

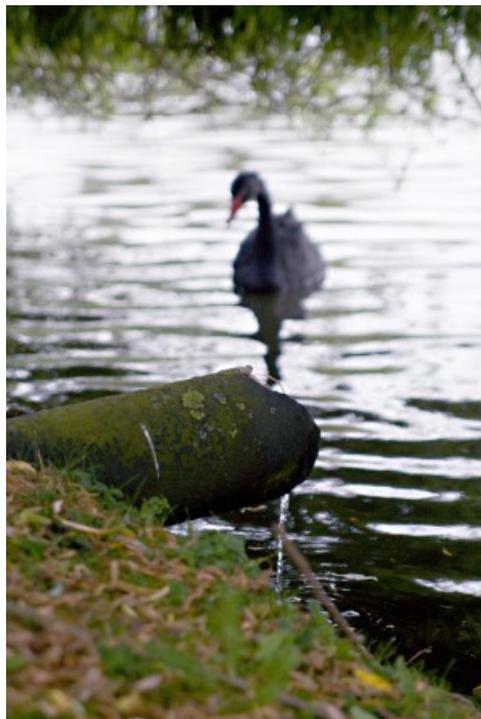
The Nouse College Guide 2013

The collegiate system is a great part of York and one that has a big impact on your first year. *Nouse* brings you the lowdown on college spirit, sport, halls and the all important drinking facilities

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Alcuin



Over a hill frequented by several generations of rabbits, a college for the great and good stands on the “other” side of University Road. As the home of the Economics and Chemistry departments, Alcuin can offer students studying these subjects a crucial extra ten minutes in bed before a 9am lecture. Affectionately known as the “En-Suite Elite”, Alcuin residents can rely on their own individual shower/bath blocks and toilets (toilet paper sadly not included). Although these rooms are slightly pricier per week, the 34 week contract option allows you to rent the room for less time and save money.

Alcuin have an active JCRC team who organised everything last year from an outdoor festival to a weekend in Amsterdam. Every JCRC has a character and this lot have tended to be a bit off the wall but very much on the ball. Do not hesitate to get involved when you arrive!

If sport is your thing but you'd like to take part on a more light-hearted level, the college has a range of sport teams that you can get involved in - even if you have never played before. Rugby, volleyball, netball and rounders are just some of what is on offer.

There's a brand new café which will be arriving with the freshers in September. It is yet to be named, but will provide sandwiches, cakes and other food to eat-in or take-away. Open seven days a week it's expected to inject a new lease of life into the college's social area. The college is also next to the library - this may be conceived as good or bad depending on your point of view.

The Accommodation

For 35 week lets Alcuin can offer premium ensuite accommodation at £127 per week (£4457 pa), or if you want your room during the Easter break, standard ensembles are let for 40 weeks at £124 per week (£4972 pa) and premium ensembles are £127 (£5093 pa)

The Lowdown

What the prospectus doesn't tell you:

Alcuin sadly does not have any bars which serve alcohol, however V bar is less than five minutes away if you have nice long legs! Trust me, you won't be short of ways to find alcohol...

A word from the Chair, Josh Lee (3rd Year Management Student):

"Hello Freshers 2013! Welcome to the University of York and in particular welcome to Alcuin. Over the next three, four or more years you will have the best time of your life, meet new friends and do things you will (or won't) tell your grandchildren. At University you are accepted for who you are, so get up and get involved. Join that society, write that article, join the JCRC. Welcome and if you see me around say Hello!"

Nouse Sport Editor: "Top choice for netball"

"If you're a netball fan then Alcuin is the college for you. They have been the college to beat in the league for the past four years and while they lost their league title to James in the spring term last year, you'd still back them on paper. The college netball league is one of the best organised college leagues on campus and their excellent relationship with the University netball team allows players who have impressed a chance to break into the university teams."

Nouse says:

Alcuin's a college that can sometimes be seen as a bit detached from the rest of campus but with the new YUSU cafe starting up in September, and the Library cafe now in full swing, this is all expected to change. And anyway, students in Alcuin certainly wouldn't agree!

Useful links: [Alcuin JCRC Website](#), [Alcuin on university website](#), [University accommodation website](#).

Also check out, [A second year's experience of commuting from home](#) and [What if you want to live off-campus?](#)



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