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of Glasgow

# ACCOMMODATION GUIDE SUMMER 2020

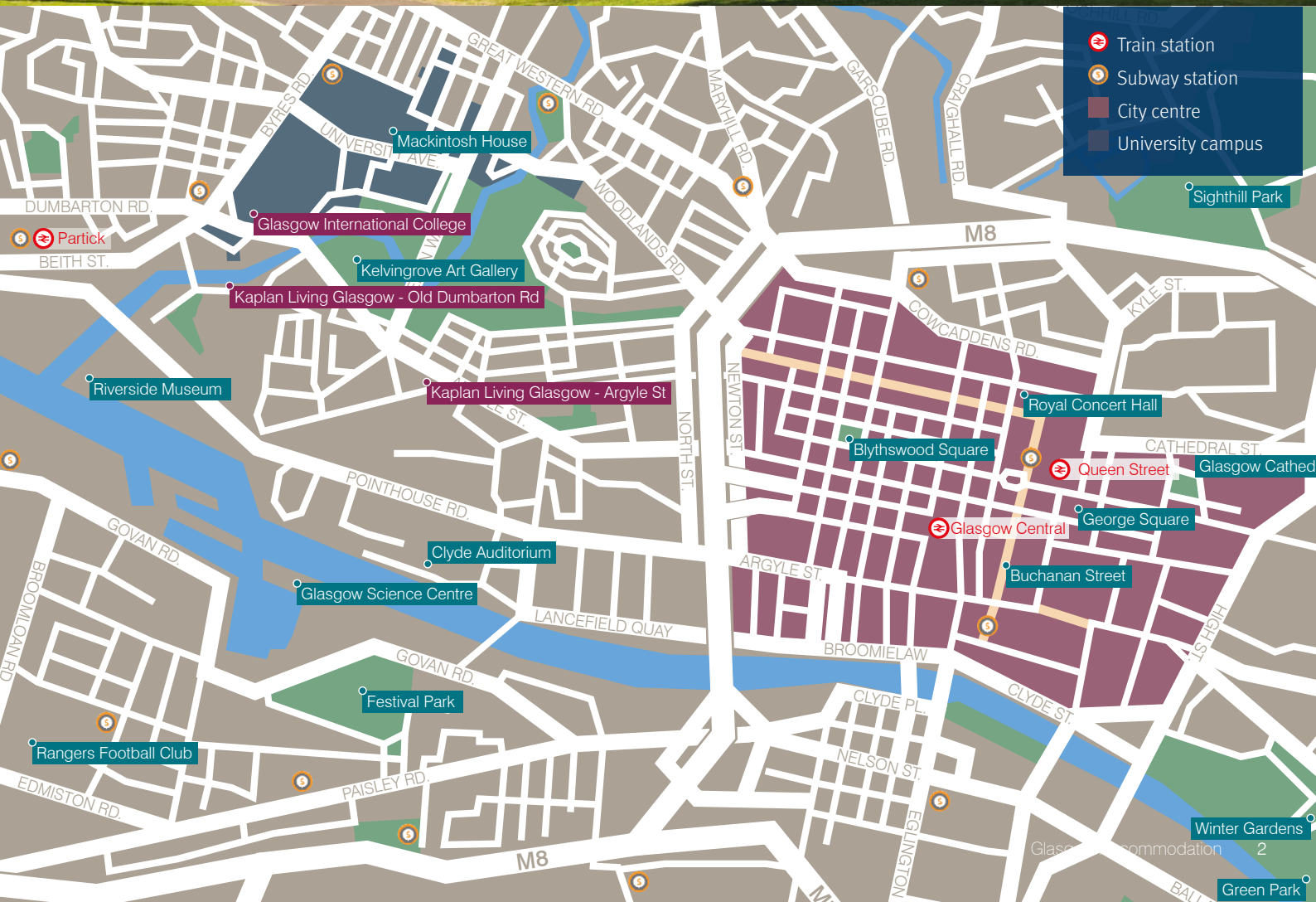
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# LIFE IN GLASGOW

Glasgow is one of Europe's friendliest and most vibrant cities, and has one of the largest student populations in the UK. As the host of the 2014 Commonwealth Games, the city has benefited from a massive £2 billion investment. A world of exciting events and attractions awaits you in the dynamic city of Glasgow.

## History

Immerse yourself in the city's rich cultural history. In addition to the world-famous Kelvingrove Art Gallery there are 6 theatres, over 20 museums and more than 100 cultural organisations to experience.

## Nature

Take a walk around the beautiful Botanic Gardens, just a 15-minute walk from Kaplan Living Glasgow - Old Dumbarton Road residence; or stroll along the picturesque River Kelvin and into Kelvingrove Park.

## Shopping

Explore the famous 'Style Mile' in Glasgow city centre. This is known as the best UK shopping location outside of London, with a range of high street and designer shops.

## Nightlife

The West End of Glasgow offers trendy bars alongside student-friendly pubs, while the city centre is alive with sophisticated nightclubs. Glasgow is also home to world-class music venues including King Tut's and the Barrowlands.

## Food

Try new and exciting cuisine from around the world, as well as the best of traditional Scottish food at a variety of restaurants and cafés.


## Sport


Keep fit and active; join a sports club and use the state-of-the-art sports facilities at the University's Stevenson Building and Garscube Sports Complex.


## Outside the city


Explore the nearby lochs (lakes) and mountains: the stunning scenery of Loch Lomond, the Trossachs and routes to the Highlands are only 40 minutes away.


## Getting around

 **Buses:** a frequent bus service runs across the city. Buses are great value and an easy way to see the sights.

 **Tour Buses:** there are also dedicated City Sightseeing Glasgow buses which stop at all the main attractions across the city, such as Glasgow Cathedral and Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum.

 **Subway:** the Glasgow Subway system is another easy way to get around the city centre and West End of Glasgow. The subway station located closest to the College and the residence is Kelvinhall.

 **Trains:** both of the city's two main train stations, Glasgow Queen Street and Glasgow Central, serve local areas as well as national destinations. Partick station is also a 10-minute walk from Kaplan Living Glasgow - Old Dumbarton Road residence and connects to other routes throughout Scotland.

 **Taxis:** although they are often more expensive than most public transport, taxis in Glasgow are among the cheapest in the UK, and can be convenient for shorter journeys, or when travelling with heavy luggage.

Now that you know more about living in the city, read on to find out what your new home in Glasgow has to offer.



# YOUR NEW HOME

The accommodation options we offer our students have everything you need to help you feel at home from the moment you arrive in Glasgow. Read below to find out what our student residences have to offer.

## Conveniently located

All residences are within easy reach of the College and the city centre, as well as close to shops, restaurants and cafés.

## Well equipped

Bedrooms have a comfortable bed, study desk, chair, storage space and a private bathroom. All kitchens are modern, and are fully equipped with a fridge-freezer, cooker and a convenient microwave.

## Multicultural

In your new home, you will have the chance to make friends with people from all over the world.

It is a great opportunity to learn more about lots of different countries, cultures and languages.

## Private and clean

Make yourself at home in your own bedroom with a private bathroom, in a flat with shared or private kitchen facilities. Each kitchen contains an initial set of household cleaning products, and a regular cleaning service of communal areas is included free of charge. There is also a laundry room in all the buildings for you to wash your clothes in.

## Safe and secure

You can feel at ease in your new home with secure access doors, security cameras and staff available to help solve any problems.

## Social spaces

Enjoy common rooms equipped with a range of exciting entertainment facilities — ideal for spending time with your new friends.

## Independent living

Our accommodation is designed for an independent student life. Students will therefore be responsible for cooking their own meals and cleaning their own rooms and clothes.

## Included benefits

All bills (electricity, gas and water) and internet (WiFi) are included in the accommodation price.

To help to make your move as easy as possible, we provide a free 'student starter pack' with many of the basic items you will need. This means you won't have to rush around the shops on your first day, and can focus on settling right into your new accommodation. This is an extra benefit that would not be available in privately rented accommodation (see right hand column for a detailed list of what might be included).

## Student starter pack

### Bedding

- Duvet with duvet cover
- Pillow with pillow case
- Fitted sheet

### Cooking equipment

- Large stainless steel frying pan
- Stainless steel saucepan
- Tableware (fork and spoon)\*
- Slotted nylon turner
- Nylon ladle
- Vegetable peeler
- Plastic colander
- Solid nylon spoon
- Slotted nylon spoon
- Tin opener

### Tableware

- Dinner plate
- Side plate
- Cereal bowl
- Mug
- Glass tumbler

### Other

- Toilet roll
- Small hand towel
- Welcome toiletries pack (including miniature bath and shower gel, hand and body lotion, shampoo / conditioner and soap)

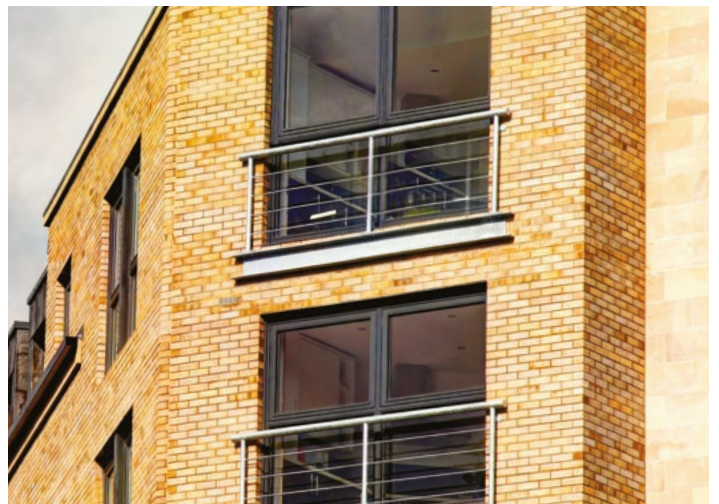
Please note: actual contents of the student starter pack may vary.

\* For legal reasons the College is not permitted to provide knives of any kind to students.

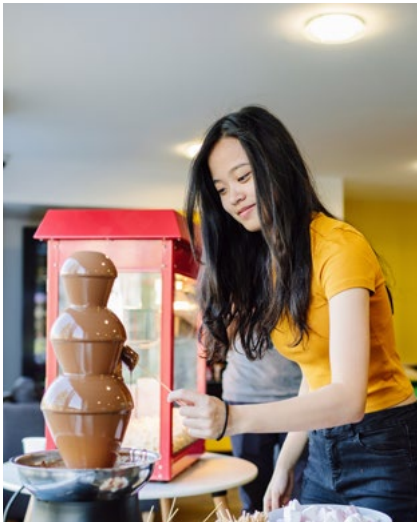
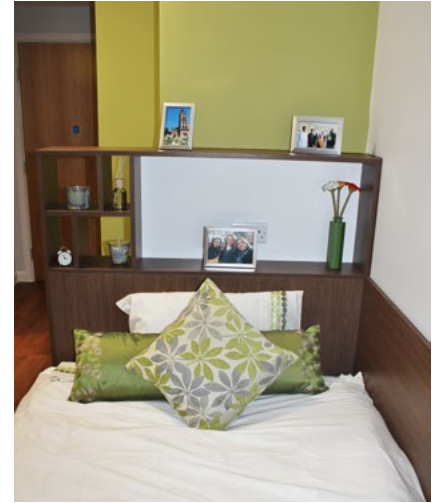
# YOUR ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS IN GLASGOW

Use the table below to compare your options.

	Kaplan Living Glasgow - Old Dumbarton Road	Kaplan Living Glasgow - Argyle Street
Residence	Classic	Classic
Accommodation details	Private bedroom in shared flat with up to 7 students	Private bedroom in shared flat with up to 5 students
Bedroom size	(Approx 12m <sup>2</sup> )	(Approx 13m <sup>2</sup> )
Bedroom details	All bedrooms contain a small double bed, desk, study chair, notice board, wardrobe, under-bed storage, bookshelves and wall heater.	
Bathroom facilities	All bedrooms have a private bathroom, fully equipped with shower, toilet, basin, shelving, shaving point and storage.	
Kitchen facilities	Self-catering with shared kitchen	Self-catering with shared kitchen
Social facilities	Common rooms with table tennis and pool table, TV with streaming device and games console	No on-site facilities but students have access to the facilities at Kaplan Living Glasgow - Old Dumbarton Road
Internet access	WiFi	WiFi
Journey time to the college	5-minute walk	10-minute walk
Security	Secure door entry, on-site security staff and 24/7 security cameras	Secure door entry, 24/7 security cameras and frequent visits from security staff
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Located close to the College</li> <li>- Live with GIC students</li> <li>- On-site entertainment facilities and a quiet study room</li> <li>- Weekly kitchen cleaning service</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ideal for independent students</li> <li>- Live with GIC students</li> <li>- Hotel-style bedrooms</li> <li>- Weekly kitchen cleaning service</li> </ul>
Available to	All students aged 16 and over	All students aged 18 and over







# KAPLAN LIVING GLASGOW OLD DUMBARTON ROAD

Comfortable and cosy, with stunning views of the city and the University.

**Room type:** classic

**Bathroom:** private

**Available to:** students aged 16 and over

**Walk to College:** 5 minutes

- Live with GIC students
- On-site common rooms
- Regular cleaning service
- Table tennis and pool table
- Friendly and helpful residence team

## Features of Kaplan Living Glasgow - Old Dumbarton Road

**Location:** on the banks of the River Kelvin, close to local shops, restaurants, bars and supermarkets.

**Distance:** excellent transport links and only a 5-minute walk to the College.

**Accommodation:** classic bedrooms have small double beds and private bathrooms.

**Kitchen:** classic bedrooms have fully-equipped shared kitchens for up to 7 students.

**Social spaces:** a range of common areas and social spaces including a TV room with a video games console, a lounge room with table tennis and a pool table, and a quiet study room.

**Other facilities:** on-site laundry room, and snacks and drinks vending machines.

**Internet:** WiFi.

**Cleaning:** shared areas including the kitchen are cleaned regularly, free of charge.

**Security:** secure door entry, on-site security staff and 24/7 security cameras.

See page 10 for full details of prices and accommodation lengths.

# KAPLAN LIVING GLASGOW

## ARGYLE STREET

Ideal for students who enjoy being independent.

**Room type:** classic

**Bathroom:** private

**Available to:** students aged 18 and over

**Walk to College:** 10 minutes

- Ideal for independent students
- Live with GIC students
- Hotel-style bedrooms
- Weekly cleaning service

### Features of Kaplan Living Glasgow - Argyle Street

**Location:** in the city's fashionable West End, close to a range of shops, restaurants, bars and supermarkets, as well as museums and art galleries.

**Distance:** excellent transport links and just a 10-minute walk to the College.

**Accommodation:** premium hotel-style bedrooms with small double beds and private bathrooms.

**Kitchen:** fully equipped shared kitchen and dining area.

**Social spaces:** access to a TV room, table tennis and pool table at Kaplan Living Glasgow - Old Dumbarton Road residence, which is located nearby.

**Events:** students are welcome to join all social events held at Kaplan Living Glasgow - Old Dumbarton Road residence.

**Other facilities:** on-site laundry facilities and secure bicycle storage.

**Internet:** WiFi.

**Cleaning:** shared areas including kitchens are cleaned every week, free of charge.

**Security:** secure door entry, 24/7 security cameras, and frequent visits from security staff.

See page 10 for full details of prices and accommodation lengths.





# WHAT STUDENTS SAY



**Josef, Angola**  
Engineering student

"I really like my accommodation – it's one of the best places I've ever stayed at. The staff are really helpful; I lost my keys more than 10 times and they always help! I feel like we are a family and I belong here at GIC."





**Zaryab, Pakistan**  
Engineering student

“The security and reception staff are great. It’s so clean, and they work hard to keep all the facilities up-to-date. They also often organise free activities like games nights, as well as movie nights and pizza nights.”



**Helin, China**  
Business student

“My accommodation is a 3-bedroom flat, which I share with my 2 roommates. There’s a common room with a PS4, table tennis and pool table. It’s great for meeting other students. The reception staff are always friendly and you can approach them with any questions you might have.”

# ACCOMMODATION DATES AND PRICES

The table below shows the standard payment structure for accommodation in Spring 2020. Please pay the £250 security deposit in order to secure your room.

Accommodation option		Accommodation length				First payment (Security deposit*)	Second payment	Third payment	Fourth payment	Total accommodation price
Residence name	Type of room	Start date	End date	Number of weeks	Number of terms	Before you arrive	When you arrive	Before second term	Before third term	
Courses starting in June										
Old Dumbarton	Classic	06/06/20	05/09/20	13	1	£250	£2,457	n/a	n/a	£2,707
Argyle	Classic						£2,613	n/a	n/a	£2,863
Old Dumbarton	Classic	06/06/20	26/06/21	55	3	£250	£4,536	£4,536	£1,323	£10,645
Old Dumbarton	Classic	06/06/20	04/09/21	65	4	£250	£4,536	£4,536	£3,213	£12,535
Courses starting in July										
Old Dumbarton	Classic	18/07/20	05/09/20	7	0.5	£250	£1,323.00	n/a	n/a	£1,573.00
Argyle	Classic						£1,407.00	n/a	n/a	£1,657.00
Old Dumbarton	Classic	18/07/20	26/06/21	49	2.5	£250	£4,536	£4,536	£189	£9,511
Old Dumbarton	Classic	18/07/20	04/09/21	59	3.5	£250	£4,536	£4,536	£2,079	£11,401

Accommodation for students under 18 years of age: where possible, the College will accommodate students under 18 years of age in a single-sex flat with other students under 18 years old. If this option is not available, we'll notify the student's parents or legal guardian to offer alternative accommodation. Students aged under 18 on their start date are expected to live in College-arranged housing.

\* Your £250 deposit will be returned to you when you move out of your room. Please note, your deposit will not be fully returned if the room is damaged or left in bad condition, or if there are any accommodation penalty charges outstanding.

Please note: the College reserves the right to change the properties advertised and / or prices quoted. If this happens, alternative options of an equivalent standard will be made available at similar prices. All prices shown are correct at time of publication but are subject to change. Published August 2019.



# HOW TO BOOK

Follow the simple steps below to book your accommodation.  
Use the answers on the next page for more help.

1 Use the [Accommodation Dates and Prices page](#) in this guide to choose the option that matches your course dates.

2 When applying to study on a course, you can indicate your preferred room type on the application form. We will then record your accommodation preferences and send you further information with your tuition offer letter.

**OR**

If you have already completed the course application form, you can complete the online [Accommodation Form](#) to indicate your accommodation preferences, based on the information given in this guide.

3 Once you have accepted your offer, we will be able to confirm your accommodation option. We will reserve a room for you and send you an Accommodation Agreement. You will then need to complete the following steps in order to secure your booking:

- 1) Fill in your guarantor details on the Accommodation Agreement
- 2) Both you (the tenant) and your guarantor will need to read and sign the Accommodation Agreement, and then return it by the accommodation confirmation date, which can be found in the Agreement. A third person must also witness the signatures, and provide their own details on the Agreement.
- 3) If you have not done so already, you will also need to pay a £250 security deposit to secure the room.

4 When you are ready to come to the UK and have booked a flight, you will need to confirm your arrival details by completing the online [Pre-Arrival form](#). The College will be able to book and confirm transfers for you, and more details are provided in the Pre-Arrival Guide. Please submit your arrival details at least two weeks before you fly to ensure the College and your accommodation are prepared for your arrival.

## Accommodation guarantee dates

We can guarantee accommodation to all students who submit their Accommodation Form before the dates below, and have accepted their offer to study.

Accommodation start date	Guarantee deadline*
June 2020	1 <sup>st</sup> May 2020
July 2020	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2020

\* While every effort will be made to allocate your first choice, we cannot guarantee this, and you may be offered another accommodation type or location. If you submit your form after the date listed, we cannot guarantee you accommodation, but will make every effort to find suitable housing for your studies at the College.

# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## **What is a guarantor?**

A guarantor is someone who will be legally responsible for any accommodation fees you are unable to or fail to pay.

## **May I change the length of my accommodation?**

You may not change your accommodation length after you have booked and signed your Accommodation Agreement.

## **What is the Accommodation Agreement?**

The Accommodation Agreement is a contract confirming the details of your accommodation. By signing your Accommodation Agreement, you are agreeing, under UK law, to pay for your accommodation for the full length of the accommodation contract.

## **What is the security deposit?**

The security deposit is £250 and is the first payment you have to make for your accommodation. This indicates to us that you are interested in taking our accommodation and can be paid at any time in the application process. Once you receive your Accommodation Agreement, the £250 will be deposited with My Deposit Scotland and will be returned to you when you leave your accommodation. However, your deposit will not be fully returned if the room is damaged or left in a bad condition, or if there are any accommodation penalty charges outstanding.

## **What is evidence of payment?**

Evidence of payment can be a copy of the payment receipt, bank statement, banker's draft or via Flywire.

## **What happens if I miss the accommodation confirmation deadline?**

If you fail to complete the required steps to secure your booking by the accommodation confirmation date, your agreement may be cancelled and your room given to another student to book. If your Accommodation Agreement is cancelled and you would still like to book accommodation with us, you will be offered the next available room. If you decide not to take this room, refund of any fees paid will only be granted in line with our terms and conditions and may be subject to an administration fee.

## **When can I move into my room?**

You will be able to move into your room from the start date of your contract, but only if you have already sent your signed Accommodation Agreement and paid your security deposit.

## **Can I get a refund if I leave the College?**

If you leave the College for any reason after starting your course, your accommodation fees will not be refunded..



# HOW TO PAY

Follow the advice below to find out how you can make payments towards your accommodation.

## Payment structure

Course	Security deposit Payment to be made before you arrive in the UK	Remaining payments On arrival
All courses	£250	Depending on your accommodation option, pay the remaining amount when you arrive at the College and before your second term (if applicable)



### How can I pay?

Before you arrive, you can make your first payment using one of the methods below:

#### Bank transfer / credit or debit card to Flywire.

1. Visit [gicglasgow.flywire.com](http://gicglasgow.flywire.com)
2. Choose your country and the amounts you are paying in Pounds Sterling
3. Choose your payment method and make your payment to Flywire
4. Enter the payer details and those of the student you are paying for
5. Track and confirm your payment by email, SMS or by logging into [gicglasgow.flywire.com](http://gicglasgow.flywire.com)

#### Bank draft in Pounds Sterling payable to Glasgow International College for the deposit.

#### Electronic Transfer in Pounds Sterling for the deposit to the following account:

**Bank Account Name:** Kaplan Glasgow Ltd

**Bank Name:** HSBC Bank plc

**Sort Code:** 40-11-60

**Bank Account Number:** 10004022

**BIC:** HBUKGB4B

**IBAN NO:** GB26 HBUK 4011 6010 004022

**Bank Address:** 60 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4N 4TR

Remember to include evidence of your first payment when you return your signed Accommodation Agreement to reserve your chosen accommodation option. Remember to include your family name and student number (found on your offer letter) as payment reference.

When you arrive at the residence to check in, you must pay your next instalment of accommodation fees. This can be done by credit / debit card, Flywire or bank transfer.

#### Please note:

- The £250 deposit is used to book your accommodation and will be returned to you when you leave your accommodation.
- Your deposit will not be fully returned if the room is damaged or left in bad condition, or if there are any accommodation penalty charges outstanding.
- If your visa application is unsuccessful, please send a copy of your visa refusal documents (or other evidence) to your Admissions Advisor for review. A decision will then be made regarding eligibility for refund in line with the company's terms and conditions.
- If we do not receive your security deposit and signed Accommodation Agreement, you will not be able to move into your room.

# WORLD CHANGERS WELCOME

## JOIN US AND MAKE YOUR MARK

### FIND OUT MORE

Visit the links below or contact us for more information. We look forward to helping you make Glasgow your new home.

#### Useful links:

- 👉 [kaplanpathways.life/gic-housing](https://kaplanpathways.life/gic-housing)
- 👉 [kaplanpathways.com/gic-applicants](https://kaplanpathways.com/gic-applicants)
- 👉 [gla.ac.uk/international](https://gla.ac.uk/international)
- 👉 [gla.ac.uk/studentlife](https://gla.ac.uk/studentlife)
- 👉 [peoplemakeglasgow.com](https://peoplemakeglasgow.com)

#### Search: KaplanPathways



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@ [pathways.accommodation@kaplan.com](mailto:pathways.accommodation@kaplan.com)

For accommodation queries:

☎ Central Accommodation Team: +44 (0)208 727 3500

For arrival or any other queries:

☎ College: +44 (0)141 330 8667

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