52-Week Campus Accommodation FAQs 2026/27

The University of Warwick offers 52-week accommodation to independent students who are care leavers, are estranged from their parents or are Undergraduate Sanctuary Scholars. We have included some additional information about this accommodation package below to help you with your choices.

How does 52-Week accommodation work?

Students who are eligible for university provided accommodation for 52-weeks are offered a term-time room plus summer vacation accommodation. For a typical student, this includes:

1st Year Term-Time Room
(September – June/July)

A 40/44-week room, either on campus or with an off-campus university partner provider. You can find out more about Warwick's accommodation and contract lengths online here and offer holders will be invited to apply for this accommodation.

Summer Vacation Room
(June/July – early September)

A Summer Vacation room on campus. This room is offered on a booking-system and is first-come, first-served.

In some cases, students may need to move again into a temporary room in early September until the start of their Year 2 term time contract. More information will be shared about this by the Accommodation and Widening Participation Lifecycle Teams.

If you have any questions about the 52-week accommodation package, please contact the WP Lifecycle Team at lifecycleteam@warwick.ac.uk.

Is the accommodation free?

No, students are **required to pay** for this accommodation. You can find out more about on campus term-time room rates for 2026/27 online **here** (please note that rates change each year so please look at this webpage regularly confirmed rates).

Rates for Summer Vacation rooms and September temporary rooms vary each year. As a guide, rates for Summer 2026 were: £18/night for a standard room (with shared bathroom and kitchen facilities) and £28/night for an en-suite room (with shared kitchen facilities). Please keep an eye on this webpage for 2026/27 updates: Summer Vacation Campus Accommodation

Care leavers, Estranged students and Undergraduate Sanctuary Scholars are eligible for a range of financial support packages from the University to help with living costs. You can find out more about this funding support online at:

- Independent students who are Care Leavers
- Independent students who are Estranged
- Undergraduate Sanctuary Scholars

How do I book/arrange this accommodation?

If you are offered a place at Warwick, you will be contacted by the University's Accommodation Allocations Team to explain more about how to apply for a term-time room. Summer Vacation rooms are bookable online and you will be contacted about how to book a room once you start your studies. Our Widening Participation Lifecycle Team, Accommodation Allocations Team and Student Information Centre will support you to access the Summer Vacation accommodation.

What are my options after Year 1?

Returning students can book 'returner' campus accommodation for Year 2 and beyond once they start their studies at Warwick. Bookings usually open towards the end of Term 1 or beginning of Term 2 of your 1st year and the Widening Participation Lifecycle Team and Accommodation Allocations Team will support you to access this.

Alternatively, some students decide to live off campus after their 1st year. There is more information about this option online **here** and Warwick's Students Union runs a Housing Day each year towards the end of Term 1 to offer advice and guidance to students who are considering this option.

*Please note that many private landlords require details of a **guarantor** in order to secure a tenancy if you decide to live off campus after Year 1 and rent privately. A guarantor is a third party, for example a family member, who agrees to pay the rent if for any reason you can't. Some independent students and Sanctuary Scholars aren't in a position to provide a UK-based guarantor and we encourage students to seek support from the SU Advice Centre if this happens. On campus accommodation does not require a guarantor.*

What other help/support is available?

The Widening Participation Lifecycle Team and Accommodation Allocations Team are on hand to support independent students and Undergraduate Sanctuary Scholars to navigate through the 52 week

accommodation process. Students receive regular reminders about booking a Summer Vacation room, for example.

Where can I find out more about the University's Accommodation and Halls of Residence?

We would encourage you to visit Warwick on one of our Open Days so that you can speak to our Accommodation Allocations Team and Widening Participation Lifecycle Team directly. If you are an offer holder, you will receive more information about our Offer Holder Open Days from the central university. We would also encourage you to have a look at the information on our Accommodation webpages.