



CAMBRIDGE
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ARTS

Your Guide
to Living in
Cambridge
with CSVPA





CAMBRIDGE CITY CENTRE

At CSVPA, we provide student accommodation for all years of study allowing you to focus on the important things; discovering Cambridge, making friends and getting the most out of your studies. Located in the heart of Cambridge, our halls of residence are surrounded by a thriving arts and culture scene and with the added benefit of living with like-minded creative students, you will have an abundance of stimuli to inspire your work and develop your creativity.

UNDER-18s ACCOMMODATION

Any student under the age of 18 at the start of their course at CSVPA must live in our halls of residence at Varsity House. Here we have blocks dedicated to providing a safe, secure and carefully monitored environment for our younger students.

We put a strong emphasis on pastoral care at CSVPA and all under-18 boarding is managed by our highly trained team of professional house parents. Students from CSVPA staying at Varsity House will have the benefit of living with fellow creative arts students from across different courses and pathways, facilitating the forming of close friendships.

STANDARD ROOM



The size, proportions and layout of each bedroom vary. The bedroom photograph of Varsity House gives an example of what a student room could look like when styled and decorated by the student living there.

OVER-18s ACCOMMODATION

For our older students, we provide several options and we highly recommend you stay in our halls of residence where you will benefit endlessly from the opportunity of being surrounded by other creative art students, as well as the on-site dedicated welfare support.

We have a number of residences in central Cambridge ideally suited to our students aged over-18. Master's House, Varsity House and the smaller residence of Batim House are all designed with your needs in mind. We aim to provide a safe and secure accommodation but under more university style conditions, appropriate to our older students.



FACILITIES AND ADDED EXTRAS

Across all our halls of residence we provide you the personal living space and everything you need to make the space feel like your own. All of our accommodation provides you with a single occupancy living space with ensuite private bathroom. Rooms are designed to give you ample storage space and a canvas to personalise with those little reminders and touches from home.

ALL ROOMS ARE FURNISHED WITH:

COMFORTABLE SINGLE BED | DUVET AND PILLOWS | BEDSIDE CABINET |
DESK AND CHAIR | DESK LAMP | WARDROBE | PERSONAL SAFE | PIN BOARD | UNDER-BED STORAGE

ALL PREMIUM ROOMS

COME WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENITIES:

SET OF TOWELS AND BATHMAT | WELCOME BATHROOM AMENITIES | MINI FRIDGE | HAIR DRYER |
WIRELESS PHONE CHARGER | TRAVEL ADAPTOR | HANGING SHOE STORAGE | WOODEN HANGERS |
REUSEABLE WATER BOTTLE | LAUNDRY BASKET



Bed linen is provided for all our catered students, so unless you are staying with us on a self-catered basis all you will need to bring with you is your own towel. Our catered students also benefit from having their rooms cleaned on a regular basis, as well as fresh linen provided every week. If you have opted for self-catering, your room will be serviced once a month.



Most of our accommodation is organised into clusters, where between 6 and 8 rooms in a cluster share a common kitchen/dining area where you can prepare food, socialise with fellow students and generally relax. The kitchens provide cooking and washing up facilities, as well as fridges / freezers and other food storage areas. Most of our residences also have a central shared common room for students to come together to relax, socialise and forge lifelong friendships.



The residences all contain washing machines for you to use free of charge, and washing powder and detergent are also provided free. Free WiFi is also provided throughout.

CATERING OR SELF-CATERED BASIS?

All our under-18 year olds must stay on our catered accommodation service, whereby breakfast, lunch and dinner are all provided conveniently at both our campuses at Sturton Street and Bridge House. Students over the age of 18 who have joined CSVPA on a self-catered basis can also purchase meals at both campuses. Students can enjoy a hot breakfast and for both lunch and dinner, they are presented with a variety of hot meal options, as well as a salad bar, soup and dessert. We aim to provide a varied and interesting range of food to suit, as far as is possible, our broad range of nationalities.



Both campuses at Sturton Street and Bridge House offer a café where students can enjoy freshly made sandwiches, hot and cold snacks, confectionary and a range of hot and cold drinks.

If you are over 18, then you have the choice of staying with us on a catered or self-catered basis.



The residences are monitored 24 hours a day to maintain security, and a 24 hour hotline service is available in the event of an emergency.

Varsity House has its own medical centre managed by the college. It is open from 08:00 to 16:30 and available for students of all ages to visit, where access to a UK registered Nurse is provided. For more serious medical conditions the nurse will provide access to local doctors or hospital services as required.

LIVING WITH LIKE-MINDED CREATIVE INDIVIDUALS CREATES A DYNAMIC COMMUNITY, BRINGING OPPORTUNITIES, GLOBAL CONTACTS AND LIFELONG FRIENDS.

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CSVPA WAS SUCH A NEW ENVIRONMENT, DIFFERENT CULTURES AND DIFFERENT PEOPLE BUT I SETTLED IN STRAIGHT AWAY, SOMEHOW I FELT LIKE I BELONGED.

BOREY TAUCH

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Varsity House

The Grafton Centre, one of three main shopping areas in Cambridge, is only a 5 minute walk away and is a perfect destination for shopping, dining, grabbing a coffee with friends or for catching a movie at the 8 screen Vue Cinema.

Take a stroll along the beautiful River Cam and relax with friends in one of Cambridge's stunning parks. You can be there within a 7 minute walk from your accommodation.

Cambridge train station is only a 15 minute walk and with Central London just 45 minutes away by train, and London Stansted Airport a 20 minute commute, our location inspires many with endless opportunities on your doorstep.



LOCATION

Varsity House is only a 7 minute cycle ride to CSVPA Bridge House on Round Church Street and the centre of Cambridge. For those students looking to take in the beautiful and inspirational setting of Cambridge, you might decide to take the short one mile walk past the stunning Midsummer Common, taking in the sights of Jesus College. For students studying at our Sturton Street campus there's no excuse to be late for class, with the studios located just 1 minute from the halls of residence.



TRAVEL TIME TO CSVPA BRIDGE HOUSE



20 mins



7 mins



6 mins



13 mins



FACILITIES

The welfare of our students is our number one priority and we want to make sure you have everything you need to make Cambridge your second home. At Varsity House we offer both a fully supervised halls of residence for our younger students alongside our external blocks where students aged over-18 are able to enjoy the experience of student independent living, knowing that there is help on hand 24/7 from the house parent team onsite if they need them. It is a great transition for living on your own away from home where you can enjoy your student experience in a safe, relaxing and friendly environment.



Providing a comprehensive support network including a team of highly experienced live-in house parents, fully staffed reception, an onsite medical centre with access to a UK registered Nurse, our students thrive living in this family-orientated residence that's located within easy reach of CSVPA.

Each student room has a bed, wardrobe, desk and plenty of under-bed storage and drawers. Our rooms are en-suite with private bathroom facilities. Free WiFi is available for students. Each hall has its own communal kitchen and lounge/dining area where students can make snacks. The courtyard offers seating and two outdoor table tennis tables, and the common room has a pool table.



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STANDARD ROOM



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BEDROOM



SINGLE BED



BEDSIDE CABINET



DESK WITH DRAWERS



DESK CHAIR



WARDROBE



UNDER-BED STORAGE & DRAWERS



DESK LAMP



PERSONAL SAFE



PIN BOARD



PERSONAL HEATING SYSTEM



PRIVATE ENSUITE WITH SHOWER



PILLOWS & DUVET PROVIDED



FRESH BED LINEN PROVIDED WEEKLY*

UTILITIES



UTILITY BILLS, WATER, GAS AND ELECTRICITY INCLUDED



FREE WIFI - UP TO 100MBPS



FRIDGE / FREEZERS



FULLY FITTED SHARED KITCHEN WITH DINING FACILITIES



FREE USE OF ON-SITE LAUNDRY ROOM



FREE WASHING POWDER AND DETERGENT



FREE KITCHEN CLEANING MATERIALS



24 HRS EMERGENCY HOTLINE SERVICE



LIVE IN HOUSE PARENTS



ONSITE MEDICAL CENTRE OPEN 08:00 TO 16:30



ACCESS TO A UK REGISTERED NURSE



FREE KITCHEN CLEANING SERVICE



FREE ROOM CLEANING SERVICE



ONSITE MAINTENANCE PROVISION

OTHER



BIKE RACKS



CCTV SECURITY



OUTDOOR TABLE TENNIS / BASKETBALL



OUTSIDE SEATING AREA



SWIPE ENTRY TO ACCOMMODATION

*catered accommodation only

LIVING WITH CREATIVE ART STUDENTS AT CSVPA, YOU WILL GROW AND DEVELOP MORE STRONGLY AS ARTISTS AS YOU SHARE YOUR INFLUENCES, IDEAS AND CREATIVITY.

“ YOU HAVE PEOPLE FROM ALL DIFFERENT CULTURES AND THEY ARE BRINGING THAT INTO THEIR ART AND YOU LEARN SO MUCH FROM EACH OTHER. ”

GALIENA MITCHELL-DANN



Batim House

Batim House is one of our accommodation buildings in the heart of Cambridge - perfect for students who want to experience this vibrant city.

This halls of residence has a total of 29 single en-suite rooms. This is a new residence which has been completely refurbished. The three storey residence has three fully fitted kitchens, laundry facilities and two large furnished common rooms where you and your fellow students can spend time together socialising and relaxing.



LOCATION

Perfectly located, Batim House is only a 7 minute cycle ride to CSVPA Bridge House on Round Church Street. For those students looking to take in the beautiful and inspirational setting of Cambridge, you might decide to take the short one mile walk past the stunning Midsummer Common, taking in the sights of Jesus College. For those students studying at CSVPA Sturton Street, the studios are just a short two minute walk away.



TRAVEL TIME TO CSVPA BRIDGE HOUSE



16 mins



7 mins



5 mins



12 mins

With the centre of Cambridge just a 16 minute walk away, inspiration can be found on your doorstep. There is a popular music scene, with a multitude of venues where you can watch live music across a variety of genres. Art and culture can also be enjoyed. Cambridge is home to a variety of world famous museums that show some of the rarest collections, historical artefacts, sculptures and ancient antiques. There are also many art galleries filled with both contemporary and renaissance artworks, as well as theatres which host a plethora of performances to suit everybody's taste.



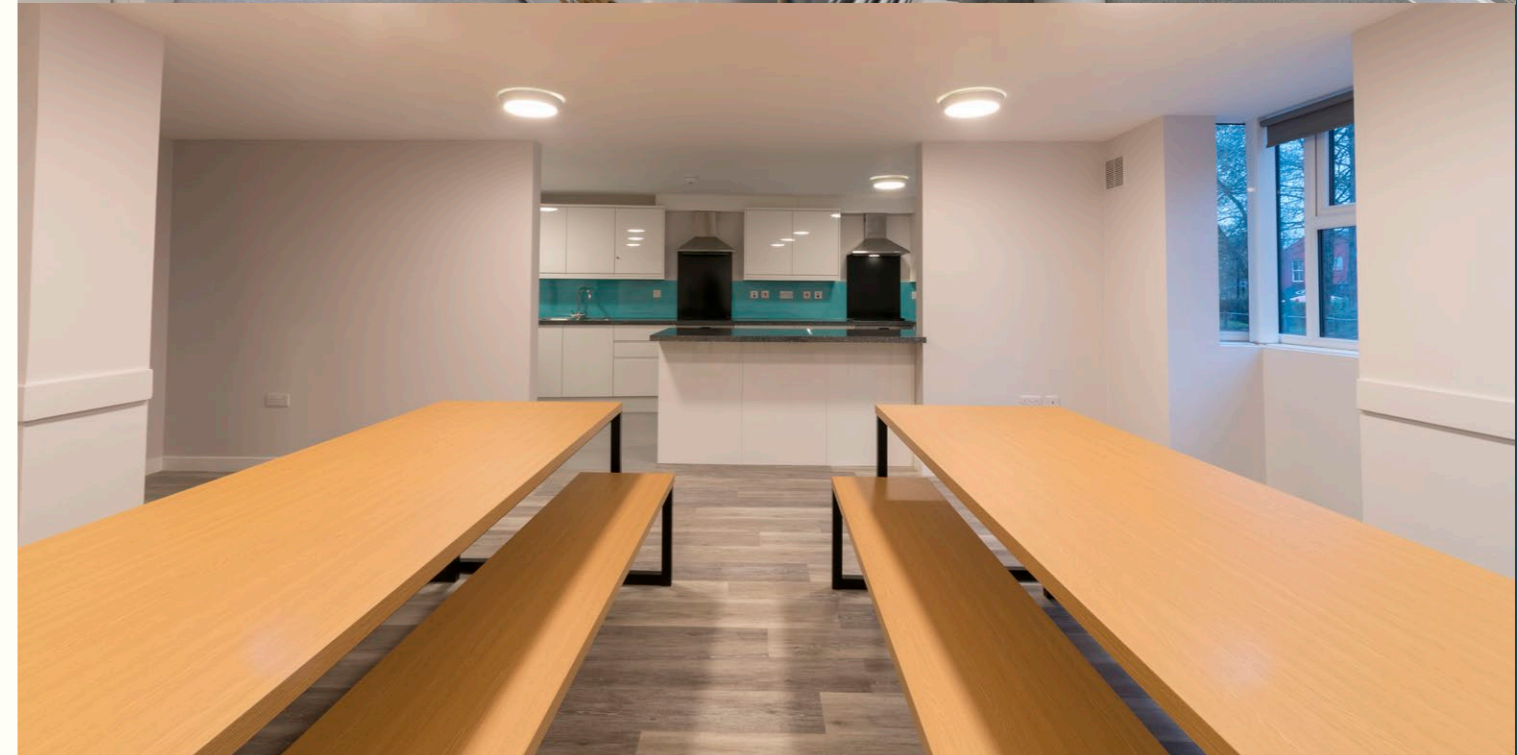
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FACILITIES

The welfare of our students is our number one priority and we want to make sure you have everything you need to make Cambridge your second home. A nurse and 24 hour staffed reception can be found at Varsity House, just a short 5 minute walk away from Batim House, which allows you to enjoy your student experience in a safe, relaxing and friendly environment.



Each student room has a bed, wardrobe, desk, shelving and plenty of under-bed storage and drawers. Our rooms are en-suite with private bathroom facilities. Free WiFi is available for students. Each hall has its own communal kitchen and lounge/dining area where students can make snacks.





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Master's House

For our older students, life in CSVPA's halls of residence is an enriching experience. With just under 80 bedrooms, Master's House offers an intimate social space for a group of like-minded creative individuals which helps to create a dynamic community, bringing opportunities, global contacts and lifelong friends.



LOCATION

You could not ask for a more picturesque journey to class every morning. Master's House is only an 8 minute cycle ride from CSVPA Bridge House, but your journey will take you over the River Cam and through Jesus Green, one of the most beautiful parks in Cambridge where you will find six tennis courts, band concerts on a summer Sunday afternoon, an outdoor swimming pool and BBQ area.



TRAVEL TIME TO CSVPA BRIDGE HOUSE


20 mins


8 mins


9 mins


14 mins

It's the perfect social space where students gather together to take in the inspirational sights and sounds of Cambridge. Alternatively if you want to catch a bus you can be at CSVPA Bridge House in 14 minutes. Being a creative arts student in Cambridge and having your accommodation and classes so close to each other allows you to get the most out of your time here. Whether that is giving you the opportunity to spend more time in the studios working or time to explore Cambridge and spend time with your friends.



Cambridge is hard to beat for something amazing to see and do. From cinemas and theatres showing a range of art house, independent, foreign and commercial films, to museums, concert venues, and a wonderful choice of shopping and nightlife, you will always find something to keep you busy in this vibrant, cosmopolitan city.

FACILITIES

Each student room has a bed, wardrobe, desk and plenty of under-bed storage and drawers. Our rooms are en-suite with private bathroom facilities. Free wireless access is available 24 hours a day throughout the building. The communal kitchens have a dining area, lockable fridges, generous worktops and are cleaned once a week.

With a dedicated welfare and accommodation support team, we go out of our way to make sure you have the best possible university experience in a safe and secure environment.





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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT WILL MY ROOM BE LIKE?

All our rooms have single beds and an ensuite bathroom with toilet, sink and shower. The rooms have a wardrobe, desk and desk chair, shelving unit above the desk and additional storage either under the beds or bedside cabinets. Our rooms average 10-12 square meters in size. They are equipped with a desk lamp or reading light and every room has its own safe.

WHEN WILL I KNOW WHERE I WILL BE LIVING?

If you applied for halls of residence before 1st August, you will be told which building you have been assigned to before 25th August. We will not be able to confirm your room number until you arrive at CSVPA. Upon arrival, you will be shown to your room by a member of the boarding staff.

CAN I HAVE THINGS DELIVERED IN ADVANCE?

We would recommend waiting until you arrive before ordering anything you might want in your room. The address for your residence will be included when we let you know which building you will be living in.

WHEN DO I NEED TO PAY FOR MY ACCOMMODATION?

Once you have paid your deposit and returned your signed registration forms, your room will be secured and guaranteed for you. Our Finance Team will send you an invoice covering both the tuition and accommodation fees for the year. The invoice will tell you when your fees are due.

DO I HAVE TO LIVE IN A CSVPA RESIDENCE?

If you are under 18 years of age then you will need to stay within our residences. If you are over 18 then we would like to have you stay with us, but you do not have to. If you wish to live elsewhere then you will need to submit an Independent Accommodation request via the Admissions team so we have the details of where you are living on file. You will need to have accommodation arranged prior to your arrival in the UK.

IF I WANT TO LIVE IN A DIFFERENT RESIDENCE, CAN I CHANGE?

We have a number of residences in Cambridge and while we will do our best to meet any requests, we do try to make sure that students are allocated the residence that best suits their age, gender and course option. If you do want to request a change, please contact the boarding team in your residence. We will only be able to accommodate changes after the start of term.



WHAT IS THE RESIDENTIAL AGREEMENT?

This forms part of the offer pack you are sent during your enrolment process. By signing the document along with the terms and conditions you are agreeing to stay within our accommodation for the first year of your course with us.

- If you decide to move out during that year you will not be refunded any accommodation fees.
- It also means you agree to all the terms in the document and also the “House Rules” attached with the agreement.

OUR ADVICE

You will need to sign this kind of agreement in any higher education institution in the UK. They are legal contracts and you should take the time to read it and ask any questions you may have before you sign anything.

CAN I CANCEL MY ACCOMMODATION BEFORE ARRIVAL?

Yes. Once we have received your deposit confirming your place you have 14 days to change your mind without any penalty fees.

If you are over 18 and selected our accommodation during the application process, but change your mind, you must immediately inform our Admissions team and complete the Independent Accommodation application form which will be sent out to you. Your accommodation will be withdrawn without penalty as long as it is within two weeks of the start of term. After that time you will be bound to the terms of our terms and conditions and will be liable to cancellation fees.

CAN I CANCEL MY ACCOMMODATION ONCE I HAVE ARRIVED?

Once you have arrived and taken up our accommodation it is expected you will remain in our halls of residence for the rest of the year. If you decide to leave the accommodation, because you would like to live somewhere else, you will need to firstly have this approved by the Rector and you will not be entitled to a full or partial refund on your accommodation fees.

OUR ADVICE

We would strongly advise you not to sign any agreements or pay deposits until you have your request approved by the Rector. You will be liable for accommodation fees under the terms of the Residential Agreement so you don't want to be paying twice.

CAN I MOVE OUT OF THE ACCOMMODATION AT ANY TIME?

Once you have arrived and taken up our accommodation it is expected you will remain in our halls of residence for the rest of the year. If you decide to leave the accommodation, because you would like to live somewhere else, you will need to firstly have this approved by the Rector and you will not be entitled to a full or partial refund on your accommodation fees.

IF I NEED TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE ABOUT ACCOMMODATION WHEN I ARRIVE, WHO DO I SEE?

We have staff in all of our residences to assist you and talk to about any issues you may have, please speak to them as they are there to help you. If the problem cannot be resolved then please contact Student Services by emailing studentservices@csvpa.com.

CAN I CHANGE MY CATERING PACKAGE?

Yes you can, but you need to give us a terms notice. Please liaise with our Student Services team by emailing studentservices@csvpa.com for further guidance.

LIVING AS A STUDENT IN THE UK

One of the best part of studying in the UK is meeting new people from all over the World.

Making new friends and living with people from different cultures to yours can take some getting used to. Most student accommodation in the UK has shared kitchens, so be prepared for many different ways of cooking and cleaning which may be different to your own. It is down to everyone to keep the kitchen clean and tidy up after themselves.

You should try to keep your room clean and tidy. When the cleaners come to clean, they can only do so if the floor is clear of mess and rubbish is put in the bin to be emptied. If you leave your room very dirty, and with any damage, you will be charged additional fees.

All student accommodation in the UK is NON-SMOKING. You will be charged if you are found to have been smoking or vaping in your room or have tried to stop the smoke alarm in your room, and you may be asked to leave the accommodation.

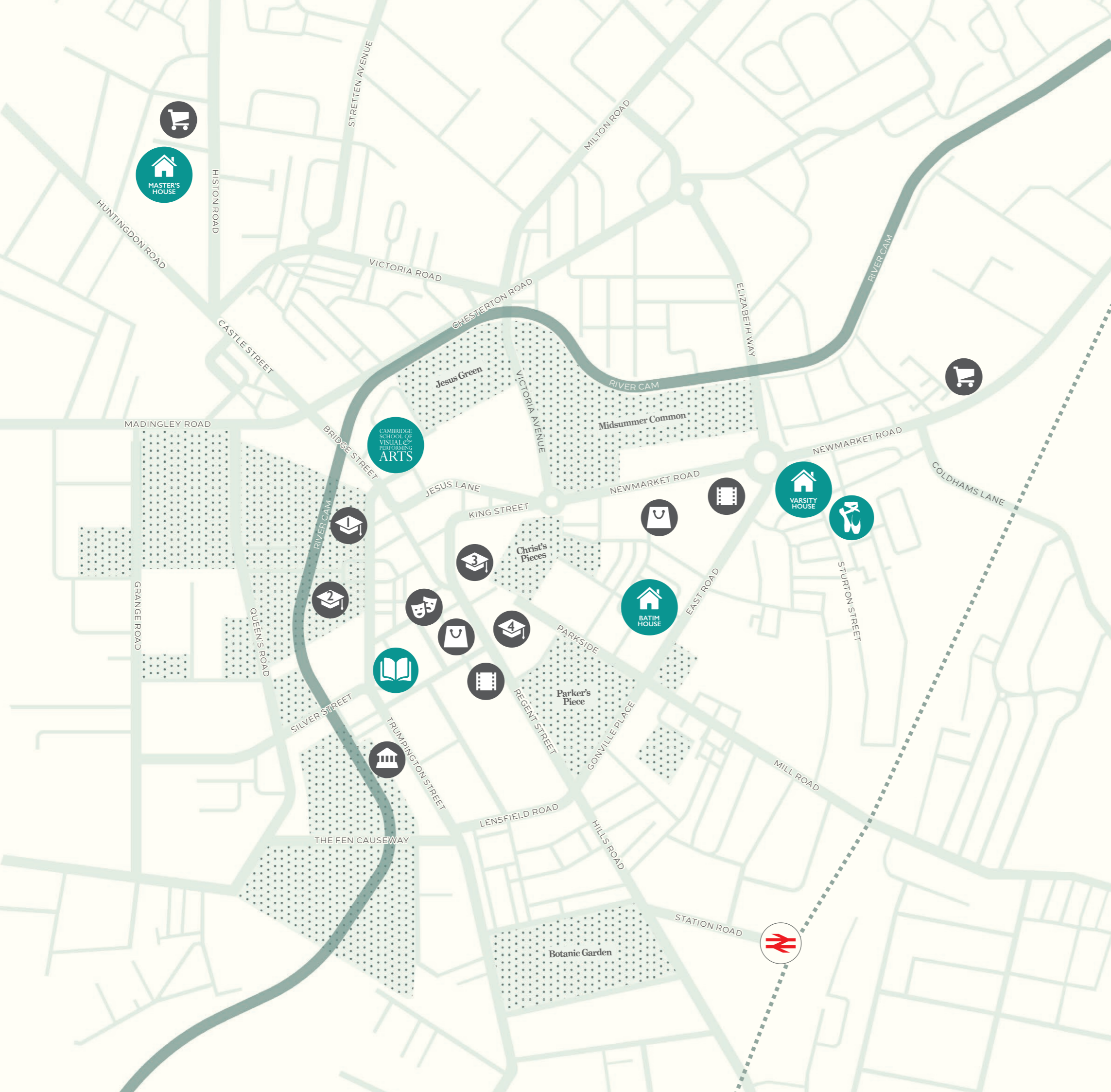
The use of recreational drugs is illegal in the UK and against CSVPA's rules. Again, if we have cause to suspect you are using drugs, you will be subject to college disciplinary processes and possible exclusion from both CSVPA and the accommodation.













TOP TIPS

Save the address and telephone number of your residence in ALL your phones. It is very helpful to show people if you get lost when you first arrive and are new to the area.

Your rooms have a good amount of storage and we also have space outside your room in the building to store your suitcases. All our residences have free laundry facilities so think about how much you actually need to bring with you for each term or semester. Try to only pack what you need.

Cooking equipment is not permitted in your rooms, please do not bring it with you.



-  CSVPA DANCE CENTRE
-  CSVPA ENGLISH LANGUAGE CENTRE
-  CINEMA
-  FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM
-  SUPERMARKET
-  THEATRE/CONCERT VENUE
-  SHOPPING CENTRE
-  TRINITY COLLEGE
-  KING'S COLLEGE
-  CHRIST'S COLLEGE
-  EMMANUEL COLLEGE
-  CAMBRIDGE TRAIN STATION

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