Accommodation for 4th years

The College guarantees to accommodate all 4th year undergraduate students who wish to live in College accommodation.

4th year undergraduates include all those students whose undergraduate courses continue for a fourth year – for example, students studying engineering, management studies or natural sciences. It also includes students for whom a change of subject requires them to study for a 4th year. As a general rule if you will be paying the University fee at the standard undergraduate rate in your 4th year of study then you will be considered a 4th year for the purposes of accommodation.

Students who have intermitted for a period, but have chosen or been allocated College accommodation on three previous occasions, are also treated as 4th years.

Please note that clinical medical students are treated as graduate students for accommodation purposes (they are not treated as 4th year undergraduates) – with many clinical medical students living in the 2 College houses on Hills Road. MML students have the opportunity to choose their 4th year room through the annual undergraduate ballot process and are not then treated as 4th years for the purposes of accommodation (however, an MML student may opt out of the rooms ballot and instead chose to be allocated a room along with 4th year students).

The rooms available for 4th years vary from year to year (depending, for example, on the number of 4th years at any time). All rooms used by 4th years are from the undergraduate stock and are equipped on that basis – for example they have gyp rooms rather than full kitchens and residents are expected to use the serviced laundry on the main College site. Typically the houses allocated to 4th years are in Warkworth Street, Warkworth Terrace, Parker Street or Emmanuel Street. All 4th year accommodation is off site.

In January each year we write to those students who may become 4th years from October to ask if they have any special accommodation requirements which will mean that they will need to live on the main College site. Any such special requirement will need to be confirmed by their Tutor. We seek this information in January since we would need to take an onsite room out of the normal undergraduate ballot in order to ensure that a suitable room is available.

In June each year we write to all those undergraduate students who may become 4th years from October to ask them about any accommodation requirements, their preferences about their room grade, and whether there are other students with whom they would like to be accommodated. At that stage the College still does not know for sure who will continue into a 4th year and what the final total number of 4th years will be.

In July when exam results have been received and all course decisions made, rooms are allocated to those confirmed as being 4th years from Michaelmas Term. The preferences previously expressed by students are reflected in that allocation as far as is possible – although we cannot guarantee that any particular preference will be met.

We will write to all 4th years in late July to inform them of the room which has been allocated to them.