

Accommodation

Accommodation is a vital part of your experience in a new country. Your new home is an important part of your study experience. Each school has specially chosen options to help make the most out of your stay. Homestay and student residences offer different accommodation experiences, but always meet the highest standards.

Please make sure you check with your representative, as all accommodation options are based on availability.

What accommodation option should I choose?

The choice of accommodation depends on your preferences, needs, and budget. Below are some important factors you need to consider.

Homestay

- Immerse yourself in local culture & customs.
- Host assistance for queries.
- Towels, kitchen utensils, and more provided.
- Budget-friendly.



- May not be as social.
- Host family rules may apply.
- It can be up to 75mins travel.

Student residence

- Convenient location, typically close to campus.
- Easy access to good facilities and nearby amenities.
- 24h assistance.

- Noise levels might be high.
- Might be sharing facilities with other students.
- Might be expensive.

Booking Student Accommodation in 3 simple steps

Step 1

You can indicate your preferred type of accommodation (homestay, shared apartment or residence) on the application form during your application for a course. Our Student Services team will record the preferred choice of accommodation.

Step 2

EP will be able to secure the accommodation option once the invoice has been paid. Our team will send you the accommodation confirmation with further details on the selected option.

Step 3

You will need to confirm your arrival and send your flight details to our team, as soon as the flight is booked and no later than one week before the flight date. Our team will be able to book and confirm your accommodation and/ or transfers and provide more details within the confirmation document.

If you arrive at a residence or homestay between 22.00–08.00 you may be asked to book alternative accommodation in a hotel on the first night due to late/early arrival at the accommodation.

Homestay

Half board homestay*

2 meals per day
(breakfast, dinner).
14 meals per week.
(Mon-Sun).

Bed and breakfast*

1 meal per day
(breakfast).
7 meals per week.
(Mon-Sun).

Self catering - Adult homestay

No meals provided.
Student will be able to
cook in the kitchen.

*Students that have chosen these options might not be allowed to cook in the kitchen and may have to order meals in from Deliveroo or Uber eats for example.



Things students need to bring

Toiletries, personal items to make student's room feel like home, prescription medication, a small gift for the host family (not required).

Meals provided

Yes (depends on booking type, please refer to the table at the top of the page).

Meals are usually eaten with the family unless otherwise arranged and special diets such as vegetarian, halal and other requirements can be catered for an additional fee. Please tell us if you have a special requirement when you request your accommodation.

Breakfast: Breakfast is usually a light meal consisting of cereal, fruit, toast, juice, or coffee. Hosts will usually ask you to prepare your own breakfast.

Lunch: You will be responsible for buying your own lunch at school, from a local restaurant, or the local shops.

Dinner: If you book Half Board, you will usually eat dinner with your host, or occasionally you may prepare your own meal with food supplied by your host, please expect your host to set the dinner time and let them know if you are unable to arrive on time.



Services included

Bed linen, towels, telephone use for emergencies. Students need to make sure to discuss laundry with their host family after you arrive as laundry facilities will depend on the individual homestay.

Extra cost of services: If students on Half Board basis want to prepare their own meals and use the kitchen, they can upgrade their accommodation from homestay to residence. If students are on Bed and Breakfast, we can change their booking/Homestay to Self-Catering. Students can also ask the hosts directly if they can use the kitchen.



Will the Homestay arrange to pick up the student from the airport?

No, however, you can book your airport transfer with your EP school. The transfer to the accommodation will then be organised accordingly.



Transport to school

Your host will help you to find your way to and from school on your first day and will show you how to use public transport.



Where are the host families located?

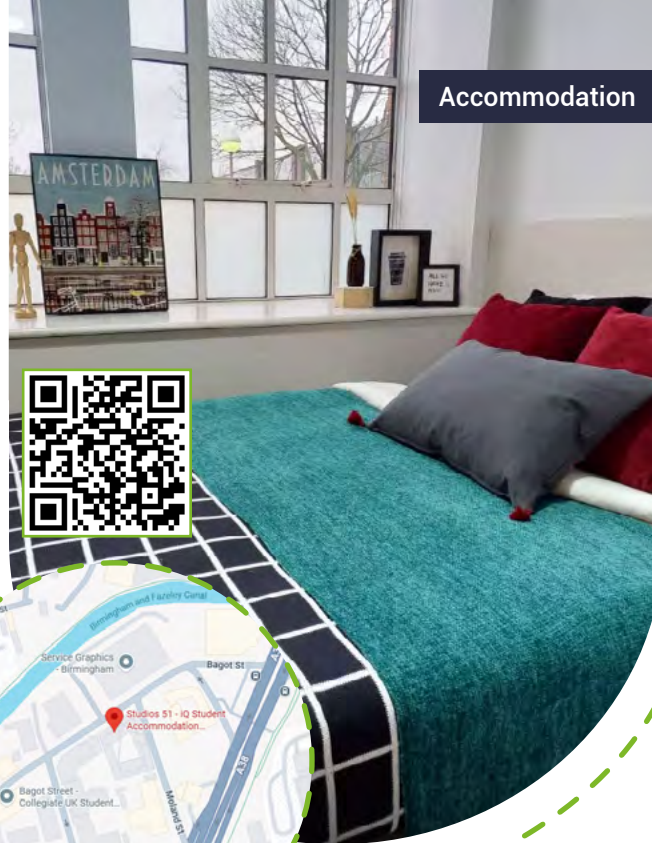
Homestays are situated within 30-55 minutes of the city centre in different areas of the city.

IQ 51 Studios

Studios 51 sits near Aston University Campus and is close to the city centre. Just a stone's throw from a vibrant array of bars, shops, and restaurants, the residence is also conveniently within walking distance of English Path Birmingham – just a 25-minute walk away.

- Private studio bedrooms.
- Spacious, fully equipped and furnished .
- Laundry facility on site.
- Wi-Fi.

 **Address:** 30 Bagot St, Birmingham B4 7AH



About the residence

Accommodation types:

Shared student building with studios distributed through different floors. The building is mixed with students from other schools/universities.

- Private shower room and kitchenette.

Bedrooms: Each bedroom contains the following: bed, chair, desk, window, closet, private shower room and kitchenette. Please note that bedding can be provided on request.

Bed size: Standard Double.

Bathroom: Private Shower Room with toilet and sink.

Kitchen: The in-studio kitchenette includes the following amenities: a 2-in-1 fridge freezer, electric hob, sink, a 3-in-1 microwave, grill and oven and dining table with chair. The kitchen is private to the student. Cutlery, plates and pans are included. For safety reasons, the use of candles, oil burners, chip pans, deep fat fryers, or any other potential fire hazards is strictly prohibited.

Accommodation location:

Just a 25-minute walk to both our school and Birmingham City Centre.

Facilities: Studios 51 - Bike storage, WIFI and all bills inclusive, landscaped courtyard, laundry room onsite, city centre location and free contents insurance. IQ Penworks House, (just 1 minute walk) can also be used for communal areas like social spaces, Games room and Study area.

Extra cost facilities:

Laundry room onsite:
Washing: £3.40 per load
Drying: £1.90 per load
Payment is made via the Appwash app.

Visitors/guests: Visitors are allowed and can stay overnight for a maximum of 3 nights a week.

Smoking: No smoking allowed anywhere in the residence.

Noise: Residents are expected to respect one another and keep noise levels to a minimum to avoid disturbing others. Quiet hours, as per Birmingham City Council regulations, are:

- Monday to Friday: 6 PM – 8 AM
- Saturday: 1 PM – 8 AM
- Sunday & Public Holidays: No loud noise disturbances allowed.

Neighbourhood: Just 1 minute from Tesco Express supermarket - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/evXRZCobb5FP6Mjh8>. Also close to Londis and other convenience stores.

Reception/security desk: Students will need to check in at the IQ Penworks Reception, which is located in a separate building from Studios 51 (just a 1-minute walk away). Reception staff are available from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, while the security team is on duty from 8:00 pm to 8:00 am on weekdays and 24 hours a day on weekends.

Cleaning service: A cleaning service is provided in the common areas outside the flats. Students are responsible for keeping their studios clean. Bedding changes are not included.

Minimum weeks requests: 1 week minimum stay. Bookings from Saturday to Saturday or Sunday to Sunday.

Check-in/check-out: Check in after 4PM/ Check out 10AM.

The Heights

The Heights sits near Aston University Campus and is close to the city centre. Not only just a stone's throw from a vibrant array of bars, shops, and restaurants, but also conveniently within walking distance of English Path Birmingham—just a 22-minute walk away.

- Private bedrooms.
- Spacious, fully equipped and furnished.
- Laundry facility on site.
- Community kitchen.
- Wi-Fi.
- Cleaning of kitchen not included.

 **Address:** 30 Staniforth St, Birmingham, B4 7DR



About the residence

Accommodation types: Shared student flats in building mixed with students from other schools/universities.

- Shared kitchen, private shower room.

Bedrooms: The bedroom contains the following: bed, pillow, bedding, chair, desk, window, closet and private shower room.

Bed Size: Small Double.

Bathroom: Private Shower Room with toilet and sink.

Kitchen: The shared kitchen includes the following amenities: a fridge, freezer, stove, oven, cutlery, plates, pans, microwave, dining table with chairs and sofas. For safety reasons, the use of candles, oil burners, chip pans, deep fat fryers, or any other potential fire hazards is strictly prohibited.

Visitors/guests: You are welcome to have guests through the daytime, and an overnight guest for a reasonable amount of nights.

Facilities: Study Areas, Social spaces, Games Area, resident's events, on-site gym, courtyard, pot storage, on-site maintenance team, bike storage, 24/7 concierge, laundry room onsite, WIFI and all bills inclusive.

Extra cost facilities: Laundry costs will apply.

Neighbourhood: Just 3 minutes from Tesco Express groceries store - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/ZJ1PvZqMD9VV6ZQ18>. Also close to Londis and other convenience stores.

Noise: Residents are expected to respect one another and keep noise levels to a minimum to avoid disturbing others. Quiet hours, as per Birmingham City Council regulations, are:

- Monday to Friday: 6 PM – 8 AM
- Saturday: 1 PM – 8 AM
- Sunday & Public Holidays: No loud noise disturbances allowed.

Smoking: No smoking allowed anywhere in the residence.

Reception/security desk: Reception on site and team on duty from 8AM - 7PM Monday to Friday| Security on site and team on duty from 7PM to 8AM and full days on weekends.

Cleaning service: Canvas the Heights provides a professional cleaning service to communal areas, which is performed every two weeks and included free of charge. Students are responsible for cleaning their own individual room and shared spaces like the kitchen.

Minimum weeks required: 4 weeks minimum stay. Booking from Saturday to Saturday or Sunday to Sunday.

Check-in/check-out: Check in after 4PM/ Check out 10AM.

Accommodation location: Just a 22-minute walk to both our school and Birmingham City Centre.