

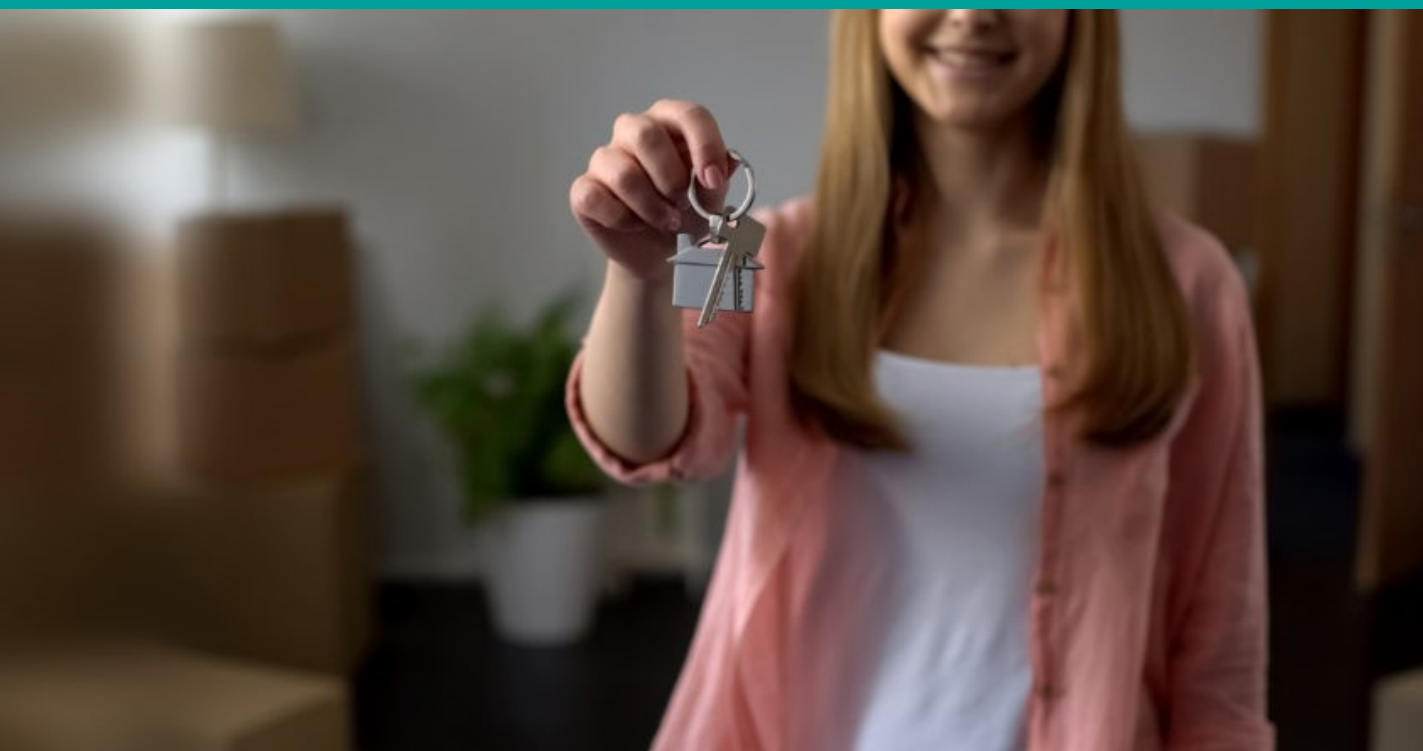


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September

Reduction in the
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rooms

Catered package
£92pw Standard
£126pw En-suite

Comprehensive
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Stran Halls

Living in Halls can be one of the most enjoyable and memorable experiences in your life. Although university will be a bit different this year for us all - academically and socially - Stran Halls will be open from September. Our primary aim is to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of students and, as such, we are introducing a number of measures to minimise the risk to staff and students alike.

These measures, together with the Stran Halls catered accommodation package, will provide students with the opportunity to make the most of student life in a safe, secure environment.



Room Availability

We will continue to offer both standard and en-suite rooms to provide students with the opportunity to enjoy their time at Stranmillis in a safe, secure and friendly environment. However, to provide a safer living environment:

- we are reducing the number of standard and en-suite rooms available for booking.
- bedrooms that are not in use will be used as additional social spaces.

Catering

Stran Halls will continue to provide a catered accommodation package (breakfast and evening meal). To support enhanced cleaning and hygienic procedures, catering will be provided 5 days a week during term-time (breakfast and evening meal Monday-Thursday, with breakfast and lunch on Friday).

In the current climate, the provision of a catered package will further support social distancing by minimising your need for:

- food shopping
- Cooking, eating and washing up in small confined spaces where social distancing is difficult



Fees

Residential fees for the 2020/21 academic year are:

- Standard room £92pw
- En-suite room £126pw

Fees includes single bedroom, catered package, all utilities, high speed wifi in your room and cleaning of communal areas.

Residential contracts are for 37/38 weeks.

Health and Safety

A COVID-19 risk assessment of Halls has been conducted by the College. As a result, a number of measures have been implemented to ensure the health and safety of staff and students. [For further details on these new measures please click here.](#)



Self Isolation

If, for whatever reason, you have to self isolate whilst staying in Halls due to displaying COVID-19 symptoms, the College has reserved alternative accommodation of a similar standard and quality on campus to prevent transmission of the virus to other students in Halls.

Booking

We anticipate high demand for available rooms this year. Stranmillis students will be given a priority booking window until 31st July 2020 on a first come, first served basis. To reserve a place, please contact halls@stran.ac.uk. If you have already submitted an application for Halls, we will be in contact shortly.

Christine Nesbitt
Head of Accommodation Services

Our Commitment

If future government advice results in Stran Halls being closed at any time during the 2020/21 academic year, our commitment to student residents is that they will be released from their residential contract for the period of closure without financial penalty. The College took similar action last year when lockdown took affect in March, releasing students from their contracts with no financial penalty.

The College reserves the right to keep under review the accommodation and catering packages offered in light of government advice regarding COVID-19.