

This is your

moving from home guide

Moving to The Pinnacles, Sheffield

Purpose built student villages are where most students live in their first year of University or College. The Pinnacles in Sheffield is a great place to start life as an independent student because you're in your own place but still have a support network of peers and university staff around you.

Moving from home is daunting so we've asked some current DIGS residents to suggest a few handy hints to help you settle in!

Don't forget your photos

Take lots of photos with you. Most bedrooms have large noticeboards so they are a great way to personalise your room and hopefully help stop you getting too homesick!

Charlotte, The Pavilions, Lincoln

Check Mates

Don't feel you have to make the first person you meet on moving in your friend for life. Take time to meet everyone in your immediate surroundings and lasting friendships will develop naturally. At The Pinnacles we pride ourselves on being a friendly community and you'll get to meet lots of great people!

Avoid questions about grades when you first meet your new flatmate instead talk about favourite bands or what their home town or city is like.

Elisa, The Pinnacles, Sheffield



'Amazingly convenient location, friendly and helpful staff, wicked neighbours and there's always a party going on somewhere!' —Josh, The Pinnacles

TV or not TV?

Get your television licence sorted as soon as possible to avoid a fine. Your accommodation may have a licence covering TVs in communal rooms, but you still need a licence if you're watching the box in your own room.

Keith, The Pavilions, Lincoln

The right ingredients


Even if you're living in catered digs, the likelihood is that you'll have a communal kitchen: keep it tidy or it will get disgusting. If you're storing things in the fridge, don't forget to have a good clear out before going home for a long weekend or the holidays!

Tom, Storthe's Hall, Huddersfield

Top ten things to take with you

1. A washing basket
2. Coat Hangers
3. Lots of passport photos
4. Cooking/Kitchen Utensils
5. Cushions so that your bed is both a bed and a sofa
6. A 4-Way Plug Socket for all your electrical items
7. Post-it notes for leaving messages on friends doors
8. Camera to capture Freshers Week memories
9. Pins for sticking things to any cork boards provided
10. Earplugs, and headphones for your stereo

For a full list suggested by students visit...
www.thestudentroom.co.uk



'At Storthes there is always something going on and new people to meet, everything you need is on site, couldn't be happier!' — Nick from Storthes Hall

Spaghetti Carbonara

Aka bacon and egg sauce. Start frying some chopped bacon add onion and cook over a low heat until soft. Beat eggs with parmesan - or cheddar at a pinch - and stir into hot, drained spaghetti.

Suggested by Chris, The Pinnacles

Spaghetti Napoli


Aka spaghetti (or any other pasta shape) with a simple tomato sauce. Just heat a couple of tablespoons of olive oil, add a crushed clove of garlic, tip in a tin of tomatoes, break them down and leave to simmer for 10 minutes.

Suggested by Sarah, The Pavillions

Frittata

Fry up an onion, a cooked potato or two, some ham or bacon, peas... anything you've got around really. Pour in some beaten eggs, lift up the liquid egg like an omelette until it sets. Flash under the grill until the top is puffy.

Suggested by Andy, Ashenhurst



Pot Noodles are not a food group. Make sure you practice a couple of recipes that you can use to eat when you have "nothing to eat"!

'I feel completely at home here. A great place to chill out and relax!' — Ellice from The Pinnacles