



NEWMAN HOUSE CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

for London's Universities

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APPLICATION FOR RESIDENCE

Before completing the form and returning it to Newman House by email, **please read** all accompanying notes. Your application **must** be accompanied by the following supporting documents.

1. A letter stating why you wish to live in Newman House, and what contribution you would make to the life of the community.
2. Two written references, one of which should be from your Parish Priest or College Chaplain.
3. A recent passport-sized photograph of yourself. Please insert it into the box provided in the form.

Applications will not be considered until all accompanying documents have been received.

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL DOCUMENTS BY EMAIL



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Dear Student,

Newman House is *both* the **Catholic Chaplaincy for university students** in Central London and a **small residential hall** which offers students a unique opportunity of living for one year in an adult Catholic community.

We are pleased to provide you here with information about *living* at Newman House. The past academic year has again been a vibrant one, with all the benefits of living together in a supportive community of faith, centred on the worship of Jesus Christ in the Chapel at the heart of our House. In the new academic year (2025–26) Newman House and its resident student body will build on the many successes of the year just gone. There is a very rich community life at Newman House, which is then the hub of the wider, welcoming Chaplaincy.

Newman House is *far more* than just another hall of residence. In many ways we are quite demanding of the students who live here. In order for Newman House to retain and build upon its ethos as a *Catholic* residential community, we expect applicants to be those who want to participate fully in the community and spiritual life of the House. For our part, we will seek to help you to develop your experience of the Catholic Faith in a way that is positive and enriching. We base this upon the three pillars of *community, spirituality and mission*.

In order to achieve these aims, you need to know that the following are understood, at the outset, to be part of the *normal commitment* of those who are resident at Newman House:

1. That you would be regular in your **attendance at Mass in the Newman House Chapel** on Sundays, i.e. that you will regard it as your *parish* for each Sunday of term time, barring occasional exceptions.
2. That you make a commitment to **take part in at least some of the activities for formation**, and the development of your spiritual life.
3. That you be regular in your **commitment to one of the House Jobs** allocated to residents.

If this opportunity of residing in a Catholic community attracts you, and you feel called to take on these commitments above, please complete and return the attached application form. Note that applications for residence must be for the *full* 2025–26 academic year, i.e. for a **minimum of 39 weeks**.

If you wish to find out more about living at Newman House, please feel free to visit us, and I, or Chris Castell will happily discuss it with you. God bless you as you pray and reflect on committing yourself to a faith-filled year at Newman House.

Fr Philip Miller
Senior Chaplain

NEWMAN HOUSE CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY: INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

Newman House is both the centre for the Catholic Chaplaincy to London's Universities, and a small residential hall which offers students a unique opportunity of living for one year in an adult Catholic community. Situated in the heart of London's student district, Newman House provides 65 residential places.

Included in the Rent:

- Accommodation in a single bedroom, with desk, sink and washbasin, and the usual furnishings for a bedroom, for a minimum of 39 weeks.
- Breakfast and main meal each day of the week.
- Shared Bathroom facilities
- Utilities (water, power, etc)
- Use of shared areas: Chapel, Library, TV Room, Bar, Garden Area, Iron.
- VAT
- Wireless broadband

Additional Facilities

- Card operated Laundry facilities
- Bar

You should bring:

- your own bedding and towels,
- plates, mugs, cutlery etc, for use outside the catered meal times.

RESIDENCE PERIOD & PAYMENT OF FEES

- Accommodation is only offered for a **full academic year of 39 weeks**. Once you have been accepted as part of the residential community at Newman House, you are liable for the fees for the full 39 weeks. These are listed in the box below, and are payable in advance at the beginning of each term.
- A deposit of £500 is payable to confirm you have accepted the offer of a place. This is returnable at the end of the year provided the keys have not been lost or damage been done to the property.
- Normally rooms must be vacated at the end of the Academic Year, but arrangements may be made for students whose studies continue beyond that time.
- **No responsibility is taken for the loss of personal property.** Students should provide their own insurance cover.

Residents are expected to take a full part in the running of the House, including the Chapel, thereby making Newman House a welcoming place to non-resident visitors and guests.

BEFORE COMPLETING THE FORM, PLEASE NOTE

Newman House is a Catholic residence for full-time students at one of the London universities.

There are a limited number of places available, and in order to give the best possible experience to residents, it is important that everyone is committed to the life of the community.

If you are considering applying to live here for the Academic Year, we draw your attention to the following:

1. Our primary responsibility is to the Catholic Community, and, as such, it is seldom possible to offer places to people who are not Catholic. Catholic students who apply are expected to be committed to their faith and to make Newman House their main place of worship.
2. We are only able to accept those **enrolled in a course of full-time study at a university or institute of higher education.**
3. Applications must be for a full 39 weeks.
4. We only accept those who are under 28 years of age at the beginning of the Academic Year.
5. Priority is normally given to students who are **not** first year undergraduates.

We regret that we are not usually able to offer places to applicants who are ordained, members of a religious order or married.

WEEKLY ROOM RATES FOR THE FULL ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

(for a minimum period of 39 weeks)

Bandings are calculated on a scale based on size, location and other factors.

Band A+ (very limited availability)	£275.00
BAND A	£270.00
BAND B	£265.00
BAND C	£260.00

Fees are payable in full within two weeks of the start of each period of residence.

These rates apply from 1st September 2025 until 30th June 2026

The Newman House Term Dates are

- **TERM 1** Saturday 13th September – Saturday 27th December (15 weeks)
- **TERM 2** Saturday 27th December – Saturday 21st March (12 weeks)
- **TERM 3** Saturday 21st March – Saturday 13th June (12 weeks)

SUMMARY OF THE NEWMAN HOUSE LICENCE AGREEMENT

1. Residents' rental commitment is for a minimum of a 39-week academic year, divided into three periods of residence (semesters or terms).
2. Residents commit to fulfilling their house job as an integral part of their place in Newman House.
3. Residents make a commitment to take part in the life of the Chaplaincy community, taking advantage of the opportunities provided to deepen the life of faith.
4. Rents are charged for the full license period; there is no rebate for late arrival or early departure.
5. Rent for each period of residence is payable in full at the commencement of each term.
6. If you vacate your room in Newman House during a period of residence there will be no refund of rent paid for that period.
7. In cases of hardship or difficulty, the Finance & Operations Manager will always be willing to meet with individual students to seek a solution.
8. Any resident who is found to be in breach of the Licence Agreement, or to be causing undue disruption in the House will be asked to leave.

PLEASE NOTE

If you are offered a place, you will be required to sign a Licence Agreement, and to pay a deposit of five hundred pounds (£500) to confirm your intention to take up residence. This deposit is not refundable if you cancel.

If you lose your keys, you will be charged for replacements, which may entail locks being changed.

At the end of your stay your deposit will be returned to you when you return your keys, providing there has been no damage to Newman House property and your room has been left in a clean state.

Application for Residence 2025-26

[CLICK HERE to Proceed to Application Form](#)