

General Training Reading Sample 6

BINGHAM REGIONAL COLLEGE

International Students' Orientation Programme

What is it?

It is a course which will introduce you to the College and to Bingham. It takes place in the week before term starts, from 24th - 28th September inclusive, but you should plan to arrive in Bingham on the 22nd or 23rd September.

Why do we think it is important?

We want you to have the best possible start to your studies and you need to find out about all the opportunities that college life offers. This programme aims to help you do just that. It will enable you to get to know the College, its facilities and services. You will also have the chance to meet staff and students.

How much will it cost?

International students (non-European Union students)

For those students who do not come from European Union (EU) countries, and who are not used to European culture and customs, the programme is very important and you are strongly advised to attend. Because of this, the cost of the programme, exclusive of accommodation, is built into your tuition fees.

EU students

EU students are welcome to take part in this programme for a fee of £ 195, exclusive of accommodation. *Fees are not refundable.*

Accommodation costs (international and EU students)

If you have booked accommodation for the year ahead (41 weeks) through the College in one of the College residences (Cambourne House, Hanley House, the Student Village or a College shared house), you do not have to pay extra for accommodation during the Orientation programme. If you have not booked accommodation in the College residences, you can ask us to pre-book accommodation for you for one week only (Orientation Programme week) in a hotel with other international students. The cost of accommodation for one week is approximately £ 165. Alternatively, you can arrange your own accommodation for that week in a flat, with friends or a local family.

What is included during the programme?

Meals: lunch and an evening meal are provided as part of the programme, beginning with supper on Sunday 23rd September and finishing with lunch at midday on Friday 28th September. Please note that breakfast is not available.

Information sessions: including such topics as accommodation, health, religious matters, welfare, immigration, study skills, careers and other 'essential information'.

Social activities: including a welcome buffet and a half-day excursion round Bingham.

Transport: between your accommodation and the main College campus, where activities will take place.

Student Accommodation

The College offers five basic accommodation options. Here is some information to help you make your choice

A **CAMBOURNE HOUSE** - self-catering, student residence, located in the town centre about 2 miles from the main College campus. Up to 499 students live in 6, 7 and 8 bedroom flats, all with en-suite shower rooms. Rent is £64 per week, including bills (not telephone). Broadband Internet connections and telephones, with communal kitchen/dining and lounge areas. Parking space is available, with permits costing £60 per term.

B **STUDENT VILLAGE** - features 3, 4, 5 and 7 bedroom, self-catering shared houses for 250 students close to the main College campus. Rent is £60 per week inclusive of bills (except telephone). Parking is available with permits costing £90 for the academic year.

C **HANLEY HOUSE** - a second, modern, self-catering residence in the town centre for 152 students. Eighteen rooms per floor with communal kitchens, lounges, bathrooms and toilets. Rent is £53 per week including bills (not telephone). There is no space for parking nearby.

D **GLENCARRICK HOUSE** - a privately-owned and managed student residence in the town centre above a multi-storey car park, close to a major nightclub and housing 120 students. Rooms are allocated by the College Accommodation Service. Rents range from £58.50 to £68.50 for a single en-suite room or larger en-suite room respectively. A small extra charge is made for electricity.

E **HOUSE SHARES** - this recent initiative is a range of shared houses for 140 students, conforming to standards set by us to meet all legal safety requirements. A room in a shared house costs between £45 and £55 per week, exclusive of bills, and will be within a 4-mile radius of both campuses. As with halls of residence, the rent is payable termly.

Questions 15-20

Do the following statements agree with the information given in this page.

In boxes 15-20 on your answer sheet, write

TRUE if the statement agrees with the information

FALSE if the statement contradicts the information

NOT GIVEN if there is no information on this

15 Participants are advised to arrive one or two days early.

16 The cost of the programme for European Union students, excluding accommodation, is £195.

17 The number of places available is strictly limited.

18 Some students are not charged extra for accommodation during the programme.

19 The College will arrange accommodation with local families.

20 You can obtain breakfast at the College for an extra charge.

Questions 21-27

Look at the accommodation options **A-E** on the given page.

For which options are the following statements true?

Write the correct letter **A-E** in boxes **21-27** on your answer sheet.

NB You may use any letter more than once.

21 This is possibly inconvenient for car owners.

22 This is best if you like surfing the Web.

23 Of the College residences, this has the fewest students.

24 This is a new option offered by the College.

25 You have to organise parking a year at a time.

26 This accommodation does not belong to the College.

27 Here you definitely do not have your own bathroom.

Answer:

15. TRUE 16. TRUE 17. NOT GIVEN 18. TRUE 19. FALSE 20. FALSE 21. C 22. A 23. D 24.
E 25. B 26. D 27. C