

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HANDBOOK

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International Student Support



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University**

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Welcome

We are very pleased that you have chosen to study at Harper Adams University and we hope that you find your stay here both rewarding and enjoyable.

This handbook contains a range of useful information for when you arrive, including staff contact details, academic calendar, life in the UK, study support, welfare support and social life.

Harper Adams University is set in the small village of Edgmond in the rural county of Shropshire, in the heart of a mixed farming area. Due to the importance of agriculture to the economy of the local area, there are also many businesses which supply the farming community and the location of the university provides a unique perspective on a variety of farming systems and the food supply chain.

The beautiful local countryside provides opportunities for walking, cycling and horse riding. Within one hour's drive there are also the Welsh mountains, the North Wales coastline, the Peak District and the Shropshire Hills for those interested in climbing, mountain biking, canoeing and other outdoor pursuits.

Harper Adams University

University Contact Information

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Newport is the nearest town to Harper Adams (3 km distance) and has a variety of food and retail shops. It has a small indoor market on Friday and Saturday mornings and a bus station which offers connections to larger nearby towns and mainline railway stations.

The historic town of **Shrewsbury** is a 30-minute bus ride away. The urban town of **Telford** is a similar distance in the opposite direction. Both offer access to shopping, the arts, cinema, theatre and train stations for travel around the UK. The UK's second city, **Birmingham**, is less than one hour's drive away (or 30 minutes by train from Telford).

Campus security

Operational all year round (out of hours) 07980 061128

Student Wardens

These are final year students, resident on campus to deal with safety and wellbeing and to provide out of office hours support (during term time only) 07976 881772 The Wardens are supported by Residences Officers, based in Harris Hall of Residence. The Residences Officers provide friendly and reassuring support to students living on campus.

Student Support

Student Services

The Student Services Department is located in the Faccenda Centre (FF8) and supports all students during the whole study period on campus, covering the following areas:

- International student support
- Accommodation
- Student experience
- Financial support and advice
- Medical support services with links to local GP, dentist and sexual health services
- Student wellbeing with mental health, counselling and chaplaincy services
- Travel advice including provision of a shuttle-bus service and cycle hire

Useful Contact

General Student Queries - StudentServices@harper-adams.ac.uk

Accommodation Office - AccommodationOffice@harper-adams.ac.uk

International Student Support - InternationalStudentSupport@harper-adams.ac.uk

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University Chaplain

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Students' Union (SU)



The SU, located on the first floor of the Faccenda Centre, will play an important part in helping you to fill your free time. As well as running all of the student societies and sports clubs, the SU also organises events such as balls, club nights, gigs, quizzes and comedy nights, and makes sure the bar stays well stocked. Your Students' Union President and the team, are your first point of contact for all social, sporting and extra-curricular activities. If you want to know what is happening on campus or if you want to suggest something new, speak to your Students' Union.

President

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English Language Support

English Language support is available for all registered Harper Adams University international students and the following is offered:

- Timetabled English language support classes for undergraduates, working on areas such as: academic reading, writing, listening, critical thinking, research and presentations.
- Access for all international students to pre-bookable one-to-one tutorial support.
- Evening English classes focusing on reading, writing, listening, speaking and exam preparation (IELTS).

Call in to the English Language Support Office (FS6) once you arrive, to discuss your requirements with the English language tutors. You will be expected to attend ALL your timetabled English language support classes. Experience shows that students who regularly attend English language support sessions are much more successful in their studies. There are many aspects of language used for academic study that can have an enormous impact on the quality of your work.

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Careers Service

The Careers Service, located in FS8, second floor of Faccenda Centre, aims to provide information and advice as below:

- Help you with your CV: help you to show you're the perfect candidate

- Improve your job and study applications, i.e. postgraduate application
- Offer advice on how to handle interviews with ease

Careers Advisor and Service Manager

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Academic Calendar 2021-2022

Autumn Term (11 weeks)	Monday 4th October – Sunday 19th December 2021
Christmas Holiday	Monday 20st December 2021 - Sunday 12th January 2022
Spring Term (11 weeks)	Monday 17th January - Sunday 27th Marc 2022
Easter Holiday	Monday 4th April - Sunday 30th April 2022
Summer Term (9 weeks)	Monday 2nd May - Sunday 3rd July 2022
National Bank Holidays (In England)	<p>Monday 27th December 2021 Christmas Day (substitute day)</p> <p>Tuesday 28st December 2021 Boxing Day (substitute day)</p> <p>Monday 3rd January 2022 New Year’s Day (substitute day)</p> <p>Friday 15th April 2022 Good Friday</p> <p>Monday 18th April 2022 Easter Monday</p> <p>Monday 2nd May 2022 Early May Bank Holiday</p> <p>Thursday 2nd June 2022 Spring Bank Holiday</p> <p>Friday 3rd June 2022 Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday</p>
<p>For postgraduates, term time may vary. Please check your timetable or contact Taught Postgraduate Office PGSupport@harper-adams.ac.uk for more information.</p>	

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Transition to the UK-Induction

For students from overseas starting courses in September/October, there is an induction programme which we strongly recommend you attend. In light of COVID-19 Pandemic, the programme will be blended, If you have any questions in relation to International Induction, please contact [International Student Support](#)

For queries on general Induction, for TPGs, please contact [Taught Postgraduate Office](#).

During Induction day(s)/week(s), you will:

- get to know your way around the campus
- get to know members of staff
- receive introductions to the library and IT facilities
- attend workshops on important aspects of university study and life in the UK

Induction is also a chance to get to know other international and UK colleagues. You will be supported with registering with the on-campus Doctors surgery, opening a bank account and if necessary, collecting BRP cards and registering with the local Police. For resident students, you will get to know your Student Wardens, who are final-year students living on campus.

Immigration

What is a Biometric Resident Permit (BRP)?

For most international students, if you are granted leave to enter the UK for more than six months you will receive a biometric residence permit (BRP) after arrival in the UK. Before you come to the UK, successful applicants will be issued with a vignette in their passport. The vignette is proof only of your permission to enter the UK and will allow you to travel to the UK. If you do not travel to the UK within the period, stated on vignette, you will have to apply for another vignette, for which there will be an additional fee. In many cases your vignette will start on the date you indicated as your intended travel date in your visa application.

A BRP is a plastic card (similar to a credit card), which contains your personal information, your biometric information (photograph and fingerprints) and your immigration status and conditions. It can also be used as a form of identification (for example, if you wish to open a bank account in the UK). The holder is not required to carry their permit at all times, but they must show it at the border, together with their passport, when travelling outside of, and when returning to, the UK. If you selected



Post Office collection/University collection you must collect your biometric residence permit within 10 days of arrival in the UK from the Post Office branch/university detailed in your decision letter. When you attend the Post Office branch to collect your biometric residence permit or when you collect the permit card from university, you must bring with you the passport or travel document which contains your 30-day visa. You should also bring your decision letter with you, if possible, as it will help the staff to locate your BRP quickly. If you do not collect your BRP within 10 days of arrival in the UK you may be subject to a financial penalty or cancellation of your leave. **If you are required to quarantine upon arrival in the UK, you must not collect your BRP until your quarantine period has ended. There will be no penalty for collecting your BRP late in this circumstance. An appointment system will be in place for those students who are required to collect their BRP from the University.**

Check that your BRP includes all the correct information:

- your name and date of birth
- type of permit: you are a Tier 4 (General) student
- the start and end dates of the permission
- whether you can work
- for some students, the instruction to register with the police.

If there's a problem with your BRP such as your name, date of birth, or the start and end dates of the permission, when it arrives, report it within 10 days, by completing the online form on the [Home Office website](#). Otherwise you may have to apply for a [replacement](#).

What must I do if my biometric residence permit is lost or stolen?

- If your biometric residence permit is lost or stolen, you must report the loss or theft to the police and obtain a police report and a crime reference number as soon as possible.
- If your biometric residence permit is lost or stolen while you are in the UK and the lost or stolen BRP was valid for 3 months or more, you must report it and order a replacement online within 3 months of losing it.

- If your permit is lost or stolen while you are outside the UK, you must report it and apply for a Replacement BRP visa in order to re-enter the UK. You must then apply for a new biometric residence permit within 1 month of re-entering the UK.
- If you do not apply for a replacement permit, you may have to pay a financial penalty of up to £1,000, or we may shorten your permission to stay.
- Report it and order a replacement [online](#)
- [BRP Replacement Guidance Note](#)

If you need assistance, please contact [International Student Support](#).

Tier 4 Conditions

BRP collection

You will be able to collect your BRP card from the University when your visa application is successful. This is ONLY applied to student visa, not including dependants or other types of visa. In order to collect BRP on campus, you must enter ACL code on your Tier 4 visa application. ACL code for student visa applicants studying in Harper Adams University is 2HE877. Collection of your BRP will be arranged as part of enrolment. Once you're in the UK, you must usually collect your BRP before your vignette expires or within 10 days of arriving in the UK, whichever is later.

Police Registration

If you applied outside the UK, some students need to register the police after arriving in the UK with a visa. Check your visa "vignette" (sticker in your passport). You must register if it has 'Police registration' or 'Register with police in 7 days of entry' on it, after collecting your BRP. After you register, the police will give you a registration certificate. While your visa or permission lasts, you should keep the certificate and update the police within seven days if your details change, i.e. change of your address, extension of your student visa leave, if you renew your passport and so on. **If you are required to quarantine upon arrival in the UK, you should register with police as soon as quarantine is ended and your BRP is collected.** If you don't register or fail to notify police of any changes, your permission to stay might be shortened and you'll have to leave the UK. You can also be stopped from getting or extending a UK visa in future. For details, see [here](#).

Extending Your Student Visa

Your visa will be long enough for you to complete your course. If you need to extend your student visa, you should apply under student visa through the points-based system. You need to get a confirmation of acceptance for studies (CAS) which will be issued by the University and apply for the visa within 6 months of getting the CAS, before your current visa expires, but no more than 3 months before the course start date on the CAS. For details, please see [here](#).

If you require visa support, please contact [International Student Support](#)

Changes in Circumstances

If your circumstances change during your studies, you should report these changes to the University, and the Home Office may need to be informed. You can report a change of circumstances, i.e. changing address, through the [guide](#) on the Home Office website. Other changes, for example, completing the course earlier than expected, must be reported to the University as your student visa sponsor. The University is responsible to submit reports to Home Office. There could be implications for your student visa in most circumstances. If your visa is affected, you will be informed of what you need to do.

Academic Engagement and Attendance Monitoring

All students at the University are required to attend all scheduled classes, including supervisory meetings, academic guidance sessions and any other interactions which they have been informed of directly by either their course tutor or administrator. Attendance will be recorded and monitored. For students with student visa, attendance monitoring is also required as part of the University's obligations as a student-visa sponsor. Further details can be found in the Attendance Policy and Student Visa policy which will be available at www.harper.ac.uk/keyinfo at the start of term.

Working while Studying

If you're studying in the UK on a student visa, you can take on some part-time work in the UK. Depending on your visa, you will only be able to work a maximum of 10-20 hours per week in term-time. On your student visa, you are not allowed to take on a full-time job or be self-employed. If there is a work placement or internship as part of the course you're studying, you'll be allowed to do this, even if it is full-time work. You can also work more hours in the holidays, providing there are no specific restrictions on your visa. Please be aware that your primary purpose is your studies so working to the maximum number of hours allowed is likely to have a detrimental impact on the success of your studies. It is an immigration offence to work in excess of the hours stated on your visa.

Support & Advice

If you need support on your Tier 4 visa application, please contact [International Student Support](#)

For more information on visa regulations and advice, you can also visit:

[UK Visas and Immigration \(UKVI\)](#)

[Tier 4 Guidance](#)

[UK Council for International Student Affairs \(UKCISA\)](#)

Keeping Safe

If you receive an unexpected email, telephone call or letter from someone who claims to be from the Home Office, it may be a scam. The Home Office will never contact you to ask for money or your personal details. Please see the [guidance: fraud, tricks and scams and how to protect yourself](#) on the government website.

If you are suspicious:

- do not give out any personal information, or confirm that any personal information they have is correct
- do not pay them any money
- do not pay them using electronic vouchers

Please contact the University or the local Police should you be concerned that you have been targeted.

Learning Resources

The Bamford Library

The library offers access to 40,000 book titles and several thousand print and electronic journals. USE THEM!!! If in doubt about how to access this, all of the staff working in the library are very happy to help you find any information you may require. The Library offer referencing and researching help which is VERY USEFUL. Students can get support from the [library team](#) or use the [Library Live Chat](#).



All new students receive a Library induction to help you use the library resources effectively. Friendly, experienced and knowledgeable staff are available to help you develop information-related skills and find the information that you need to be a successful student.

Computing services

The information services team develops and delivers digital information and learning opportunities for students and staff across the campus, and where appropriate, to partner institutions and work-based students. This involves the continual improvement of University systems to make them pertinent to each and every individual's requirement. It also means the on-going development of the systems to improve the performance, reliability and security of the services that are provided

Overall there are approximately 500 computers/terminals provided by the University for use by the students that regularly study on the campus. Networked personal computers are available throughout the campus. The [information service desk](#) has staff able to help you with any issues you may have regarding I.T. There is also internet access through a JANET and wireless connection. Wireless access is available in the Bamford Library, Faccenda and other shared spaces around the campus, including selected classrooms, meeting rooms and social areas.

All halls of residence have wireless access, including Flatt Road, Flatt Farm, Newtown, Silcock, Princess Royal Hall and Poultry Drive university accommodation.

All students have access to a university e-mail account, where important information from tutors, the University, and the social side of university life can be found. Make sure you check your university email account regularly.

Teaching & Learning Methods

You may find the style of teaching and learning very different from what you are used to. In the UK, students are expected to have and share their opinions.

IT IS NOT RUDE to ask questions or even to disagree with someone, if you can say why your input is a valuable part of the learning process!

You are responsible for:

- Organising your own work
- Being on time
- Making arrangements to see tutors and keeping their appointments
- Listening and making notes during lectures
- Answering and asking questions during classes
- Managing your time effectively
- Handing in work on time



MAKE SURE you check your Harper Adams E-mails REGULARLY! This is the **main** way your tutors will inform you of last minute changes to classes, requirements for your course and other need-to-know information.

Transport Information

By train

From Heathrow airport, near London:

Depending on which terminal you arrive, you may need to change from Paddington Station to London Euston. Then you can take a train from London Euston to Stafford Train Station. On arrival at Stafford train station, you would then need to take a bus or taxi to campus. If you take public bus to campus, you need to get Bus 5/5A to Newport Interchange and then change to Bus 519 to Campus. You can use [Arriva official website](#) to plan your bus journey and check the cost. You can plan your journey in advance and find more information through [Heathrow Airport](#) website.

From Birmingham International Airport (50 minutes by train):

Consider a flight to a regional airport in England when you book your ticket. Birmingham is the closest airport to the university and Birmingham International train station is located at the airport. From here, you can take a train direct to Telford. On arrival at Telford train station, you would then need to take a bus or taxi to campus. If you take public bus to campus, you need to get Bus 5/5A to Newport Interchange and then change to Bus 519 to Campus. You can use [Arriva official website](#) to plan your bus journey and check the cost. Information on taxis from the airport, can be found through the website of [Birmingham Airport](#).

From Manchester Airport:

It is approximate 1.5 hours by drive from the airport to the university. If you would use public transport, you can take a train from Manchester Airport to Manchester Piccadilly (14 minutes) and then change from Manchester Piccadilly to Stafford train station (1 hour). From Staffordshire train station, Arriva bus 5/5A will take you to Newport Interchange and then change to Bus 519 to Campus. Also you can take a taxi directly from train station to campus. You can also check and plan your journey via the [airport](#) website

From airports it takes approximate 1.5-2 hours by train to Telford/Stafford/Shrewsbury. The nearest train stations from HAU are Telford, Stafford and Shrewsbury. Stafford offers fast trains south to London (1 hour 20 mins) and north to Scotland (4 hours). Telford and Shrewsbury are on the Birmingham to Wales (East/West) line. Tickets can be purchased at the train station but are often cheaper when purchased in advance on-line.

Tickets can be bought on-line or by telephone if you wish to book in advance. Tickets can also be bought at the station, but queues may be long at peak travelling times. Ticket prices vary enormously depending on the train operator, the day of the week and time of day. Off-peak travel is much cheaper and booking in advance is often much cheaper. It's more expensive to travel on Fridays and during peak morning/evening rush hour times.

Timetables can alter considerably on British bank holiday days and on Sundays, so double check your train is running on those days. Train timetables and journey planners are available from www.nationalrail.co.uk and for booking tickets, look at www.thetrainline.com

For a flavour of places to visit in the UK, have a look at <http://gouk.about.com> If you need any help or advice on a journey, ask in Student Services (FF8 in the Faccenda Centre).

Student Rail Card

This is available for anyone aged between 16-25 years old, or in full-time education. It costs £30 and will save you 1/3 off your ticket price for 1 year, so if you are planning to take several train journeys throughout your stay in the UK, it is well worth having. You can apply online. See [here](#)

By coach

This journey takes 3-4 hours from London to Birmingham, depending on traffic.

[National Express](#): A bus from Heathrow airport to Birmingham city. From £10 +.

[Megabus](#): A bus from the centre of London to Birmingham city. From £5 + in advance.

From Birmingham, you would have to take a further bus or train to Telford and then a taxi to Harper Adams University in Newport, Shropshire.

From Birmingham, East Midlands or Manchester airports:

Birmingham is the closest international airport to campus. On arrival at any of the above airports, you can catch a train to Telford or Stafford, and then a taxi to the campus – please see the ‘**By train**’ section above for more details.

University shuttle bus

There are 2 minibus services provided by the University. Details can be found [here](#) via Harper Adams University website.

Public bus

There is a bus stop just outside the university opposite Flatt Road where you can catch a bus (Arriva 519) to Newport (and then connecting buses-Arriva 5/ Arriva 5A to Stafford, Telford etc), or in the other direction to Shrewsbury. Make sure you get the bus going the right way for you! Tickets are purchased from bus driver when boarding the bus.

Local buses from Newport to Telford, Shrewsbury, Stafford and surrounding areas are run through the local bus company, Arriva. Tickets are bought on the bus. See:

- [Arriva](#) Bus Company

For national bus travel (often cheaper than the train, but longer journey times), tickets are bought in advance. See:

- [National Express Coaches](#)
- [Megabus](#) coach travel
- [Stagecoach](#) bus company

Taxis

Approximate cost of a single journey, seating 4 passengers are: HAU to Newport £5, HAU to Telford £15, HAU to Stafford train station £25. Prices usually increase by approx. 50% from midnight to 0600 hours. Taxis in more rural areas (including around Newport and Telford) must be booked in advance directly from the taxi company. Contact details of several local taxi companies are listed below.

If you are in a large city, taxis can be taken from major transport hubs (e.g. train stations) or 'hailed' from the street but do make sure they are 'Local Authority' registered taxis (indicated by their taxi registration plate) and not individuals pretending to be authorised taxi drivers.

There are several taxi companies based in the Newport/Telford area. All must be pre-booked in advance of travel. Here are some local taxi companies:

- Ultimate Taxis, Newport 01952 813636
- Central Taxis, Telford 01952 501050 and 505000
- ABC Cars, St Georges 01952 616161
- A Star 01952 355560
- Wrekin Taxis 01952 610610
- Diamond Cars 01952 222222

There are other companies to choose from and some have minibuses for hire. This may be a better value option if there are more than 4 passengers travelling together.

Motoring

To drive any car in Britain, you must have a valid driving licence and insurance cover. The minimum age at which you can hold a driving licence for a car or motorcycle is 17 years.

Your own overseas driving licence or International Driving Permit will qualify you to drive in the UK for one year and during this time you should apply to sit the British test unless you are an EU national or from a country which has an exchange agreement with the UK. If, after a year, you have not passed the British driving test, you will have to take out a provisional British licence, display 'L' plates (to show that you are a learner driver) and always ensure that you are accompanied by a driver with a British qualification. Application forms for driving licences are available from the Post Office.

Driving in the UK

Importation of cars

If you intend to bring your car with you, please check very carefully the regulations governing importation of cars. It is possible to bring your car into Britain free of duty and tax provided it is for your use only and it is exported at the end of your course. For more information on driving in the UK, see [here](#)

Buying a car

If you are thinking of buying a car, please remember that it must be registered, insured and taxed. Also, if your car is over three years old, you will need to have it tested annually by a garage displaying the MOT testing sign. If satisfied, the garage will issue you with a Ministry of Transport (MOT) test certificate of roadworthiness. It is a legal requirement to purchase car insurance and this can be extremely expensive, especially for younger drivers and those with a foreign licence. All in all, having a car in the UK is useful but very expensive. **Insuring a car with a foreign driving licence can be extremely expensive. Check this out BEFORE you buy a car!** For more information, go to:

- <https://www.gov.uk/getting-an-mot>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/vehicle-tax-changes>

Car hire

Hiring a car for a group of friends can sometimes be cheaper than public transport and if you are planning to visit a few sites, it would be much more flexible. You will need either a current full British driving licence or your own valid licence. Some hire companies will ask for an international licence in addition. You must have held a licence for at least one year and companies often insist on drivers being 25 years of age or more.

On-site Car Parking

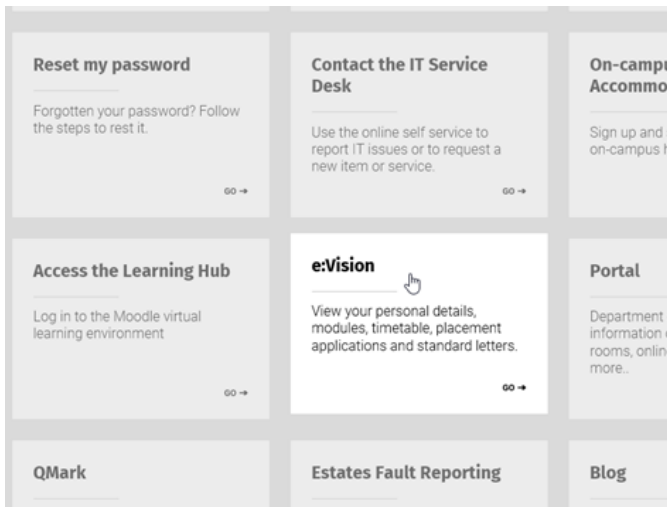
If you intend to bring your car with you, you will need an electronic permit to park on campus and understand the rules of where you can and cannot park. After arriving in HAU and completing enrolment on campus, you must register your vehicle on-line <https://www.harper-adams.ac.uk/my/> by clicking on the person icon at the top of the HAU website to access your current student area.

www.harper-adams.ac.uk



Current student

Select e: Vision on the screen



Log into e: Vision using your usual username and password credentials. Self Service is on the left hand side. Click on the “Check and Update Personal and Vehicle Details” link to access the vehicle details we hold for you. You can add multiple vehicles, make edits and delete vehicles.

We ask that you inform Student Services of your intention to bring your car with you, before arrival to campus.

Safety regulations

If you are a driver or a passenger on a motorcycle or moped you are obliged, by law, to wear a regulation crash helmet. In cars, it is a legal requirement for all occupants to wear seatbelts. On coaches, wherever seatbelts are provided, these must be worn by all passengers.

For full information, visit: <https://www.gov.uk/non-gb-driving-licence>

Useful contacts

[Rail Travel Enquiries](#) [Virgin Trains](#) [Southern Railway](#)

[London Midland Trains](#) [Arriva Wales Trains](#) [Arriva Bus](#)

To report a crime or general enquiries: British Transport Police 0800 40 50 40 (free phone)



Living on Campus

On-campus accommodation

Student Wardens are HAU students whose job is to give advice on many matters. As they are students themselves, they understand the stress and strain of student life. Your Warden will be glad to help you out with any problems or questions you have – make sure you know who your Warden is and then just ask!

The Duty Warden Service operates in TERM-TIME ONLY, outside of office hours. During these times, there is always an on-call (Duty) warden to assist you in case of accident or emergency. Campus Security (out of office hours) are operational all year round. Make sure you have **the Duty Warden's telephone number (07976 881772)** and **Security's telephone number (07980 061128)** in your mobile phone, ready for emergency use. The Residences Officers also work at night during term time to ensure a friendly and safe environment is maintained throughout the accommodation.

Visitors - if you wish to have friends or family to stay on campus, please contact the Short Course and Conferences Office at SCCO@harper-adams.ac.uk or phone 01952 815324, who will give more information on arrangements.

Laundry & dry cleaning

All students will be responsible for their own laundry. There are washing and drying machines on campus, for students use, for a small charge. You must purchase your own washing powder. There is one laundry block situated between Jerman and Leverhulme, and one laundry block in Jebb, for the use of students on a pay as you go basis.

Any problems with the laundry, such as a washing machine not opening etc., should be directed by the student to the company who provide the facility. More details can be seen via the website www.circuit.co.uk

There are several 'laundrettes' in Newport town which are also coin-operated. You can either put these machines through their programmes yourself or, at a small extra charge, the attendant will do your washing for you. Most dry cleaning shops also offer a sewing repair service, but this is usually quite expensive.

TV Licence

If you watch or record any TV programme on any type of device, you must by law have a valid TV licence. Devices include TVs, laptops, tablets, PCs, mobile phones, games consoles, digital boxes and DVD recorders. Find out the current charge of a licence and more information from www.tvlicensing.co.uk

Smoking

It is illegal in the UK to smoke in any public buildings, including pubs.



You are NOT allowed to smoke in any of the on-campus buildings.

This includes your accommodation.

There are smoke alarms and you will be asked to pay a fine of £50 or leave your accommodation if it is believed that you are breaking the rules.

This rule is strictly enforced.

Places to eat

Kaldi Café

This is a modern, welcoming coffee shop with a relaxed atmosphere. Based within the Bamford Library building, it is great for enjoying study breaks with friends. The Kaldi Café serves a range of speciality teas and coffees, sandwiches, toasted Paninis, confectionery and cakes.

Graze Café

Located on the ground floor of the Faccenda Centre, Graze is always busy during term-time, offering full English breakfasts in the morning and a range of sandwiches, soups, jacket potatoes, salad bar and a choice of 3 hot dishes at lunchtime.

QMH Dining Room

On the ground floor of Queen Mother Hall, the QMH dining room serves three meals a day for catered students, Monday-Friday during term-time. The menu offers plenty of choice throughout the week.

Smoothie Bar, Student Side Bar

The latest addition to social catering at Harper Adams – come and enjoy a fruit smoothie or frothy milkshake on the terrace in the warm weather.

Remember that in the UK: **It is safe to drink the cold water from the cold water tap**

We do advise that should you require warm water to drink, boil water from the cold tap, rather than drink warm water from the hot tap.

Student ID card

If you top up your student ID card (this can be done through [HAU website](#) you will then be able to pay for your food and drink on campus using your ID card and will be given a 10% discount, should you choose to pay this way.

Council Tax

Council Tax was introduced in Britain in 1993 and is the means by which people pay for local services and water. Full-time students are generally exempt if they are living with other students, whether living on or off campus. Also, if you are living with your spouse who is prevented by the terms of his/her leave to enter or remain in the UK from taking paid employment or from claiming benefits, then you will not be charged Council Tax. Please note that if your spouse is a British or EEA national they will be liable to pay Council Tax. Students in the writing-up period of their programme will be exempt from paying Council Tax if they can provide evidence from the University that they are studying for more than 21 hours per week and for a period of more than 24 weeks.

For Erasmus students who do not fulfil the full-time student criteria of 21 hours over 24 weeks whilst they are in the UK, but will continue with their course of studies on return to their own university, a letter from that institution will have to be provided confirming the course undertaken is full-time and include the number of hours attended per week and the number of weeks, course qualification, course programme and duration of course. Confirmation is also required that the institution has permitted the student to undertake a course of study as part of their course in the UK and provide the exact period of attendance at the UK establishment.

For non-graduating students who are registered at Harper Adams University and meet the full-time student criteria of 21 hours over 24 weeks, a letter is required from HAU to confirm the student is attending a period of non-graduating study which is linked or affiliated to their course abroad. Details of the course programme, course qualification, hours and weeks attended and the exact period of attendance at HAU must be provided.

Please remember that the exemption only applies when you are registered as a student and will end when you complete your studies. You will therefore also not be covered by the exemption if you arrive early and take up private accommodation. If you have any doubts about your eligibility for exemption, please contact Student Services.

Money & Banking

Banking

One pound sterling (£1) is divided into one hundred pence (100p). Coins issued are 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p, 50p, £1 and £2 and paper notes to the value of £5, £10, £20 and £50.

The nearest banks to Harper Adams are:

- Lloyds TSB – 95 High Street, Newport, TF10 7AZ. Telephone 0845 3000 0000
- HSBC – 66 High Street, Newport, F10 7BA. Telephone: 08457 404 404
- Nationwide Building Society, Newport TF10 7AT. Telephone 0800 554 1299

To open a bank account, you will need your passport or ID card, Visa/ BRP card and evidence of your current course of study and address. Depending on the bank you choose, you may be asked for other documentation. There are two main types of account – current (cheque) account and deposit account. You can transfer money from home by giving the name and address of your English bank together with the account number and code. This would be safer than having a draft sent to your residence. If you are intending to use a cash card from your own country, please check with your bank that it will be compatible with UK machines and enquire as to the charges incurred on cash withdrawals.

There is a cash machine on campus just inside the Welly Bar on campus.

Currency exchange

Should you need foreign currency for travel outside of the UK, this can be obtained locally from any of the High Street banks (sometimes you may have to have an account with them to use this service), the Post Office in Newport. For currencies such as Euros or US dollars, there is usually no need to reserve in advance from the Post Office, but for most other currencies, you will need to pre-order this several days before collection. You will usually need to pre-order foreign currency if you use a bank to obtain it.

Personal insurance

We recommend that students take out travel insurance before they leave home to cover them for their journey and the first week of their stay in the UK before they register with a local doctor (GP). We strongly recommend that all students insure their personal possessions, especially items such as laptop computers.

Living costs in the UK

Approximate Living Costs per year for self-catering students

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| • Food | £1,800 |
| • Toiletries (soap, toothpaste etc.) | £125 |
| • Local Bus fares | £200 |
| • Television Licence (only if you bring a TV onto campus) | £145 |
| • Clothes | £350 |
| • Telephone/mobile bills | £350 |
| • Personal insurance | £60 |
| • Medicines / contingencies | £200 |
| • Social activities / sports membership / social activities / eating out | £600 |
| • Leisure travel (visa may be required) | £500 |

- Police registration (if applicable) £35
- Travelling home £850
- Stationary, books and other study related expenses £500

This is only a rough guide to costs in the UK. Costs vary according to location and lifestyle choices.

Further information can be obtained on costs of living for international students in the UK from the following [UKCISA](#) website (UK Council for International Student Affairs)

International student discount card

An international student card is an identity card which identifies you as a student world-wide. In Europe, this means reductions on the cost of tickets such as cinema and historic sites and also special student discounts in certain shops and travel companies. The card fee is approximately £8 for a year. Please see the website for more information: www.isic.org

Shopping

Food shopping

Most supermarkets are open Monday – Saturday 0800-2000 and Sundays 1000-1600 hours.

Larger stores and supermarkets in the Telford area operate late

night shopping on Thursdays (until 2000 hours) and some supermarkets offer 24 hour opening, including the Asda store at Donnington. (Note most 24 hour stores close at 2200 on Saturdays and only operate Sunday trading hours, reverting back to 24 hour opening on a Monday at 0800). Lidl or Aldi in Newport are considered to be lower cost supermarkets than the major supermarkets of Asda, Tesco, Morrisons and Sainsburys.



Edgmond village

As well as a small shop on campus, there is a village shop in the High Street, Edgmond, within a 15 minute walk of campus. Here, you can buy a limited range of basic food supplies, fruit, vegetables, toiletries and there is also a Post Office. The opening hours are 0700-2000 Monday to Saturday & 0800-1300 on Sundays for the shop, and for the Post Office 0900-1730 Monday to Friday and Saturday 0900–1230.

Newport

A small market town, Newport has a variety of small food shops - butchers, bakers etc. However, there is a food market open on Friday and Saturday mornings and three supermarkets in Newport – Aldi, Lidl and Waitrose.

- **Aldi** is a big discount supermarket selling a range of grocery items, including produce, meat and dairy. There is a free bus to go to Aldi from Newport – see the timetable here <http://www.newportshropshire-tc.gov.uk/Core/Newport-Tc/UserFiles/Files/20190725101620.pdf>
Open hours are: 08:00-22:00 Monday to Saturday
10:00-16:00 Sunday
- **Lidl** is another discount supermarket selling a range of grocery items, including produce, meat, bakery and dairy. Lidl is next to Aldi, so you could use the free bus to get here as well.
Open hours are: 08:00-22:00 Monday to Saturday
10:00-16:00 Sunday
- **Waitrose** is a high-quality supermarket on Audley Rd in Newport, near to the main car park at the rear of the B&M store.
Opening hours are: 08:00-20:00 Monday to Saturday (Closes 21:00 on Friday)
10:00-16:00 Sunday

There are also several international food stores in the area, although you will pay much more for imported food here than you do for your regular foodstuffs back home. The choice of international food product lines increases year-on-year in the UK supermarkets, so check in your local UK supermarket first, as this would be your cheapest option.

There are a selection of items to be found in the nearby town of Wellington (approx. £10 taxi ride away) which sells the basics if you are missing your favourite food.

- Watkins/Partners Chinese Supermarket 37 Park Street, Wellington, Telford. TF1 3AE Tel: (01952) 246955
- Wellington Market has an African goods shop, selling a small selection of foodstuff.
- See's Halal meat and poultry 6 Gladstone House, High St, Hadley Nr Telford.

Birmingham

Although further to travel, if you're missing home cooking you could combine a day in Birmingham seeing the sights, with visiting one of the many Asian supermarkets

- [Day-In Chinese Supermarket](#); The Arcadian centre (Chinatown district), Birmingham New Street train station. Open 0900-1800 Mon-Sat & 1000-1800 Sun
- [Wing Yip](#); 375 Nechells Park Rd. B7 5NT Take No 66 bus from Birmingham city centre. Open 0930-1900 Mon-Sat. & 1130-1730 Sundays.Tel: 0121 327 6618

Online shopping

All the major supermarkets have online shopping and they all deliver, so if you are shopping as a house to share the cost of the food, this may be the most convenient way to make larger orders. See

- www.tesco.com
- www.sainsburys.co.uk
- www.groceries.morrisons.com
- www.asda.com
- www.waitrose.com

This seems increasingly the easiest option for ordering food, particularly in large quantities. The most important things to note are:

- Signature on delivery means acceptance of food items so DO NOT sign for other students.
- For all food items, you must detail your exact accommodation address and be in your accommodation at the allotted time slot.
- DO NOT LIST YOUR ADDRESS SIMPLY AS HARPER ADAMS UNIVERSITY. STAFF ON CAMPUS WILL NOT ACCEPT DELIVERY OF FOOD IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS. Delivery vans will not be able to leave foodstuffs at reception or anywhere else on campus other than your accommodation and delivery will not be made without a signature, so you must be in your accommodation at this time. Non-delivery due to no-one being in your accommodation at that time will still incur full charges and probable food spoilage.

One or two points about shopping in Britain generally:

- Customers are expected to pay the price marked on the article. There is usually no question of bargaining in shops.
- People are very strict about queuing and wait their turn.
- Some supermarkets have a small charge for carrier bags.
- Some shopping trolleys need a £1 coin to release and use. Remember to collect when you return your trolley.
- Do your research on-line before you buy in the shop, as prices may vary slightly even within the same company.

Please refer to the relevant company websites for accurate information and opening hours.

Clothing

Hopefully you will have brought a wide selection of all-weather clothes with you, as you will need warmer clothes in the winter, lighter clothes for the summer and rainwear for most of the year!!

Student dress is fairly informal but you will need something formal or smart to wear to functions or social evenings. Your traditional or national dress is perfectly acceptable on the campus or elsewhere in the UK but remember that you will need to wear a pullover, jacket or coat over it during the wetter, colder months.

There are plenty of retail clothing outlets in Telford and nearby cities, so should you find that you need additional clothes, shopping for such items would not be a problem. The UK has major sales events held usually around the end of each season (January, April, July and October, with the January sales being the largest).

Tipping

The following is only a rough guide to how much you should tip. If the service you have received is much better or worse than you expected, you could vary the tip accordingly.

- Hotels and restaurants: Often your bill will include a service charge of between 10% and 15%. If a service charge is not included and staff have been efficient, leave approximately 10%.
- Taxis: 10% approximately (or round up to the nearest pound) if you feel the fare is acceptable and the driver has been helpful.

VAT refunds

If you are normally domiciled or live outside of the European Union (EU), but have a visa to remain in the UK to complete a period of study, you may be able to claim a VAT refund on certain goods that you personally export from the EU.

You must comply with certain conditions in order to qualify for a refund. You will only be able to get a VAT refund on goods that you buy within three months of your departure to an immediate destination outside the EU. You will have to provide the goods, the receipts and the VAT refund document to Customs at the point of departure from the EU. You must then remain outside of the UK for a period of at least 12 months. When you go to buy goods you should take your passport with you to demonstrate to the retailer that you are entitled to buy goods under the scheme.

Not all retailers operate the scheme so it is a good idea to check first. If you want to know more about the scheme and the conditions, you can contact the Customs' National Advice Service by calling a local number – +44 (0)845 010 9000 – or you can visit [the HM Customs & Excise](#), where you can download a copy of Notice 704 (VAT Retail Export Scheme) or Notice 704/1 (VAT refunds for travellers departing from the European Community) to learn more about how the scheme works.

Health

Most overseas students will be given free medical treatment by the UK National Health Service. Registration with the local Doctors Surgery will take place during the induction course. If you arrive outside of the induction period, go and see the team in Student Services and they will help you to do this.

University Medical Centre

If you need to see a doctor, you must have an appointment to attend the surgery. The on-campus doctors' telephone number is 01952 815329. The surgery is open on campus at the following times:

- Monday-Friday 1200-1300 hours

Newport Doctors' Surgery

Outside of the hours above, you can see a doctor at Linden Hall Surgery, Station Road, Newport, TF10 7EN. Telephone 01952 820400 to make an appointment. The [surgery](#) in Newport is open at the following time:

- Monday-Friday 0800-1800 hours.

For out-of-hours medical care, please phone NHS Direct 111

For life-threatening emergencies in the UK, the number for the ambulance, fire service and Police is **999**

Local hospital

The nearest hospital (with Accident and Emergency) to Harper Adams University is:

The Princess Royal Hospital
Apley Castle
Grainger Drive
Telford TF1 6TF

Tel: 01952 641222

We do recommend that you take advice in your home country about additional health insurance as the level of free medical cover you may receive in the UK will depend on where you come from. It may be useful to make enquiries about whether the cost of repatriation (in the event of serious illness or death while in the host country) is covered, especially for non-European Union and non-Commonwealth nationals.

Dentists

Dentists are not free and can be expensive, so hopefully you will have had a check-up before you left home. If you do need to see a dentist, emergency treatment may be obtained. Ask a member of the Student Services team for advice.

Emergency dentist

If you need urgent dental treatment call NHS 111. Visit the Shropshire Community Health NHS [website](#) for further details. The following local dentists may have emergency appointments available:

- **Wellington Dental Centre**
45 Tan Bank
Wellington
Telford TF1 1HW
(01952) 255054
- **Whitecross Dental Centre**
Suite 2
Hollingswood Court
Stafford Park
Telford TF3 3DE
(01952) 290869
- **Stafford Dental Centre**
24 East Gate Street
Stafford ST16 2LZ
(01785) 229591
- **Shrewsbury Dental Centre**
71 Castle Foregate
Shrewsbury SY1 2EJ
(01743) 341898

Sexual health information and support

Even if you are not planning to be sexually active at university it's better to be prepared. Condoms and contraceptives are free from any GP or family planning clinic, and from Student Services on campus. For advice, talk to your nearest [sexual health service](#).



Staying Happy

Studying in a different country is a very exciting experience and a great opportunity to discover other cultures and make new friends. It can also be very difficult at times!

A lot of things about the way we live in Britain will be very different from home. Even if you do not have problems with the English language, you may still not always understand what's going on. There may be times when you have difficulties with your studies, friends, money, or be missing home – 'homesickness'. It takes a while to adjust being in a new culture, and experiencing feelings of isolation, sadness and perhaps even depression. This is often just part of this adjusting process and is perfectly normal.

Culture shock

'Culture shock' is the term that describes the shock of moving from a familiar culture to an unfamiliar one. It can affect anyone, no matter how old you are, how well you speak or understand the language, whether you are used to travelling or how long you are staying for. Some symptoms of culture shock are: frustration, mental tiredness, disorientation about how to work with and relate to others, boredom, lack of motivation and sometimes physical discomfort.

The factors that can contribute are:

- **Climate** – The British climate can feel grey and damp, with long winters and not much sunshine.
- **Food** – This might be very different from what you are used to at home, and you might have problems shopping and preparing food at first.
- **Language** – Speaking a foreign language requires constant mental effort. It is normal to get tired and need rest, but this will become easier in time and who knows, you may even start to dream in your host language after a while!

- **Dress** – Heavy winter clothes might be uncomfortable to wear if you are not used to them. You may find British ideas of dress sense/ modesty very different to yours.
- **Social behaviour** – This can be very confusing and you might even find it offensive or surprising at times. Male/female relationships might also be very different from those in your home countries.
- **Student life** – You may well find that student culture in the UK is very different from your home country. Social life is an important part of university experience in the UK. It often revolves around the bar where students go to relax, listen to music and join in activities provided by the Students' Union.
- **Rules of behaviour** – These can be very confusing as they are often unspoken. Priorities, rules and principles are different from culture to culture. In the UK for example, punctuality is very important. Other less obvious differences are how:
 - students relate to teachers
 - people make friends
 - people make decisions
 - spend their leisure time
 - solve problems
 - express their feelings and emotions

Ways of helping you deal with 'culture shock':

- **Do not feel you have made a mistake** – this is not your fault!
- **Try and accept that this is normal.** You are going through a low in the adjustment process. It will pass and you will have learnt a lot from the experience.
- **Keep in touch with home** via email, phone or letters.
- **Have objects around you that remind you of home** (photos, posters, ornaments).
- Taste local foods but also **treat yourself to foods that you are familiar with.** Although more expensive than buying at home, most supermarkets have sections where you can buy items that remind you of home. Remember to eat a healthy, balanced diet with plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables.
- **Practice some sports.** Exercising helps you stay healthy and feeling happy, plus it's a great way to get to know people.
- **Try to make friends** – other international students will understand how you feel and British students will help you understand your environment and may love to hear more about your country.
- **Make use of the support at Harper Adams** - the International Officer, your English language tutors, Student Services, or the Students' Union. The student counselling service offers a totally confidential opportunity to discuss any worries and anxieties you might have.
- **Find someone to talk to** – 'a problem shared is a problem halved'. If you are worried about anything, no matter how small it may seem, you should not keep it to yourself – someone will be able to help you.
- **Look at the positive aspects of this experience** – you'll learn so much, develop valuable skills for later in life, and become aware of different aspects of your own culture as well as gain an understanding of British culture!

Wellbeing

The university wellbeing team are here to support. There is a Student Wellbeing Officer, who can provide general support and advice, a Counsellor and a Mental Health and Welfare Adviser, who supports students with specific medical or mental health issues, as well as a team of Chaplains.

On the ground floor of the Foulkes Crowther Building, Room TG9 is our quiet room for students to use for quiet reflection or for prayers.

If you have any doubt as to anything you may experience during your time at Harper Adams, please feel free to discuss this confidentially with a staff member at Harper. This could be the Student Wellbeing Officer, a member of Student Services or anyone you may feel you have a good relationship with.

We are all here to help you!

Staying in touch

By telephone

You will need to dial 00 (+) and then the relevant code for your home country and then the required number. Country codes: Brazil 55, China 86, France 33, Ireland 353, Italy 39, Nigeria 234, Iraq 964. (Contact Student Services for any other countries you would like included in this list).

Public phones are available both on campus (there are four), and in all towns and cities. Some kiosks only accept phone cards, which you can buy at most newsagents. Make sure you buy an international phone card. In some public phone boxes, you can also use cash. They accept £1.00, 50p, 20p and 10p coins. You will need at least £1 to make an international call. It is cheaper to make a call between 6pm and 8am, or you can reverse the charges, by calling 155 and speaking to the international operator.

Mobile phones/SIM cards can be bought here in the UK. You can have a 'pay as you go' phone with no contract. Per minute charges vary enormously, so do your research first. If you have a contract with a mobile phone company, you often get the phone for 'free'! But check how long the contract is for – if you are only in the UK for 6 months, you do not want a contract for 2 years, as you may have to pay the whole cost if you cancel.

Be very careful if you are offered insurance for your phone when buying one here. Students have had bad experiences – once you have signed the deal, you cannot cancel! If you sign for a contract phone, remember to cancel well in advance of your departure from the UK. Often they need 40 days minimum notice to cancel, and you may still have to pay the fees for the time left on the contract – read everything carefully before you sign any deals, and ask Student Services if you are not sure.

Post

Postal charges depend on the size and weight of the letter/parcel and the service you require; for example 1st class (next day delivery), 2nd class (2 days at least). Special delivery and recorded delivery are more expensive but quick and safe for sending important documents, such as visa applications, passports etc. Write the address in English as well as in your own script (where applicable), and put your university address on the back. Stamps go in the top, right hand corner.

There is a post office/village stores in Edgmond, as well as Newport. They will advise on charges and best method of posting.

E-mail

You will be given a university email account and you may also have your own. ***Please make sure you check your Harper Adams email regularly.***

Social Life

The Students' Union is a very important part of student life on campus, and is a great way to meet British and other international students, practice using your English, try new things and get involved. The Students' Union is one of the main foundations of the University, with the aim to improve relations and create a united student body. With regards to the academic side of student life, regular meetings take place between the Students' Union and the Academic Standards Committee in order to voice the opinions of students in the hope to create a better learning environment.



Basketball Competition



International Dinner



Local Chinese New Year Celebration



Buddy Scheme

Clubs & Societies

There are many to choose from – Basketball, Gym, Netball, Cricket, Football, Hockey, Rugby, Mountain Biking, Gaming, Music, Polo, Off Road 4x4, Motorsport, Equestrian, Squash and Racquet ball, Field Sports, Christian Union, Conservation Society, and Planet Harper Society. There might be a small charge for each club you would like to join. For more information, visit [SU website](#).

If you enjoy a sport or activity that does not have a club at Harper Adams University, why not think about starting one with your friends? Why not email the Students' Union (SU) with your questions and thoughts on any activities you would like to see available at Harper Adams before you arrive:

Student Union (SU) studentsunion@harper-adams.ac.uk

Facilities on campus

The multi-gym

A work-out is great for your health and definitely stress-busting when university work gets too much. For further information, you can find on SU website or see the Student's Union team in the Faccenda Centre (FF4).

Multi-sports Hall

The hall is open 7 days a week from 9am-9pm during term time. Facilities available in sports hall include basketball, tennis, badminton and so on.

If you enjoy a sport or activity that does not have a club at Harper-Adams, such as dancing or cooking, why not think about starting one with your friends? See the Students' Union President or Students' Union Vice-President in FF4, or the Sports and Societies Officer in FF5 in the Faccenda Centre for help and advice or tel. 01952 815442.

Religious Activities

The University has a Quiet Room (on the ground floor of the Foulkes Crowther Building, Room TG9) which can be used by anyone for quiet reflection and prayer. Christian churches of several denominations are located in Edmond, Newport and Telford. The nearest mosques to campus are in the Wellington and Telford areas (approximately 10 miles/16 kilometres away). There is a Gurdwara in Hadley and a Buddhist Priory in Telford. Other faith centres tend to be located in the larger towns of Wolverhampton and Birmingham.

If you would like more information about British culture and life in the UK, go to:

- [UKCISA](#) (UK Council for International Student Affairs)
- [Education UK](#)

If you have any queries before you arrive, do contact any one of us detailed in the information provided in this handbook. We would be happy to help.

Schooling

If you have or are intending to bring your family with you to the UK during your period of study here and you have children under the age of 16 years, please look at the websites quoted below.

5-7 years = Infant School

8-11 years = Junior school or alternatively 5-11 years = Primary school.

12-16+ years = Secondary school.

Parents are legally obliged to enrol their school age children full-time in school but please note that schools are under no obligation to enrol a child over the age of 16. Useful information can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/schools-admissions>

We are fortunate at Harper Adams that we have an excellent quality of schooling in the local area. Edgmond is a very small community and has one nursery and one primary school, with two further village primary schools nearby:

- [Edgmond Owls](#) (2-4 years)
- [St Peters Church of England Primary School](#) (4-11 years)
- [Tibberton Primary School](#) (4-11 years)
- [Crudgington Primary School](#) (4-11 years)

Newport is the nearest town, offering further options for nurseries, primary and secondary schools:

- [Abacus Day Nursery](#)
- [Tiggy's Montessori Nursery](#)
- [Forton Nursery](#)
- [Newport Infant School](#)
- [Newport Junior School](#)
- [St Peter & St Paul Catholic Primary](#)
- [Moorfield Primary School](#)
- [Castle House Primary](#)
(Castle House is an independent school, fees are approximately £7000 per year)
- [Burton Borough School](#) (11-16)
- [Newport Girls High School](#) (girls 11-16, entrance exam)
- [Adams Grammar School](#) (boys 11-16, entrance exam)

The local council that deals with education for children within the Newport/Telford area is Telford and Wrekin Council. Further details of these education providers can be found on the Telford and Wrekin Council [website](#)

Please refer to the official school/nursery websites for accurate information.

Campus Map

