

## Information on Accommodation

Information for under 18-year-old students considering living in residential accommodation.

### Statement of Principles and practice.

The college provides accommodation to students who are under the age of 18. The following statements are designed to help prospective students, and their parents, when deciding on the appropriateness of considering residential accommodation.

### Accommodation Aim

“Reaseheath College offers a residential provision, ensuring a safe and secure environment which facilitates academic recruitment and retention, whilst developing learners in their personal, social, and life skills.”

- 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 majority of students needs can be met by the college but facilities are not available to effectively support individuals with significant medical or other requirements.
- The college offers over 200 bed spaces in either single or shared rooms for under 18-year-old students. All halls of residence are same gender and meet the National Care Standards Commission requirements.
- Students under the age of 18 are accommodated in the same gender halls of residence separate from the over 18-year-old students who also live on the campus. All under 18-year-old students are accommodated on the main college campus where arrangements are in place to ensure high standards of Wellbeing 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 student services team from May 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 immediately for September, students will be placed on to a waiting list.
- Once in accommodation students normally remain in allocated rooms. Accommodation rules are modified once a student reaches the age of 18 or if significant issues arise in their halls of residence. Any requests to change rooms have to be agreed with the Head of Student Services.

- The care and safeguarding of students are maintained through a team of Safeguarding Officers with cover provided by staff of both genders on a 24 hour, 7 days a week basis. The team of Safeguarding Officers support students who have non-academic issues whilst at college. All halls of residence are protected by access control, CCTV and vetted Safeguarding Officers. Although excellent monitoring arrangements are placed at the college it has to be recognised that a degree of maturity is required from the student to make a success of residential accommodation.
- Students are closely monitored whilst on the college campus and arrangements are in place to allow individuals to leave 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 on request) which are issued to students once a place has been offered. Parents are also asked to read the college Residential 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 support member of staff is available at the college as is a multi-faith prayer room. The college catering outlets can provide special diets on request.
- 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 residential experience helps a student develop social and interpersonal skills.