



# HARTPURY

## Statement of Principles and Practice for Hartpury College

### Introduction

Hartpury provides accommodation to students who are under the age of 18. The following statements detailed below outline the suitability of our accommodation.

### Purpose

Hartpury College offers residential accommodation on the Hartpury campus, which ensures a safe and secure environment to support student recruitment and retention, whilst developing students' independence, personal, social and life skills. Our Residential Life programme facilitates the development of these important skills to cope with residential life and build resilience.

### Scope

Hartpury College offers 724 bed spaces in a mix of single and shared rooms on campus for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students. All halls of residence for students aged under 18 are the same sex. Hartpury also has a small number of halls of residence, which are mixed sex for those students who have turned 18 before the start of the academic year; all accommodation meets the National Care Standards Commission for Further Education residential provision.

- Hartpury offers accommodation to prospective students in accordance with Hartpury's Residential Accommodation Allocation Policy. A range of accommodation is offered on the campus at varying prices.
- Hartpury can meet the majority of student support needs but facilities are not available to effectively support individuals with significant medical or other needs, where students have specific needs a full risk assessment is carried out to determine any reasonable adjustments that can be made before declining any request for accommodation.
- Students under the age of 18 years of age are accommodated in same sex halls of residence separate from the over 18-college accommodation and from our university students who reside on the campus. All under 18 students are accommodated on the main campus where arrangements are in place to ensure high standards of wellbeing and safeguarding. Students who are under the age of 18 years are expected to follow Hartpury's Residential Regulations and Procedures

which are designed to keep them safe. These are documented in our Accommodation Licence and Residential Handbook.

- Once a student is offered a place on their course they may apply for residential accommodation from April to start college in the following September. (*Specific dates are published on the Hartpury website*). Applications for accommodation are reviewed by the Accommodation team. The Accommodation team allocate rooms based on the criteria detailed in College Residential Accommodation Allocation Policy. Students are advised if they are successful in gaining a place of residence by the end of May. In those cases where it is not possible to offer a place of residence, the student is placed on the accommodation wait list.
- The care and safeguarding of students is maintained through a team of Support Officers with cover provided by both sexes on a 24 hour, 7 days a week basis. The Wellbeing and Residential Support Residential teams, support students who have non-academic issues whilst at the college.
- Out-of-hours wellbeing and nurse appointments are available to residential students.
- All halls of residence are protected by access control, CCTV, screech alarms and robust reporting systems monitored by the Residential Support Team.
- Although excellent monitoring arrangements are in place at Hartpury it has to be recognised that a degree of maturity is required from students to make a success of residential life.
- Students are monitored whilst on the Hartpury campus via accommodation morning registration and evening curfew. Students have the freedom to leave campus during the day to visit local amenities as long as they adhere to morning registration and evening curfew.
- Students are expected to adhere to all Hartpury rules and regulations, which are outlined within the Accommodation Licence and Residential Handbook. Students should ensure they are familiar with these. Both documents are available on the website, a physical copy of the Residential Handbook will be provided to students when they move into accommodation.
- Hartpury ask that parents/carers read these documents and parents/carers sign a consent form to confirm that an under 18 year old will follow these rules and regulations. Hartpury also ask parents/carers to support the college in ensuring that their under 18 year old follows the Hartpury rules by discussing them together.
- The college offers a range of evening activities and workshops, which are organised through the Residential Life, Student Experience, Enrichment and Hartpury Active teams. Students are actively encouraged to participate in the wide range of activities offered, some workshops are mandatory for students to attend. The residential experience aims to help students develop and gain life, social and interpersonal skills.

### **Reference to Other Policies**

- Residential Accommodation Allocation Policy
- Accommodation Pricing Guide
- Residential Handbook
- Accommodation Licence including the Residential Regulations and Procedures

All policies are available on the Accommodation Page of the Hartpury website [Accommodation | College | Hartpury University and Hartpury College](#)

## **Equality, Diversity and Inclusion**

As with all Hartpury policies and procedures, due care has been taken to ensure that this policy is appropriate to all members of staff regardless of their age, disability, ethnicity, gender, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation and transgender status.

The policy will be applied fairly and consistently whilst upholding Hartpury's commitment to providing equality to all. If any employee feels that this or any other policy does not meet this aim, please contact the HR Department.

Hartpury is committed towards promoting positive mental health by working towards the MINDFUL EMPLOYER Charter. Hartpury aims to create a culture of support within the workplace where employees can talk about mental health problems without the fear of stigma or discrimination.

## **Approval and Review Cycle**

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