



# 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, centred on the worship of Jesus Christ in the Chapel at the heart of our House. There is a very rich community life amongst the resident students at Newman House, who are the hub of the wider, welcoming Chaplaincy.

In order for Newman House to retain and build upon its ethos as a *Catholic* residential community, we expect applicants 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 through *community, spirituality and mission*.

Therefore, before you apply, you need to understand that the *commitment of those who are resident* at Newman House includes:

1. That your **Sunday obligation for Mass is fulfilled in the Newman House Chapel**, i.e. that you regard it as your regular parish for each Sunday of term time, barring occasional exceptions.
2. That you commit to **taking part in some of the activities for formation**, and the development of your spiritual life.
3. That you **undertake diligently one of the House Jobs** allocated to residents.

If residing in a Catholic community attracts you, and you can take on these 3 commitments, please complete and return the attached application form. Note that applications for residence must be for the full 2026–27 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, internet, etc)
- Use of shared areas: Chapel, Library, TV Room, Bar, Garden Area, Iron.
- VAT
- Wireless broadband

### Additional Facilities

- Card or app-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 2026-27

(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)	£290.00
BAND A	£285.00
BAND B	£270.00
BAND C	£275.00

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

**These rates apply from 1st September 2026 until 30th June 2027**

## The Newman House Term Dates are

- **TERM 1** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December (15 weeks)
- **TERM 2** Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March (12 weeks)
- **TERM 3** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 2026-27*

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