Guide to Student Accommodation at Sidney Sussex College

General Accommodation Information

In first year, each student is randomly assigned a room by the Tutorial Office in one of Cromwell Court, Garden Court or Sussex House (this is subject to change). All of these first year accommodation blocks are incredibly sociable, so perfect for making friends.

Second and third year students enter a random (rather than academic) ballot. You can enter this ballot in groups of up to 4 to guarantee that you will end up living with friends. Students going into their third year get the first pick of rooms, and the students going into their second year get to choose next. The order of the ballot for students in their third year is the reverse of the ballot order for students in their second year. This means that if a student gets picked last in the ballot in their second year, they will get to pick first in their third year. There is very little difference between the rooms in College, so it doesn’t really matter where you are in the ballot.

If you have the option to do a fourth year, there is a separate ballot for the fourth year accommodation.

All rooms in College have furniture, bedding and curtains (you do not need to bring your own) and contain a fridge. Some rooms contain a sink.

Many of the rooms in College have access to a gyp rather than a kitchen. A gyp is a small kitchen containing a fridge, microwave, George Foreman grill, toaster, kettle, sink and often a rice cooker. The large kitchens in College accommodation contain freezers, ovens and hobs in addition to the equipment that is provided in a gyp.

1) Blundell Court
- All Blundell rooms are en-suite and have access to a kitchen
- Half of the rooms overlook the gardens, half overlook King Street
- Quite modern, all rooms are very similar in size and are accessible by a lift

2) Cloister Court (Staircases K, L & M)
- Rooms overlook Cloister Court or the Fellows’ garden
- Each group of rooms has a shower, toilet and gyp

3) Cromwell Court
- 2 minute walk down King Street from the back gate of Sidney
- Rooms are grouped into flats of 4/5 with a gyp, shower and toilet for each flat
- Has a large TV room for use by all with sofas, board games and DVDs

4) 56 De Freville Avenue
- 15 minute walk from College, but very social and close to shops
- Communal garden and a kitchen, all the rooms are all quite large

5) Garden Court (R, S and T floor)
- Renovated in the summer of 2014 and a new lift was installed
- One large kitchen on each floor, plus at least two showers and two toilets (about 14/15 rooms per floor)

6) Harrington House
- Being renovated in summer 2017
- Arranged in flats of 4/5 rooms with a shower, toilet and small kitchen
- Most of the rooms are quite large, with lots of windows

7) Hobson Court
- Five en-suite rooms and five single rooms.

9) Sidney House
- Renovated in the summer of 2014 and a new lift was installed
- Has a large communal kitchen on the first and third floors each with a large dining table
- Rooms look out onto Sidney Street and Sussex Street
- Entrance to Sidney House is not on the college site (but is only a 1 minute walk from the front gate of college) and can only be accessed with your college card

10) Staircases A, C & F
- All located in Hall Court
- Some of the older rooms in college and they are full of character
- Each staircase has a well-equipped gyp and a bathroom to share between 2/3 people

11) Staircases G & H
- All located in Chapel Court
- All the rooms on G staircase are en-suite and have access to a gyp
- All the rooms on H staircase have access to a bathroom and gyp either on their floor, or on a floor above/below

12) Staircases Y & Z
- All located in South Court
- All the rooms on Y & Z staircases are sets (they have two rooms, a bedroom and a living room) and are spacious
- One of the older parts of college and has lots of character
- All rooms have access to a gyp, shower and toilet either on their floor or on a floor above/below

13) Sussex House
- Renovated in the summer of 2015 and accessed from the college site by a bridge over Sussex Street
- Large communal kitchens on each floor: great for communal cooking
- Has a lift from street level and there are multiple showers and toilets on each floor
- Rooms all have new furniture and are all reasonably sized

Cost
The costs of the rooms can vary according to the room band that they have been allocated, and prices range from £109-£129 a week for 2017-2018 (subject to reassessment for 2018-2019). Students pay for their room for 10 weeks per term when they are living in College, unless they decide to stay on during the holidays when they will be charged accordingly for each additional night.