



Newman House Catholic Chaplaincy, University of Birmingham

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Dear Student,

We are pleased to provide you with information about living in Newman House. Newman House is both the Catholic Chaplaincy for university students in Birmingham and a small residential hall which offers students a unique opportunity of living in an adult Catholic community.

Newman House is more than just another hall of residence. In order for Newman House to retain and build upon its ethos as a Catholic residential community, we do expect applicants to be those who want to participate in the community and spiritual life of the House. However, it is not essential to be a Catholic to live here but one would expect anyone who does so to be supportive and engaged with the Catholic ethos and character of the house.

For our part, we will seek to help you to develop your experience of the Catholic Faith in a way which is positive and forward looking.

If this opportunity of residing in a Catholic community attracts you, please complete and return the attached application form. Wherever possible, applicants will be invited to meet with one of the chaplains as part of the application process.

Applications for residence must be for the full 2021-22 academic year of forty two or fifty weeks. If you wish to find out more about Newman House, please feel free to visit us.

Enclosed is an application form, together with information about Newman House and its aims and purposes. Please read all the information before you make an application.

If you wish to apply, please return:

- the application form together with answers to the questionnaire (pages 4 & 5),
- a letter in which you explain your reasons for choosing to live in Newman House,
- a passport/ID copy.
- A Reference. This person needs to be someone who has known you well for the past five years: e.g. former head-teacher or teacher, priest or chaplain (NOT a member of your family or a friend).

Newman House Catholic Chaplaincy : Information for Applicants

Newman House is both the centre for the Catholic Chaplaincy to the University of Birmingham, and a small residential hall which offers students a unique opportunity of living for one year in an adult Catholic community. Situated in leafy Edgbaston, Newman House provides 12 residential places.

Included in the Rent:

- Accommodation in a single study bedroom, with a sink and washbasin, and the usual furnishings for a bedroom
- shared bathroom facilities
- utilities (water, power, etc)
- use of shared areas: chapel, library, TV room, bar, garden area
- laundry and ironing facilities
- VAT

Additional Facilities

- Wireless broadband access is at £30 per year.

You should bring your own bedding and towels. Alternatively, bedding packs can be purchased on arrival for the price of £30 Please notify us in advance of your arrival if required.

RESIDENCE PERIOD & PAYMENT OF FEES

Accommodation is offered for :-

- Forty-two weeks for undergraduates, or
- Fifty weeks for postgraduates

Once you have been accepted as part of the community at Newman House, you are liable for the fees for your full agreed term. These are listed in the box below, and are payable in advance in three instalments (four for postgraduates).

Length of stay	Cost (£)	Finishing date
Academic Year 42 Weeks	£4,410	25 th June 2023
Academic Year 50 Weeks	£5,250	3 rd Sept 2023

The payment deadline for the instalments are as follows:-

Date	Amount (£)
26 th September 2022	£1,470
9 th January 2023	£1,470
24 th April 2023	£1,470
26 th June 2023 (postgraduates)	£840

Temporary accommodation may be available, check availability with the manager.

No responsibility is taken for the loss of personal property. Students should provide their own insurance cover.

Residents are expected to take a full part in the running of the House, including the Chapel, thereby making Newman House a welcoming place to non-resident visitors.

BEFORE COMPLETING THE FORM, PLEASE NOTE

Newman House is a Catholic residence for full-time students at the University of Birmingham.

The community at Newman House is a Eucharistic Community. There are a limited number of places available, and in order to give the best possible experience to residents, it is important that everyone is committed to the life of the community. In order to build up a lively community, it is expected that residents will support Newman House and the Chaplaincy in its work and events.

If you are considering applying to live here for the academic year, we draw your attention to the following:

1. Our primary responsibility is to the Catholic Community, but places can be offered to people who are not Catholic. Students who apply are expected to be committed to their faith and for Catholics to make Newman House their main place of worship.
2. We are only able to accept those enrolled in a course of study at the University of Birmingham or working at the University / teaching University of Birmingham students.
3. Residents' full-time rental commitment is for a minimum of a forty-two week academic year, divided into two periods of residence (semesters). 1st semester 20th September 2021, 2nd semester 31st January 2022.
4. Rents are charged for the full period; there is no rebate for late arrival or early departure.
5. Rent for each period of residence is payable in full at the commencement of each period. Payment may be made by standing order/ direct debit, bank order or cheque made payable to 'The University of Birmingham Catholic Chaplaincy'.
6. If you vacate your room in Newman House during a period of residence there will be no refund of rent paid for that period.
7. In cases of hardship or difficulty, the chaplains will always be willing to meet with individual students to seek a solution.
8. Any resident who is found to be in breach of the Agreement or to be causing undue disruption in the House will be asked to leave.

PLEASE NOTE

If you are offered a place, you will be required to sign an Agreement, and to pay a deposit of two hundred pounds (£200) to confirm your intention to take up residence. This deposit is not refundable if you cancel.

If you lose your keys, you will be charged for replacements, which may entail locks being changed.

At the end of your stay your deposit will be returned to you when you return your keys, providing there has been no damage to Newman House property and your room has been left in a clean state

Newman House, University of Birmingham

Application form for 2021-22

Please return this to the Chaplains at Newman House,

I wish to apply for accommodation in Newman House for:

42 weeks

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50 weeks

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Please insert
passport-size
photograph
here

FULL NAME:

FULL HOME ADDRESS:

HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER:

YOUR MOBILE NUMBER:

CONTACT NUMBER IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN & NATIONALITY

DATE OF BIRTH

RELIGION (& Denomination)

SCHOOL / DEPARTMENT:

YEAR OF STUDY:

PERSONAL TUTOR:

Please give details of any disability or serious allergy.

How did you hear about Newman House?

HOUSE RESPONSIBILITIES

All residents are asked to undertake the following House responsibilities in order to help with the running of our community. *Please indicate the activities/responsibilities you are interested in and **which you agree to commit yourself to** during your time at Newman House*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | CHOIR/MUSIC
for SUNDAY MASS | Meets weekly to practise for Mass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GREETER
for SUNDAY MASS | Greets people for Sunday Mass and helps to put out sheets and Hymn Books. Tidies up after Mass. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ALTAR SERVER
for SUNDAY MASS | Sets up the Altar and assists Priest for celebration of the Mass. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | SACRISTRAN | Weekly tidying up Sacristy and helping maintain the altar linen. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | FLOWERS | Weekly sorting out flowers when appropriate in the Chapel. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | PRAYER/MEDITATION
GROUP | Organising weekly prayer for the resident community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CHARITY SVP | Volunteering/fund-raising for Catholic and allied charities |

1. **I undertake to make a positive contribute to life at Newman House, and I will take part in at least one of the groups mentioned above.**
2. **I acknowledge my presence at the Induction Day (to be announced), and apply for a place at Newman House.**
3. **I agree to abide by the rules of Newman House.**
4. **If my application is accepted I agree to pay rent for each term within two weeks of the beginning of each term.**

SIGNED..... DATE

Please indicate on an attached letter why you would like to live in a Catholic Chaplaincy and what you can personally offer to the House community.

Have you included with your application:

1. *A photograph of yourself.*
2. *one reference*

Please return your complete application either in hard copy by hand, post, or
email to managernewman@gmail.com