

## **Statement of Principles and Practice**

The College provides accommodation to students over the age of 16. The information below is for students who will be under 18 on 31st August in their year of entry to Askham Bryan College who are considering living in residential accommodation. The following statements are designed to help prospective students, and their parents, when deciding on the appropriateness of considering residential accommodation.

Many of the policies and procedures referred to are also applicable to resident students over 18. Any relevant distinctions are made within the documents.

### **Our Accommodation**

Askham Bryan College recognises that it has an essential role to play in providing an appropriate environment in which residential students can safely live and study and that it has a responsibility to ensure that students, their parents and staff are aware of the policies and procedures that are in place in order to ensure that this environment exists.

- Residential accommodation is offered to those prospective students who, due to distance away from the college, cannot travel on a daily basis or who have specific reasons requiring the need to be accommodated on the campus. A range of accommodation is offered on the campus at varying prices to those students.
- The College will endeavour to make reasonable adjustments where possible and is able to meet the needs of most students. The College cannot guarantee that facilities will be available to effectively support individuals with significant medical or other requirements.
- For under 18 year old students, all halls of residence are same gender and meet the National Care Standards requirements. Students under the age of 18 on the 31<sup>st</sup> August of their year of entry to college are accommodated in same gender halls of residence separate from the over 18 year old students who also live on the campus. The under 18 rules and provisions will apply to these students for the whole academic year.
- All under 18 students are accommodated on the main college campus where arrangements are in place to ensure high standards of welfare and safeguarding. Students who are under 18 years of age are expected to follow specific rules (available on request) which are designed to keep them safe.
- Once a student is offered a place on their course they may apply for residential accommodation from April to start college in September. Applications for residential accommodation are reviewed by the Accommodation Team during June/July who allocate rooms on the basis of a range of factors which includes potential travel times and specific needs. The final allocation of specific rooms is based on a number of factors and in those cases where it is not possible to offer a place for September, the student goes onto a waiting list.

- Once in accommodation students normally remain in allocated rooms. Any requests to change rooms have to be agreed with the Accommodation Manager
- The care and safeguarding of students is maintained through a team of Safeguarding Officers and Residential Wardens with cover provided by staff of both genders on a 24 hour, 7 days a week basis. Halls of residence are protected by access control, CCTV and vetted staff. It should be noted that whilst monitoring arrangements are in place at the College, there is an expectation that students will respect the requirements made of them through College policies and procedures and under their Accommodation Agreement and Handbook in order for their time at College to be successful.
- Students are closely monitored whilst on the College campus and arrangements are in place to allow individuals to leave the campus in an evening in a controlled manner. Under 18 year old students in halls of residence are expected to abide by a specific set of rules (available within the Accommodation Booklet on our website ) which are issued as part of the Accommodation Agreement to students once a place has been offered. Parents are also asked to read the College Accommodation Agreement and confirm they also understand the rules and are asked to support the College in ensuring under 18 year old students follow rules.
- A multi faith prayer room is available at our residential sites. The college catering outlets can provide special diets on request and we ask students to disclose any particular religious, dietary or cultural needs at the time of application for consideration. We will also provide students with the details of an independent person or agency should they wish to discuss issues with someone unconnected to the college
- The College offers evening activities which are organised for students. Students are actively encouraged to participate in the wide range of activities offered by the College. The Student Union and Student Experience Co-ordinators produces a programme of recreational activities for the students on a monthly basis. The programme is publicised within the College and on Moodle and Social Media.
- The College seeks to make accommodation available to a broad range of students and financial support may be available through means-tested bursaries and various scholarships. Information on financial assistance is available on the College website or through Student Services.

### **Further Information**

Information about the nature and organisation of accommodation at the College can be found on our website on the Student Information ('Accommodation /Accommodation Facilities') page.

The FAQ section on the College website (under 'Student Information / Accommodation') gives information about the arrangements for accommodation of under 18 and over 18 students, the process for allocation of rooms and the process for changing rooms once allocated.

The FAQ section also gives an outline of the welfare and support facilities and provision available to students and the College's admissions policy and procedures in relation to accommodation.

Information about the nature, extent and limitations of the College's supervision and monitoring of under 18 students, specifically including evening, weekends and at night can be found in the Accommodation Booklet (on the College website, on the main 'Accommodation' page). Parents of under 18 students will also receive separate information on the arrangements as part of the accommodation application process.

### **Policies**

Further information can also be obtained from College policies available from the College Website :

<https://www.askham-bryan.ac.uk/the-college/college-policies>

If you have any further questions about the provision of Accommodation at our College, please contact our Student Services Teams in the first instance, either at [StudentServices@askham-bryan.ac.uk](mailto:StudentServices@askham-bryan.ac.uk) or on 01904 772222 (York) or 01768 893457 (Newton Rigg).