

BH10

# George Close

Halls of Residence



### Living in halls of residence

Now you have decided to study at the Arts University Bournemouth you will want to consider where to live during your first year. The following pages will provide you with information to help you make this decision.

Living in halls of residence is an easy way to make new friends and get to know fellow students from a range of different Arts University courses.

Halls can be great fun and a simple way of sorting out your accommodation for the start of your studies. Living in halls of residence can be a vibrant, dynamic experience, with the opportunity to share with, and learn from, fellow students from across the world.

You have the chance to meet with people from different backgrounds, with different outlooks on life. All students play an important part in creating a friendly, welcoming and safe environment which counts as home to all residents.

However, with 4 students in each house, this form of communal living doesn't suit everyone. We can't guarantee that you'll get on with your housemates, and sharing a house calls for tolerance from all residents.

Don't forget that you have the alternative option of moving into private rented accommodation – visit [aub.ac.uk](http://aub.ac.uk) for more information.

### What's available at BH10?

George Close is a newly built development of 12 houses in the Ensbury Park area of Bournemouth. AUB has 6 student houses in the Close.

Each house has four double bedrooms and two bathrooms, with an open plan kitchen / dining / lounge area. Houses have a private garden with a shed for bicycle storage. A gardener mows the lawn and tends the garden on a regular basis.

Each bedroom has a double bed (for single occupancy), desk, wardrobe, drawers, and chair. Kitchens are equipped with hob, oven, microwave, kettle, toaster, sink, fridge freezer, washing machine, cupboards and preparation area. There is a TV socket in each lounge, and a television licence is included in the rent. Wireless broadband is available in all rooms. The standard voltage in George Close is 230V.

There are no AUB staff located at George Close. A roving security patrol visits George Close three times each night but cannot be called out to the houses outside of these times.

There is very limited car parking available at George Close and students should not bring a car to any AUB accommodation. There is no car parking for students on the AUB campus but plenty of cycle racks are available.

### What's in the local area?

George Close is a newly built development of 12 houses in the Ensbury Park area of Bournemouth, located approximately 2 miles from the AUB campus.

George Close is situated in a fairly quiet residential area. There are recreational facilities nearby, including tennis courts at Redhill Park, and football, cricket, and skateboarding are available at Slade's Farm recreation ground. The Bournemouth Cycle Centre, an Olympic size community cycle track at Slade's Farm, offers activities including competitive cycle training and racing, learning to ride a bike, cycling for exercise, in-line skating and running.

There is a small selection of local convenience stores around the main junction of Columbia Road.

Travel to the AUB campus is a ten minute cycle or 5 minute bus journey. Yellow buses run an hourly bus service from Ensbury Park to the AUB campus.

### Important stuff you should know

BH10 George Close houses are for first year undergraduate and postgraduate students only. All rooms are single occupancy only.

The rent for rooms in George Close is £110.00 per week. Rent is payable termly, with payments due on the following dates:

#### Autumn term

- Undergraduates: 29 September 2014
- Postgraduates: 6 October 2014

#### Spring term

- 12 January 2015

#### Summer term

- 6 April 2015
- Plus additional postgraduate summer payment: 15 June 2015

In addition to your rent you will also need to pay a deposit of £440.00 to secure your room. This will be returned to you at the end of the tenancy, minus any deductions for damages or fines. AUB operates a system of collective responsibility so you may be charged for damage to communal areas, in addition to any damage within your room.

The undergraduate tenancy starts on 1 September 2014 and ends on 13 June 2015. The postgraduate tenancy starts on 24 September 2014 and ends on 18 September 2015. Tenancies are continuous - you do not need to vacate your room during vacation periods.

You will need to provide a guarantor (usually a relative) who can confirm that they will be responsible for the rent and any additional costs (e.g. damages) in the event that the rent is not paid.

### How to apply for a place in halls of residence

Applications for a place in halls of residence open in early March. You will receive a message in your applicant portal to let you know that applications are open.

#### The deadline for applications is Friday 23 May 2014.

To apply for halls, please complete all sections of the on-line application. If you are a care leaver or have a disability, please tell us about this in your application. We will prioritise applications from these students, but you will be asked to provide some form of evidence in support of your application (for example, a medical report or letter from your social worker).

You can select two choices when making your application. Please note that not all choices are available to all students. Whilst we will do our best to allocate your first or second choice of halls and room type, this is not always possible.

Rooms are allocated at the start of June and, if you are successful in gaining a place, you will receive an email asking you to check the application website for details of your allocation.

### Any questions?

If you have any queries about living in halls of residence, please don't hesitate to contact us. Our Student Advisers are available throughout the year to answer your questions and can offer advice on all aspects of arranging your accommodation – whether that's halls of residence, or private rented accommodation.

Before getting in touch, you may want to check our website - you may find the information there answers your question.

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