please ensure you have your washing ready for them. Ask your host when they would like you to make your room available for cleaning, which they will do along with your bedding.

Student Enrichment Opportunities

Chichester College offers a full and varied enrichment package to all residents. We actively encourage all students to get involved in the activities available to meet new people, experience new places and create memories whilst they are here.

TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS

There are trips throughout the year including Go-Karting, Thorpe Park, Paintballing and Ice Skating. Local trips also take place at weekends to places such as Brighton, Oxford and Bath. Note: For under 18's we require the parental permission forms completed before students can participate in these trips.

COLLEGE FITNESS GYM

All Homestay students are able to join and enjoy the College's on-campus fitness gym and exercise classes. Students will receive a full induction to all the equipment and facilities available. Membership fees apply.

STUDENT UNION

"Chi-SU" is the name of the Chichester College student union. All students automatically become a member of TOTUM, when they join the College. Students can claim discounts at many shops and restaurants with their TOTUM cards. The Student Union is a vibrant environment and is open to all students.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

There are many sports activities in the evenings at the College, which Homestay students can participate in. The tennis and basketball courts can be used during the week and out of College hours, for a small fee.

OPEN ACCESS CENTRE (OPAC)

The Open Access Centre is a drop-in computer resource for students to use at their own convenience. Students may use these facilities for study, email and internet access. It is manned at all times by multi-skilled staff who are on hand to assist with any problems that might arise.

PROGRESSION+

The College Progression+ team is committed to careers and training and aims to meet all careers and employment needs. This includes help on what course to choose at Chichester College and what career paths to take after completion of College studies. A full time advisor is available to answer questions about employers on their job boards.

Useful Homestay Information

YOUR ROOM

You will have your own room, with a bed, hanging and drawer space, a desk / table and chair, bedside lamp and a mirror. Your room will be adequately heated and extra blankets can be supplied upon request, if necessary. If you wish to put a television or computer in your room please ask your host first. Your host provider will respect your privacy but will need access to your room to be able to vacuum and change your bedding on a regular basis. Please also make sure you keep your room clean and tidy.

INTERNET

Internet is guaranteed and included within your accommodation fees. You may need to ask your host provider for the wi-fi password when you arrive.

BED LINEN

All bed linen is provided by your host provider and they are responsible for laundering it.

BATHROOMS

These can be busy places! Remember that other people wish to use the bathroom and hot water, too. Always clean the bath, shower, washbasin and toilet after use. Please be aware of others who are in the house and shower at a reasonable hour. If in doubt, speak to your host.

HEATING

All of our host providers offer a warm and welcoming home. However, please be aware that during the winter it is very common to have the heating on only in the mornings and evenings. It will usually be turned off during the day and at night. If you are cold please ask your host for extra blankets to keep you warm at night. We appreciate that it can sometimes be difficult to adjust to the English climate and we want you to feel warm and comfortable at all times.

HOUSE KEY

You will be given a key to the house when you first arrive. Please keep this safe at all times. If you do lose the key please inform your host immediately. Any changes to the locks due to this will be at your expense. On arrival your host provider will also explain how to lock the front door. Please make sure, if you are the last one to leave the house, that you shut and lock the door correctly to ensure the house is secure.

NOTE: On departure please ensure you return the key to your host provider.

YOUR FRIENDS

Friends may visit you at your homestay but always ask permission first. Naturally the number of friends you have in the house at one time should be within reason, usually 2-3 at a time. We ask that you disclose any relevant relationships with your Host Provider, especially if you plan to have a partner visit their home to help the host understand any dynamics that maybe important and for your own safety.

TELEPHONE

When you first arrive, if you have not yet sorted out a mobile phone, you can ask your host provider to use their home phone to let your parent / guardian know you have arrived safely. At all other times you should only use the host's landline for incoming calls, unless there is an emergency. Please make sure your incoming calls are at a reasonable hour and not too long and that you ask permission from your host in advance. Please make sure any phone bills are settled with your host before you complete your stay.

MOBILE PHONES

For your own safety we ask all students to make sure they carry a usable mobile phone with them at all times, which must also be able to make calls. You must give your mobile number to your host provider so they are able to contact. Your host provider must also provide you with their number so you can contact them with your whereabouts. Always ensure you have the host provider's number on you in case you need to contact them.

Please make sure you store the College's emergency number on your mobile in case you need to contact them. This can be found on the last page of this booklet

YOUR WHEREABOUTS AND TIMINGS

Please let your host know if you are going to be home late or if you are planning to stay away overnight. Always let them know where you are going/staying. This is for your own security and safety.

UNDER 18 YEARS

There are additional guidelines for students who are under 18 years of age.

If you are **under the age of 18**, you **MUST NOT** stay out over night **WITHOUT PERMISSION**. This must be sent to one of the accommodation co-ordinators by your parent/guardian at least 1 week in advance.

If you are **under the age of 18**, you **MUST BE BACK** in your accommodation at **10pm Sunday to Thursday** and **11pm on Friday and Saturdays**.

Always be on time for meals with your host provider. If you know you are going to be late or if you do not require a meal please let your host know in plenty of time.

Accommodation Fees & Related Information

ACCOMMODATION FEES

Accommodation fees are paid termly in advance to Chichester College. The College will then be responsible for paying this to your host provider on a weekly basis. Fees are charged for the full duration of your stay at Chichester College. If you choose to go away during your stay, you will be required to pay the full weekly amount during this time. Please note accommodation fees are charged from Saturday to Saturday and are inclusive of all bills.

CANCELLATION OF HOMESTAY ACCOMMODATION

For cancellations, apart from Visa refusals, 10 working days notice must be given prior to the arrival date stated on your booking confirmation. Cancellations received after this deadline will incur a £100 charge.

DAMAGES

We all know accidents do happen but please report any damages immediately to your host provider, should they occur, as it is always easier to resolve an issue straight away. It may be necessary to provide a replacement / payment for the damaged article.

INSURANCE

We advise all students to take out personal contents insurance before they come to College. This is to insure expensive items such as laptops, mobile phones and AirPods. If travelling from abroad, we also advise you to take out medical insurance for the duration of your stay, especially if you have a previously diagnosed condition. Further information can be obtained from the Accommodation Team.

OPENING UK BANK ACCOUNTS

All students are provided with an official College letter to assist when opening a bank account. We can arrange this before you arrive - just let us know.

Local Transportation

It is always nice to try to arrive with your host on a Saturday as this gives them time to show you the route to College, before starting on the Monday. Depending on where your host is located, they will either walk or drive you to the College to show you the route. If your host provider walks you to college, they will walk you the quickest but safest route both in daylight and at night.

Although some routes maybe faster than others, you should always use the safest route shown by your host provider and try to avoid walking home alone at night and always keep to lit pathways. If you are staying outside of Chichester, your host may drive you into College on your first day and show you where to get the train or bus from, thereafter.

If you live outside of Chichester, you will most likely travel to College by bus. On your first day at College you will receive your student card. Once you have this, you can purchase a weekly bus ticket from the main bus depot opposite the train station. This is shown on a map within your welcome pack.

Using a bike is a good idea as Chichester is flat and you will save time and money. The Accommodation office can give you more details about where to buy or rent a second-hand bicycle.

Some host's may have a bicycle you can borrow. If they provide you with a bicycle, it is your responsibility to make sure you wear a helmet and have working lights and a bell on the bicycle. You must also make sure that you lock the bicycle up securely when leaving it anywhere.

The following bus routes are available to and from Chichester:

Route 56 (Fishbourne/Chichester)

- Fishbourne Deeside Avenue ● Fishbourne Road East Tesco footpath
- Chichester Cathedral ● Chichester Bus Station ● St Pancras Adelaide Road
- St James Road ● Arundel Park Windsor Road

Route 51 (Hunston & Selsey)

- Chichester Bus station ● Chichester cathedral ● Hunston Spotted Cow
- Sidlesham ● Selsey Church ● Selsey Seal Road ● Selsey West Sands

Route 52 and 53 (Bracklesham Bay & The Witterings)

- Chichester Bus station ● Birdham stores ● Bracklesham corner
- West Wittering ● East Wittering Post office

Route 700 - Eastward (North & South Bersted and Bognor Regis)

- Chichester Bus station ● North Bersted shops ● South Bersted Orchard Way
- South Bersted Ambulance station ● Bognor Regis Havelock Road
- Bognor Regis Station ● Bognor Regis Queensway ● Bognor Regis High St.
- Bognor Regis Den Avenue ● Bognor Regis Hotham Park

Route 700 - Westward (Southbourne and Emsworth)

- Chichester bus station ● Chichester Cathedral ● Bosham roundabout
- Southbourne Church ● Emsworth Square

Guidelines for Under 18s in Homestay

If you are **under the age of 18**, you **MUST NOT** stay out over night **WITHOUT PERMISSION**. This must be sent to one of the accommodation co-ordinators at least 1 week in advance by your parent/guardian.

If you are **under the age of 18**, you **MUST BE BACK** in your accommodation at **10pm Sunday to Thursday** and **11pm on Friday and Saturdays**.

All students **MUST** provide the host provider with their mobile phone number and an emergency contact number.

Students are **NOT PERMITTED** to stay overnight at the over 18 Halls of Residence.

Any students under the age of 18 are required to comply with the under 18 guidelines stated in the homestay agreement.

Any student under 18 will not be placed with another student who is over the age of 18 on arrival. A parent or guardian will be asked to sign consent to allow an under 18 to remain residing in their host provider's home if another student turns 18 during their stay.

FOR FULL DETAILS REFER TO THE FULL HOMESTAY AGREEMENT WHICH YOU WILL RECEIVE WITH YOUR HOMESTAY DETAILS

Welfare

All students under 18 years of age will be required to meet termly with a member of the Accommodation Team to complete a welfare interview, to see how they are getting on both within their accommodation and classes. Feedback regarding this will be sent to parents, guardians and/or agents.

Healthcare

We ensure that all students who are here for six months or more register with a local doctor's surgery. The College nurse / health care assistant will complete a health and wellbeing induction with each individual student under the age of 18 at the beginning of their stay.

Referrals

If students are placed on the College referral system, we are obliged to inform their parents, guardians and/or agent.

Guidance on Departure

When you are leaving at the end of your stay, please remember to return your key and leave a forwarding address with your host provider so they are able to post mail onto you, if necessary. You must also remember to contact your bank, mobile provider, gym membership etc and cancel or update your address on any contracts you have with them. When you have confirmed your departure flight, please let your host know these details.

Towards the end of your stay you will be asked to complete a survey which will include your comments on the accommodation. Please answer honestly so we can do our best to ensure you and others have a positive experience.

Notice to Leave

If you wish to leave the host provider you have been placed with, you must give one week's notice. You will need to inform both the Accommodation Team and your host of any changes.

We advise you to give your one week's notice in writing to the host provider as well as speaking to them.

The host providers are also permitted to give one week's notice to yourself and the College.

NOTE: Where possible, notice must be given on a Saturday

If you have any concerns or problems, or if you wish to speak about anything regarding your accommodation, please come and see one of the Accommodation Coordinators in the International & Accommodation office, as soon as possible, because many issues can be easily rectified.

If, however, after speaking to one of the Accommodation advisors you still wish to change to another host provider, we will help you to do this. We will arrange for you to meet one or two alternative host providers to choose from, based on your requirements. Once you have chosen a new host provider, you will need to give your one week's notice to your host.

Please note: If you would like us to wait until you have moved from your host provider, we will not discuss any issues you are having with them until after you have left.

Supporting Our Students

We strongly believe that all our students should be seen as individuals. Their physical and mental wellbeing is extremely important. Below are just some of the ways we aim to support the students through their time in Homestay accommodation.

ILLNESS OR INJURY

We advise all students to register with their host's local doctor, if you are here for more than six months. Your host provider will help you do this within the first week of your arrival. You will need to collect a doctor's letter from the Team in the International & Accommodation office to take with you when registering.

If you become unwell whilst you are here and unable to come to College, you must inform your host provider and contact your tutor to let them know you will not be in class. Your host provider will help you if you have a medical problem and they will contact a doctor to arrange an appointment, if necessary.

The College also has a nurse / health care assistant available during term time, Monday – Friday

COLLEGE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER

The Community Support Officer's role at the College is to provide a familiar, consistent and accessible presence for students with regards to their safety, welfare and security. Their duties include responding to any safety, welfare and security incidents that occur across the College sites and giving support and advice where appropriate.

INSURANCE

Please see page 8

HOMESICKNESS

We are aware that many students may suffer from homesickness whilst at the College. For some, this passes very quickly and they make new friends and 'find their feet' on their course.

However, this is not always the case. Settling in can be a little harder than you originally thought, and residents feeling this way should remember that all staff are here to listen and to offer help and support. It is important to remember that studying at College should not be a period of isolation.

COUNSELLING SERVICE

There is a College counselling service for those students who need confidential support.

SAFEGUARDING

The College has a safeguarding policy and has designated Safeguarding Officers on all campuses. Links to a number of relevant College policies can be found on page 14-17 of this handbook. This includes the bullying and harassment policy, drugs and alcohol policy and complaints policy.

ACADEMIC REPORTS

To keep parents, guardians and/or agents up-to-date with students' progress, the College sends academic reports each term.

FIRE SAFETY

Within the first 24 hours of your arrival, your host provider will show you the fire exits within the house and sound their fire alarm. This will include where any keys are kept to unlock doors or windows. Please make sure you take note of this information, in case of an emergency whilst you are staying in their home.

All of our host providers have fitted, working smoke detectors in their home, if the fire alarm sounds you must make your way outside as quickly as possible.

EMERGENCY SERVICES TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Whilst in the UK, you need to make sure you know the number to call in case of an emergency.

The number for any of the following services is: 999

- Police
- Ambulance
- Fire brigade
- Coast Guard

NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL ADVICE

For non-emergency medical advice you can also call: **111**
Please ask your host Provider for more information.

College Policies

SUMMARY OF THE COLLEGE NON-SMOKING POLICY

The Health Act (2006) means that smoking at Chichester College is:

- Only be permitted in designated external smoking zones
- Not permitted in any College building
- Any breach of the policy by staff or students will be dealt with in accordance with the College disciplinary procedures.

Burning candles or joss sticks is also not permitted in accommodation.

Your host provider has the right to say you are not allowed to smoke or vape inside their house. They may allow you to smoke or vape in their garden but please ask permission first and make sure you clear away any rubbish after use.

Disciplinary action will be taken against any resident found breaching these rule

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT

The College has in place the Positive Behavior Management policy. This policy covers supportive measures, with actions to address and change behaviors where appropriate. The policy covers the referral procedure which, has four stages and covers attendance, behavior and commitment. The policy covers all the above both, in and out of the classroom including the accommodation facilities.

The full policy can be found on the following link on chi online:
<https://ccgonline.chichester.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=1067>

BRITISH COUNCIL

The College follows the guidelines of the British Council, which advises no more than four students can be placed with a host provider at one time. All students will have their own room.

INTERNET

YOU MUST NOT CONNECT ROUTERS, HUBS, WIRELESS ACCESS POINTS or similar to the network or intentionally interfere with the normal operation of any machine or network.

The use of file sharing agents or http tunnelling software is strictly prohibited and the harbouring of any software that is a hazard will result in your access being disabled.

You must not access or originate material that is of an obscene, offensive or defamatory nature, which is intended to annoy, harass or intimidate another person.

The College and your host provider is not responsible for any damage to your equipment as a result of connection.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Whilst you are living with one of our host providers, you should feel at home and treat it as you would your own, with respect and courtesy and follow any guidelines your host may have provided. You should make sure your room is kept clean and tidy and allow your host access to clean and change bedding when necessary.

You must make sure you provide your host with your mobile number and make sure you have theirs and to keep in contact with them if you are likely to be late home and inform them of what time they should expect you back for the evening.

COMPLAINTS

If a student/parent wishes to make a complaint they should write to the Group International Accommodation Manager. This complaint will be handed to the appropriate Supervisor at Westgate or Woodlands to the Accommodation staff in the International & Accommodation office.

Following an investigation, a full reply will be sent to the originator of the complaint. Written complaints to the Accommodation Team will receive a written reply within seven working days.

If the student/parent is not satisfied with the response they can contact Ofsted directly on any issues relating to under 18 year old students using the contacts below.

EMAIL enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk
TEL 0300 1234666
WEBSITE www.ofsted.gov.uk

ALTERNATIVELY, WRITE TO
OFSTED, Piccadilly, Gate Store
Street, Manchester, M1 2WD

If a written complaint comes in to a specific member of staff, then if appropriate, this member of staff will reply in full. Copies of all written complaints go to the Group International Accommodation Manager.

ALCOHOLIC DRINKS / ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

It is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to buy alcohol in the UK, it is also against the law for anyone over 18 to purchase alcohol for someone under 18 years of age.

If any student is caught with illegal substances in their homestay residence or if an under 18 is caught with alcohol, disciplinary action will be taken and the student's place within college accommodation could be in jeopardy or revoked completely.

Disciplinary action will also be taken against any under 18 student who returns to their homestay accommodation under the influence of alcohol or any student under the influence of an illegal substance. It may be necessary for the police to be involved.

FIREARMS

Firearms, offensive weapons, air rifles/pistols, knives, swords and pyrotechnics are not permitted in the residence or on campus. This includes 'BB' guns and other pellet guns.

INSPECTIONS

All of our host providers and their homes are inspected every academic year. All homes are inspected by an experienced homestay Coordinator, to check the cleanliness, condition, and general atmosphere within the home. The students' bedrooms will also be checked to make sure everything is provided for their stay.

All of our host providers also complete training modules regularly, in-line with College staff. These include modules on safeguarding, e-safety and prevent.

Everyone living in the home aged 18 years or more, will be DBS-checked to ensure they do not have any criminal convictions and they will also need two references (completed and returned) before a student can be placed in the home.

IMPORTANT PAPERWORK

All students are required to read and sign the homestay agreement and medical questionnaire. Please make sure you read, sign and return these to the Accommodation office before your arrival. If you are under 18 years old, your parent or guardian is also required to sign this form.

COLLEGE POLICIES

College policies including the College safeguarding and anti-bullying policies can be accessed on the College website. Please follow the link below to view this policy or ask at halls reception for further details.

<https://ccgonline.chichester.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=1067>

Journey Safety Checklist

To ensure your time at Chichester is a safe and happy one, please check the following safety checklist regarding your regular journeys to and from your host provider and Chichester College.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS INFORMATION BEFORE MAKING YOUR JOURNEY.

CHECKLIST TOPIC AND RELEVANT TRANSPORT TYPES

BAD WEATHER

☒ Walking / Cycling ☒ Bus ☒ Train

Always dress appropriately for the English weather conditions, cover up with warm waterproof clothing when it is cold or raining and wear sunblock in the summer to prevent sunburn, if out for a long period of time. (i.e. rain coats, jumpers, umbrella) Check the forecast daily before leaving home, as the weather in the UK is very changeable. If the College is closed due to bad weather, the College will make sure you are informed.

TRAFFIC

☒ Walking / Cycling ☐ Bus ☐ Train

Make sure you are aware of British road signs and their meanings, as well as road crossing controls and the correct use of designated railway crossings.

NOISE

☒ Walking / Cycling ☐ Bus ☐ Train

Please note noise levels are louder in built-up areas, town centres or near to parks or other recreational areas.

ACCIDENTS (FALLS / TRIPS)

☒ Walking / Cycling ☐ Bus ☐ Train

Always take care when walking to and from College. Try to use paved paths. If necessary, take extra care when walking on uneven / gravel paths. Keep to paths and avoid built-up / unlit areas when walking in the dark. Wear suitable footwear for walking.

MONEY HANDLING

☒ Walking / Cycling ☒ Bus ☒ Train

Do not carry large amounts of money with you.

PUBLIC

☒ Walking / Cycling ☐ Bus ☐ Train

Do not obstruct public footpaths. Staff will report any potential hazards within the College grounds.

BICYCLES

☒ Walking / Cycling ☐ Bus ☐ Train

If using a bicycle, make sure you wear a helmet, have working lights and a bell on your bicycle and keep it well-maintained. At College, always lock your bicycle up in the secure shelters provided. If cycling at night make sure you are wearing high-visibility clothing.

IN AN EMERGENCY

☒ Walking / Cycling ☒ Bus ☒ Train

If necessary, an interpreter will be provided. Every stage of the process will be clearly explained to the student. Students should give a copy of their timetable to their host provider. **Students should make a note of the UK Emergency number in their mobile phone - 999.** Students should swap mobile numbers with their host provider. Host providers will show students all the emergency exits when they first arrive along with the places where keys for windows and doors are stored.

Energy Saving

Chichester College is committed to improving environmental issues. One way to do this is to save on energy.

Here are a few energy efficiency tips:

Appliances

- Do not leave appliances on standby.
- Always switch off!
- Don't overfill your kettle.

Lights

- Always switch off lights when not in use.
- Use low energy light bulbs.

Curtains

- Closing curtains at night provides an extra barrier to stop heat escaping through the window.

We Value Your Feedback

We feel it is important to have as much feedback as possible from both students and parents.

We ask students to complete a survey at the end of September each year and also at the end of their stay. Parents are also sent a questionnaire in October which we would appreciate being completed and returned to the Accommodation Team.

CONTACT DETAILS

EMAIL accommodation@chichester.ac.uk

PHONE 0044 (0)1243 812205

DECLARATION The College reserves the right to amend the rules and regulations described in this handbook as and when necessary.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

This booklet outlines a few basic tips to help make your stay a smooth and happy one. But, if you need advice or simply want to know more, please drop in to the Accommodation Team in the International & Accommodation office or contact us using the details below.

CONTACT THE ACCOMMODATION TEAM

email: accommodation@chichester.ac.uk

phone: 0044 (0)1243 812205

facebook: www.facebook.com/chichesterhomestay/

or visit them in the International & Accommodation office next to the college shop

Postal Address:

Accommodation Team, International & Accommodation office, Chichester College, Westgate Fields Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 1SB. United Kingdom

For more information visit the main College website: www.chichester.ac.uk

EMERGENCIES

In case of an emergency during your stay please call: **01243 773533**

There is always someone there to answer your call, 24 hours every day and will be able to advise and assist you, if necessary.

Meet the...

HOMESTAY TEAM

Our friendly and supportive team are here for you if you have any concerns or need help whilst staying in Homestay accommodation



Denise Moon
Head of Accommodation



Alex Mottram
Homestay Student
Support co-ordinator



Sarah Lambert
Health Care Assistant



Mao Houlgate
Japanese student counselor



Eleanor Fisk
Student support Officer

Contact us:

✉ homestay@chichester.ac.uk

☎ 01243 812205



You can bring your TV, PC/Laptop, and other electrical items with you. Remember to bring the correct adapter plug for your items.

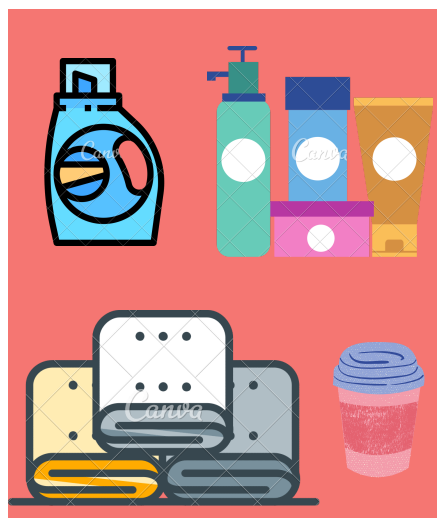
Your host will provide you with unlimited Internet

Your host will provide you with bedding, but it is a good idea to bring your own towel

WHAT TO BRING TO WITH YOU



Accommodation Tel. 01243 812205
Email: homestay@chichester.ac.uk



You will need to buy or bring with you:

- Shampoo and soaps, shower gels and other toiletries you use
- Washing detergent (for self catering students only)
- A mobile phone that works in the UK

PERSONAL ITEMS:

You can bring your hair dyer, curling tongs, hair straighteners and any other personal items you'll need during your stay.

You can bring anything you would like to personalise your room to make you feel relaxed and comfortable during your stay and to add your own individuality to the room.

For self catering students your host will provide you with all the cooking utensils you should need (pots, pans, plates, cutlery etc)



Useful information

Emergency Number

If you ever need the following in an emergency, please dial **999**

Police

Ambulance

Fire brigade

Coast Guard

Insurance

We advise all students to take out personal contents insurance before they start their time with us. This is to insure expensive items such as laptops, mobile phones and AirPods. If travelling from abroad, we also advise you to take out medical insurance for the duration of your stay, especially if you have a previously diagnosed condition.

Doctors

Apon arrival if you are here for 6 months or longer you will need to register with your Host's local doctor. To register you will need to collect a doctor's letter from the International Department located in the Student Centre. Once you have this letter, please ask your Host Provider to help you register. If you are here for less than six months, you can still see a doctor as a walk-in patient. If you become ill during your stay, please ask your Host to contact their doctor to make an appointment for you. Please be aware you will need to pay for any medication given.

Dentists

We have a list of dentists available and the basic cost to be seen is £65-£85. Treatment is assessed and the cost given at appointment.

Bank Letters

We can provide you with a letter, which you then take to your chosen bank. Letters can be collected from the Student Centre at the International desk.

Taxis

Taxis are available to and from the airport and we use Helens Airport Cars, their number is 01243 868999. If you would like us to book an airport transfer for you, please email us with your flight details.

If you need a local taxi then you can try Central Cars, their number is 01243 789432 or Starline, their number is 01243 531666

Trains

www.nationalrail.co.uk is the website to check train times and fares for trains anywhere in the UK.

Coaches/Buses

For coach travel anywhere in the UK you can check www.nationalexpress.com and you will be able to find times and prices.

For local bus times and prices you can check www.stagecoachbus.com/south

Finding a Street or Place

Need to find a road or area then check www.streetmap.co.uk for a detailed map, which can be zoomed in or out. Search by name or postcode.

UK Border Agency

Everything you need to know about visas and immigration can be found at: www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk



Foreign Embassies

If you need to find a foreign embassy here in the UK then you can find them at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/foreign-embassies-in-the-uk>

IELTS

If you need to take an IELTS exam, need information about IELTS or find your nearest centre then you can find this at www.ielts.org

Further Education

Looking to study at university? We have links with two universities which are close by and you can find further information about Chichester University at www.chi.ac.uk or Portsmouth at www.port.ac.uk

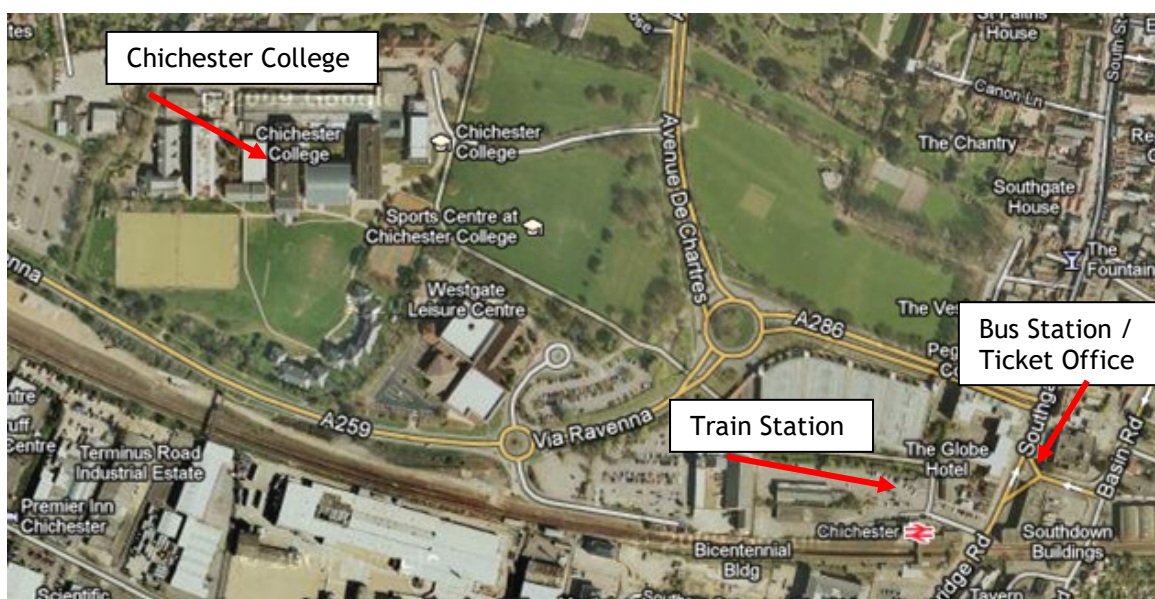
Term dates

Chichester College is split into Autumn, Spring and Summer terms. To check term dates for the year please visit: <https://www.chichester.ac.uk/college-information/term-dates/>

Accommodation locations and transport

For anyone placed within Chichester, including Fishbourne you will be able to walk to college. Your Host Provider will show you the quickest and safest route on the first weekend when you arrive. If you are placed outside of Chichester you can get to the college either by train or by bus, again your Host Provider will show you where to go.

- **Train** - If you choose to travel by train you can purchase a "Unizone" ticket for £25 per week (Price subject to change). This gives you 7 days unlimited travel on the train between Chichester and Shoreham. This can be purchased at the train station, and you will need to show your college student card. For more information please visit: <https://www.southernrailway.com/discounts-and-offers/unizone>
- **Bus** - You can buy a "Chichester 7 Day MegaRider ticket" via the Stagecoach bus app, which costs £14 or a "Gold 7 Day MegaRider ticket" which costs £24 (Price subject to change) and gives you 7 days unlimited travel on the bus within the whole of West Sussex including Brighton. You will need to show your Student ID if using the student ticket option. For more information please visit: https://www.stagecoachbus.com/regionaltickets/south/chichester-and-bognor-regis/megarider?passengerClass=YOUNG_PERSON



Chichester College

2024-2025

AIRPORT TRANSFER

The following prices are one way prices and are approximate. For multiple drop offs a charge of £10 per passenger applies. Return transfer is also available.

Destination	Gatwick	Heathrow	Stansted	Southampton
Chichester	£145.00	£200.00	£350.00	£140.00

Please note, prices are subject to change and will be confirmed on making a booking

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Homestay Term Dates

Opening / Closure dates - 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025

Monday 1st September 2025 - Friday 19th December 2025

Half Term

Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October 2025

Spring Term 2026

Tuesday 6th January 2026 - Friday 27th March 2026

Half Term

Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February 2026

Easter Break

Saturday 28th March 2026 to Sunday 12th April 2026

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13th April 2026 - Friday 19th June 2026

Half Term

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2026

****Important Information****

Students are welcome to arrive at their host provider from the Saturday prior to their start date

Please make sure you inform your host provider about your plans over the Christmas break

***PLEASE NOTE: not all hosts are able to accommodate their students over the Christmas period due to family commitments. In order to guarantee alternative accommodation can be found, please speak to your homestay coordinators by the 20th November 2025 if you require accommodation during this period**

Important Information: If you choose to go away at any time during your stay, you will still be charged

For a full list of college closure days, please visit: <https://www.chichester.ac.uk/college-information/term-dates/>