



Chamberlain

Chamberlain is found in the Vale Village. This peaceful lakeside university accommodation is located in gently-sloping parkland, two miles south of the city centre and a 20-minute walk from central campus.

On arrival, please collect your key card from reception.

The essentials

- You'll find Chamberlain at the following address:
Chamberlain, 37 Church Road, Birmingham B15 3AS
0121 414 2838
- Check in is available from 4pm
- If you arrive after 10pm, please check in at the 24-hour reception in Shackleton:
Shackleton, Mason Way, Birmingham B15 3SX
0121 415 8520

What to expect

Your en-suite single room is in a cluster of four or six with a shared kitchen-lounge, and everything you need for a comfortable stay.

- Free Wi-Fi
- Bedding and towels
- Courtesy beverages in the kitchen

Please note: regrettably, these rooms do not have TVs.

Check in and check out

- Check in is available after 4pm, at the Chamberlain reception.
- Check out is at 10am.
- International travellers, please note: to check in you'll need to bring your passport, and an address for your next destination.

Arriving by car

Parking at Chamberlain is limited, and you may find it easier to park on campus. The North East multi-storey car park on Pritchatts Road links to the Vale via a footpath. This car park uses the RingGo cashless service, making it easy for you to pay from your mobile phone.

Arriving by taxi

If you're arriving after 10pm, ask your taxi driver to wait outside Shackleton while you check in, before travelling on to Chamberlain. Please note: the road through the Vale Village is one way, to ensure safe access for emergency vehicles at all times.

Arriving by train

From Birmingham New Street, take the train to University station. This service usually leaves from Platform 12, with a final destination of Longbridge or Redditch, and takes six minutes. From University station it's a 30-minute walk through campus to the Vale Village. There's no taxi rank at the station. To book a taxi, call 0121 427 8888, and pay the driver in cash.

Breakfast

A full English breakfast and lighter options are served from 7am to 9am in the main dining room in nearby Shackleton. Please be aware that breakfast times can become very busy! We recommend arriving early to beat the rush.

Amenities

You'll find these at the Hub in Shackleton:

- Convenience store open Monday to Friday 8am – 4pm
- The Melt café Monday to Friday 10am – 5pm
- Cashpoint

In Chamberlain:

- Launderette



Food and drink

No matter where you are on campus, you're never far from a place to eat, drink and relax. You'll find familiar names like Starbucks and Costa, delicious hot meals at our wide range of campus dining spots, and easy treats to take away when you're short on time.

Dining out

Central campus

At lunchtime, head for University Centre for burritos, deli salads and sandwiches, tasty noodles from Wok Fresh, or the Noble Room in Staff House.

The Bratby Bar is open from 12 to 10.30pm during the week, with a relaxed traditional bar menu and a wide range of drinks.

Lucas House Hotel

Enjoy a full three-course evening menu from 6pm at Lucas Restaurant, Monday to Thursday. Lucas Bar is open every day from 12 till late, serving a range of drinks, light meals and snacks.

In August, Lucas Restaurant will close, and you'll have a chance to enjoy the brand new menu at 1900 Steakhouse Bar & Grill. It's located just across the road, at Edgbaston Park Hotel and Conference Centre.

Bournbrook Pavilion

Fuel up on international flavour at Brook's Sports Bar & Kitchen, serving great fresh food 12 - 9pm.

Coffee shops

Costa Coffee

Whether it's a hot panini or a flat white you're after, you'll find everything you love about Costa, right here on campus.

Costa Coffee can be found at The Bramall, University Centre, and Sport & Fitness.

Starbucks

Familiar treats will soon make you feel at home, so kick back with a caramel Frappuccino or grab a muffin to go.

Starbucks can be found in Muirhead Tower, and at Bournbrook Pavilion.

More options

You'll find cafés all across campus, in the Business School, Gisbert Kapp, Alan Walters, University Centre, and Education. The Library Café is open from 9am to 5pm, offering a pre-bookable afternoon tea, plus vegan and gluten free cakes.

You'll also find a Spar supermarket at University Centre for snacks, drinks and all the essentials. It's open 9am to 5pm.

Dietary requirements

If you have specific dietary requirements, don't worry. Campus menus are designed to keep you well-fed and happy, whatever your needs.

You'll find choices available for a range of diets: vegetarian, vegan, non-dairy, gluten free, halal and more. If you ever need to know more about allergens, just ask: our staff are trained to help you.

Ethical service

We know you care about the environment. That's why you'll find plenty of opportunities to recycle around the campus, and the option to bring a reusable cup or container with you when you're taking away.

Outlets around campus are committed to providing an ethical and sustainable service as far as possible, by recycling food waste, and using local produce, free-range eggs and certified suppliers.



Things to see and do on campus

Have a little time to spare? Good news. You're spoilt for choice on campus, with world-class museums, gardens, art and live performance all right here.

Winterbourne House and Garden

Take a trip to the Edwardian era in this beautifully-restored Arts and Crafts home. Then unwind with a stroll through seven acres of Grade II botanic garden, featuring glasshouses, rare plants and a Japanese bridge.

Lapworth Museum of Geology

Discover fossils, gems and dinosaurs in this remarkable geological collection. Found in the heart of the University's original buildings, it retains its historic Edwardian interior alongside state-of-the-art interactive galleries.

Barber Institute of Fine Arts

Prepare to be awed by this miniature National Gallery, housed in a stunning Art Deco building. This world-class collection includes masterpieces from Botticelli and Rubens to Turner and Rossetti, Monet and Degas to Magritte and Auerbach.

The Bramall

The spectacular Elgar Concert Hall plays host to a wide range of entertainment, from classical, jazz, rock and world music to stand-up comedy and spoken word performances. During the summer months, this programme is limited. Visit thebramall.co.uk to find out what's on during your stay.





Things to see and do in Birmingham

Birmingham is the UK's second-largest city. You won't be disappointed by the vibrant whirl of culture on offer, or the warm West Midlands welcome.

Shopping

The city centre is a shoppers' paradise, with the **Bullring** and **Grand Central** located in and beside Birmingham New Street – just a six-minute journey from University train station. The **Jewellery Quarter** lives up to its name with an array of sparkle on offer. Or keep it quirky, with a visit to one of the many **independent arcades**.

Culture

For local history, visit the **National Trust's Back to Backs**, a recreation of nineteenth-century working life. Discover the city's connection to the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood at **Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery**, or check out what's on at **Town Hall** and **Symphony Hall** during your stay.

Families

If you're visiting with family, don't miss the story of chocolate at **Cadbury World** in nearby Bournville. Meet jellyfish, seahorses and penguins at the **National Sea Life Centre**. Or create an alien, explore the stars and learn how a Spitfire was built at **ThinkTank Science Museum**.

Food

If you're a foodie, you're in for a treat. Discover authentic tastes in the **Balti Triangle** and **Chinatown**. Head to the **Digbeth Dining Club**, bringing street food heaven every Friday and Saturday. Or skip the city and visit **The Plough** in pretty Harborne, just a short drive away.





Sport and leisure on campus

Whether you're keeping up your regular fitness regime or relaxing after an intense day, campus has everything you need to work out and unwind.

Swim, run, play or take a class: the choice is yours.

Sport & Fitness

The new Sport & Fitness centre features the city of Birmingham's only 50m pool.

Hit the weights or up your cardio in the 200-station gym. Join a friend for squash or badminton. Or sign up to one of the 180 fitness classes that take place every week, from dance and yoga to spin and circuits.


Outdoor gym and parkland

The Vale Village is the perfect place to get a workout in the fresh air, surrounded by rolling green parkland.






The outdoor gym has stations located all around the lake, so you can enjoy the view. The gentle inclines and clear paths make it an ideal spot to go for a run, morning or evening.

Map of The Vale

Key

-  Bus stop
-  Reception
-  Costcutter
-  Cashpoint
-  Toilets
-  Launderette
-  Cycle storage

Walking Routes

-  The Hub to Chamberlain Tower - 3 mins
-  The Hub to Chamberlain A Block - 4 mins
-  The Hub to Chamberlain B Block - 4 mins
-  The Hub to Chamberlain C Block - 5 mins
-  Chamberlain to bottom of Vale - 10 mins

 Railway

 Canal

