

## Important Accommodation information for students joining us in January 2023

Our January intake is fast approaching and we're really looking forward to welcoming you to Oxford Brookes!

We do need to let you know that we are currently experiencing high demand for accommodation in our halls of residence from January. We are also aware that some students may be bringing family members with them to Oxford and they may need family accommodation.

**If you are planning to bring family members to the UK, please note that we do not currently have any availability for family accommodation in our halls of residence, or housing, from January.**

You can find advice regarding accommodation for families on [our website](#) and although [Brookes Union](#) cannot offer help in finding suitable properties to rent, they can give you advice in relation to checking the address on the register of selective licenses, offering contract checks and advice on general contract terms and housing law.

There are a number of websites that can be used to find housing. We have included these below for your information, but **please note that the University does not have any affiliations with these companies.**

- [dailyinfo.co.uk](http://dailyinfo.co.uk)
- [easyroommate.com](http://easyroommate.com)
- [sparerroom.co.uk](http://sparerroom.co.uk)
- [rightmove.co.uk](http://rightmove.co.uk)
- [zoopla.co.uk](http://zoopla.co.uk)

Please be aware that living in Oxford can be expensive. You can expect to pay anywhere between £1500 and £2500+ per month for a three bedroom house for example. Many companies will also ask for a guarantor. There are guarantor services such as [Housing Hand](#) available online to help overcome this.

In addition to a guarantor, renting accommodation requires:

- Regular rent payments;
- Monthly bill payments, including Gas and Electricity, which are often paid in addition to your rent - these could be as high as £300-400 per month;
- Deposit payments to secure your accommodation;
- A contract that you must read thoroughly before signing.

Some students choose to stay in short term accommodation such as hotels or Airbnb properties while they are searching for somewhere to rent, but this will be more expensive and could cost anywhere between £50 and £150 per night, depending on the type of accommodation, so please be aware and budget accordingly.

**You will need to open a bank account upon your arrival, so please be aware of the important information which can be found [here](#).**

Please note that Enrolment and induction starts from **Monday 23rd January 2023** and you should plan to be in the UK from this time.

If you have not been able to secure private rented accommodation for your family members by this date and you plan to do this when you arrive in the UK, we strongly advise that your family members do not travel with you at this time.

They can travel into the UK later once you have made private rented accommodation arrangements. Their vignette or stamp in their passport will show the last date they can arrive in the UK.

Our International Student Advice team (ISAT) are here to help support you both prior to your arrival and during your time at the University. If you have any questions please email the team at: [isat@brookes.ac.uk](mailto:isat@brookes.ac.uk). You can also read more about ISAT [here](#).