

**Q How much will it cost for me to stay in 'homestay' or 'private home' accommodation?**

**A** £95 per week for half board and £65 per week for self-catering which should be paid directly to the 'homestay' every four weeks, in advance either in cash or by cheque/bank draft. Full-board is available but arrangements should be made with the homestay providers at an additional £10 per week. If you go away on holiday you must pay £65 per week as a retainer.

**Q Do the families have pets?**

**A** People in Britain are generally very fond of animals and large number of homes have pets.

**Q How far from the College is the accommodation?**

**A** The houses vary in distance from the College, but all are within daily walking distance of the College. You should be willing to walk for at least 15 minutes to College. Many students buy second-hand bicycles to travel to and from College each day.

**Q Will there be other students living at the 'homestay'?**

**A** Some 'homestays' will take more than one student, although it is College policy not to place students of the same nationality together.

**Q Do I need to go home at a certain time at night?**

**A** Each 'homestay' will have different rules, but it will be expected that students go home every night at a reasonable time agreed with the 'homestay'. Students living in 'homestay' are not allowed to stay in the Hall of Residence after 11pm.

**Q What happens if I want to move from 'homestay'?**

**A** If you choose 'homestay', it will be expected that you stay for the full academic year. However, if you are unhappy or have any problems that you cannot resolve yourself, then you should discuss this with the Accommodation Officer. If you do decide to change your 'homestay' or your 'homestay' asks you to leave for any reason, then four weeks notice should be given.

Please let us know your preferred type of accommodation by completing one of our application forms.

Further information may be obtained from:

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**2012 to 2013**

## HALL OF RESIDENCE (ROCHFORD CAMPUS)

The Hall of Residence offers 135 single study-bedrooms, with a choice of self-catering or catered accommodation at competitive prices. It is conveniently situated for all College sites and the town centre.

Each room includes:

: FREE Internet access : Bed : Duvet : Pillow  
: Bedside cupboard : Wardrobe : Desk lamp : Desk and chair  
: Pin board : Waste bin : Wash basin/unit

The Hall of Residence is made up of flats of 5-10 study bedrooms sharing kitchen and bathroom facilities. A kettle, iron and ironing board is provided in each kitchen.

In self-catering kitchen areas an oven, refrigerator, freezer, microwave, table and chairs are provided. Crockery, cutlery and cooking utensils are **not** supplied. Self-catering residents may, however, buy meals at the College.

Catered accommodation will offer rooms with shared kitchenette and snack making facilities, plus meals Monday to Friday during term times using a voucher system. The vouchers may be spent at any of the 4 dining areas in the College.

Cleaning is included and is carried out daily in communal areas and once weekly in study-bedrooms. Residents will need to provide and launder their own sheets, pillowcases and duvet cover (these may be bought from the College at reasonable prices). In addition, there is a common room/social area with television as well as laundry facilities. A Warden lives on site and there is also a Security Officer patrolling during the evening.

Rent is payable annually or for ease of payment, costs have been split into three, payable at the beginning of each term.

	Self Catering	Catered (with food)	NB. The term dates are a guide only and may be subject to change.
September 2012 - June 2013	£2970	£4050	
Term 1 (03.09.12 - 21.12.12)	£1240	£1690	
Term 2 (07.01.13 - 27.03.13)	£ 970	£1300	
Term 3 (15.04.13 - 28.06.13)	£ 760	£1060	

Students will be expected to arrive between 28 August and 2 September in preparation for the course start at the beginning of September. Anyone needing to take up tenancy before or after these dates may do so and prices are available upon request.

Anyone wishing to stay in the Hall of Residence during the Christmas and Easter holidays (or leave possessions in their room) may do so at no extra cost, however a charge of £450 will be made for the Summer holiday.

All residents will enter a tenancy agreement for at least ONE academic year.

Bookings will be accepted on completion of an application form (enclosed) together with booking/damages deposit of £150 (which is refundable at the end of the academic year).

## HOMESTAY/PRIVATE HOME ACCOMMODATION

There is also the option of homestay accommodation for those students who prefer to live with a local family or with a single person in their home. There are two types of homestay accommodation - half board or private home (self catering).

### Q What does 'homestay' or 'private home' accommodation mean?

A Although many homes consist of a mother, father and children, the term 'homestay' or 'private home' can also mean living with a widow, a single parent family, a retired couple whose children have left home or a single person. It is an opportunity to experience home life in England.

### Q What is 'homestay' half board?

A This normally includes your own study/bedroom, breakfast and evening meals Monday to Friday and all meals during the weekends. You will need to buy your own lunch during the week.

### Q What is 'private home' self-catering?

A This normally includes your own study/bedroom and use of the kitchen and its equipment. You would need to buy, prepare and cook your own food.

### Q What facilities are provided in 'homestay'/'private home'?

A Most homes in England are modest in size with an average of 3 bedrooms. Each student will have their own room and access to a study desk or table. Bed sheets are provided. There is normally one bathroom in the house, used by all those living there and you should use the bathroom at reasonable times of the day and leave it in a clean condition after use. In the evening you can either spend time with the family (maybe watching television or talking), or you can meet friends or study in your room. Laundry (but not always ironing) is normally included. In 'private home' accommodation, students are usually required to do their own laundry, but would have use of a washing machine.

### Q Can I smoke in 'homestay'/'private home'?

A Many families have NO smoking homes, but some will allow smoking in restricted areas or outside.

### Q Can I use the 'homestay' telephone?

A A reasonable amount of incoming telephone calls are allowed, but it is recommended that students buy or rent mobile telephones to keep in touch with their family/friends.

### Q Can I use the internet living in 'homestay'?

A A reasonable amount of internet access is included if students have their own laptop computer. However, excessive downloading is not reasonable and for this a charge may be made.