

# ACCOMMODATION WITH SKYLIGHT PROPERTY

**GUIDE FOR STUDENTS 2021** 

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## **WELCOME TO WESTON**

Accommodation is a top priority for many students progressing to higher education. Whether you are coming from afar to UCW or already live locally and want to experience living with other students, there are lots of options for accommodation in Weston-super-Mare.

The accommodation we provide with our local property partner, Skylight Properties, has a rental period of 48 weeks of the year, which is ideal for most students, and rent also includes Wi-Fi, energy and water bills to make budgeting easier. They also offer £200 cashback at the end of the year if students leave the properties in the same condition as when they move in.

The UCW Higher Education Academic Registry Team (HEART) student services team provide a friendly and helpful accommodation service, and handle the applications for our student properties and allocate the rooms in the halls.

HEART also organise house meetings to make sure that everyone in our student accommodation enjoys a comfortable and secure living environment, and welcome students to their new homes.

They are also there throughout the year for any accommodationrelated problems, and aim to make moving and living away from Home as stress-free as possible.





# **BIRNBECK HALLS**

Birnbeck Halls is our largest property with 25 bedrooms, communal areas and a games room. It is split into three large flats and is situated in a quiet residential area, and we do ask that students take this into consideration if they pick this property.

The property is a 15-minute walk from the centre of Weston and UCW's Knightstone Campus, and has amazing views over the town and the beach. It is fully furnished; each room has a bed, desk, wardrobe and chest of drawers. The lounges are also furnished, and the property has its own laundry room. The bathrooms all have a shower, either over the bath or as a separate shower unit. There is no parking at Birnbeck.

#### **Key features:**

- 15-minute walk from Knightstone Campus and the Winter Gardens
- Loxton Campus and South West Skills Campus accessible by bus
- One lounge per flat and one communal lounge
- Four equipped kitchens
- Games room with a pool table
- · Dining rooms
- 11 en-suite bedrooms
- On-site warden

#### **Room options:**

- Large double with en-suite and a sea view £120 per week
- Double with en-suite £119 per week
- Large double with shared bathroom and sea view £118 per week
- Single with en-suite and sea view £117 per week
- Standard double with shared bathroom and sea view £116 per week
- Single with en-suite £115 per week
- Standard double with shared bathroom £113 per week
- $\bullet$  Standard single with shared bathroom and sea view £111 per week
- Small single with shared bathroom and sea view £108 per week
- Standard single with shared bathroom £107 per week
- Very small single with own bathroom and sea view £107 per week



## **WALLISCOTE ROAD**

Walliscote Road is a 14-bedroom house with a garden close to the seafront.

It has shared kitchens, a lounge and a quiet room, and a variety of bedrooms, some of which are en-suite. The property is fully furnished, with each bedroom having a bed, desk, wardrobe, chest of drawers and a TV outlet socket. It also has a communal lounge, kitchens, bathrooms and a laundry room. There are no parking spaces at this property.

#### **Key features:**

- 15-minute walk from Knightstone Campus and the Winter Gardens
- On the main bus route to Loxton Campus and South West Skills Campus
- Communal lounge and quiet room
- Two equipped kitchens
- Three shared bathrooms/shower rooms
- · Seven en-suite bedrooms

#### **Room options:**

- Double with en-suite £120 per week
- Double with own bathroom £120 per week
- King with shared bathroom £119 per week
- Standard double with shared bathroom £118 per week
- King with toilet-only en-suite £117 per week

The rents for all these properties include Wi-Fi, energy and water bills to make budgeting easier!



## **WARWICK COURT**

Warwick Court is our quieter halls of residence as it is divided into two and three bedroom flats.

This property is usually reserved for students who prefer a quiet place to live where they can study without the interruptions that can sometimes go along with living in student accommodation. Students with particular disabilities may also get priority for bedrooms in this property, so there is likely to be a mix of first, second and third-year students in each flat. It is on the seafront and is close to the centre of town and Knightstone Campus. Each bedroom has a bed, desk, wardrobe, chest of drawers and bedside cabinet.

#### **Key features:**

- · Six separate flats
- 10-minute walk from Knightstone and the WinterGardens
- Close access to bus routes to Loxton Campus and South West Skills Campus
- Limited free parking spaces
- Each flat has a furnished lounge and equipped kitchen
- 16 bedrooms in total, with two of them en-suites
- Washing machine in each flat

#### **Room options**

- Large double with en-suite and sea view £120 per week
- Double with en-suite £120 per week
- Large double with shared bathroom and sea view
- £119 per week
- Standard double with shared bathroom a sea view £117 per week
- Large double with shared bathroom £115 per week
- Standard double with shared bathroom
- £113 per week
- · Standard Single with shared bathroom
- £107 per week





## **HOW TO APPLY**

There are plenty of options for accommodation in Weston, but as some properties are more popular than others we encourage students to apply early.

Accommodation is usually allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, although applications from those who are new to the area or who pick UCW as their 'firm' choice via UCAS will be prioritised. We send out our application forms to all students who have accepted an offer with us in the springtime. Students who want to live in one of our properties will need to complete the form and return it to us with a deposit cheque made payable to Skylight Property - our accommodation partner. Applicants will then receive confirmation that we have received their application and deposit. The deposit cheque will be cashed at the end of August and returned with £200 cashback once a student has moved out and it has been confirmed that the property is in the same condition as when they moved in, following an inspection of their bedroom and all the communal areas. Those who withdraw from their course less than two weeks before the start of term will lose their deposit.



### **CONDITIONS OF OFFERS**

- 1 UCW will endeavour to offer student accommodation to all full-time applicants for their first year of study, provided that they accept our offer, requires the accommodation for a full letting period for single occupancy and pays the deposit.
- Applications for student accommodation are generally processed in the order that they are received. Completing the booking form and providing the deposit cheque early may therefore help an applicant secure their preferred accommodation. Allocation of preferred choices cannot be guaranteed. UCW also reserves a limited number of places to be allocated at its discretion.
- 3 UCW reserves the right to withdraw an offer of accommodation if the applicant fails to meet admission requirements or if a programme is withdrawn.
- 4 UCW is unable to provide accommodation for students' partners, their families or other dependents, or for students at associated institutions. However our accommodation partner may be able to help.
- UCW has absolute discretion to make the final decision about which accommodation will be offered to which student

#### **CONTRACT OVERVIEW**

If you are offered accommodation you will be asked to sign a contract upon arrival. This will be sent to you in advance as it is legally binding and sets out the terms and conditions of your residency. Please read the contract thoroughly before signing it so that you are clear in what is expected of you and what you can expect from your landlord.

The following, while not being exhaustive, is intended as an overview of some of the main points of the contract:

- The contract runs for 48 weeks, including the Christmas and Easter breaks.
- Those who leave their accommodation before the end of the contracted period are still liable to pay rent until a replacement tenant has signed a contract for the room.
- Guests are not permitted to stay at the accommodation without the permission of the landlord. Requests must be put in writing with a minimum of 48 hours' notice.
- Tenants are responsible for ensuring their own room and communal areas are kept tidy and that rubbish and recycling are put out on the appropriate days.
- Tenants will need to provide a guarantor when signing their contract, which will usually be their parent/guardian.
- For health and safety reasons, some electrical items are not permitted in students' rooms. These include fridges, microwaves, kettles and heaters.

# **CONTACT US**



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The UCW HEART student services team manages the application process for the properties featured in this booklet.

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