



# My Perspective on University living

Harry Taylor

# About Me

- Attended Angmering Sixth Form 2022-2024
  - Charity lead
  - School band
- Three A-Levels
  - Computer Science – A
  - Physics – B
  - Maths – B
- Currently completing BSc Computer Science – Year 1
  - University of Exeter – Streatham Campus





## Welcome back Harry

You're applying for Undergraduate courses in 2024 -  
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### 2024 Undergraduate Application

Personal ID: 1773855462



**University of Exeter has  
confirmed your place to  
study Computer  
Science –  
Congratulations!**

You'll soon hear from University of Exeter with some  
next steps, make sure you check the details carefully.

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Exeter Student ID Number: 740053204  
UCAS Personal ID: 1773855462  
Programme Name: BSc Computer Science  
Course Code: 1400  
Year of Entry: 2024/5  
Campus: University of Exeter Streatham Campus

Dear Harry

Congratulations Harry - you're coming to the University of Exeter!

We're delighted to let you know that your place has now been confirmed, and UCAS has been updated.

We know that being a student isn't just about your academic studies, and that's why we're working with the [Students' Guild in Exeter](#) and the [Student's Union in Cornwall](#) to make sure that you have an exciting and rewarding university experience, with lots of opportunities to make new friends.

Everyone welcome

We welcome students from all over the world, from many different backgrounds. From your academic tutors and support staff, to all of the friends you will meet along the way. Each of our students has a different story to tell and they are brought together by their determination to succeed.

Join our community

Start meeting your fellow offer-holders now. If you haven't already, you can join our Facebook offer-holder groups for all of our 2024 offer holders. Here you can ask questions about Exeter and Cornwall, and celebrate your place being confirmed with other offer holders. We'll post information to help you but these are your groups so please enjoy them! We have a group for our [campuses based in Exeter](#) and another group for our [campus in Penryn, Cornwall](#).

[@Exeternullife](#) is our Instagram account run by students; follow now to see what our students get up to and ask your questions!

Accommodation

If you've already applied for student accommodation, we will start sending out offers of accommodation from mid-August.

**Exeter-based Campuses (Streatham and St Lukes)**

If you've not yet applied, go to our [accommodation website](#) and apply as soon as you can.

Next Steps

At this stage there is nothing more you need to do except celebrate your place being confirmed!

You will receive an email at the beginning of September providing you with details on how to register, create your Exeter IT account and how to apply for your student id card.

If you are holding a place to study in September 2025, we will keep you up-to-date with everything you need to know. Please remember to let us know if your email address changes, to ensure that you are receiving information.

If you are considering deferring your year of entry or you would like to be considered for a different programme, please contact us via [email](#), where this request will be considered as quickly as possible.

We'll be in touch again soon. See you in September!

The Admissions team

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# My application

- Applied using personal statement
  - Had this peer reviewed three times externally, once internally
- Applied and received offers from five universities:
  - University of Exeter
  - University of Bath – Computer Systems Engineering
  - University of Surrey
  - University of Sussex
  - University of Brighton
- Induction events
  - Enhanced induction Exeter, offer days

# Finances

- Received minimum maintenance loan as of 2024, and paid £9,250 tuition
- Received savings to pay for most of the accommodation remainder, with part time work also contributing
- Food covered by parents; all recreational spending covered by myself

## Exeter university planning and finance

### Year 1

#### Accommodation costs

East park en-suite - £217.98

East park standard - £194.88

Lafrowda en-suite - £202.65

Lafrowda standard - £154.85

#### Autumn term

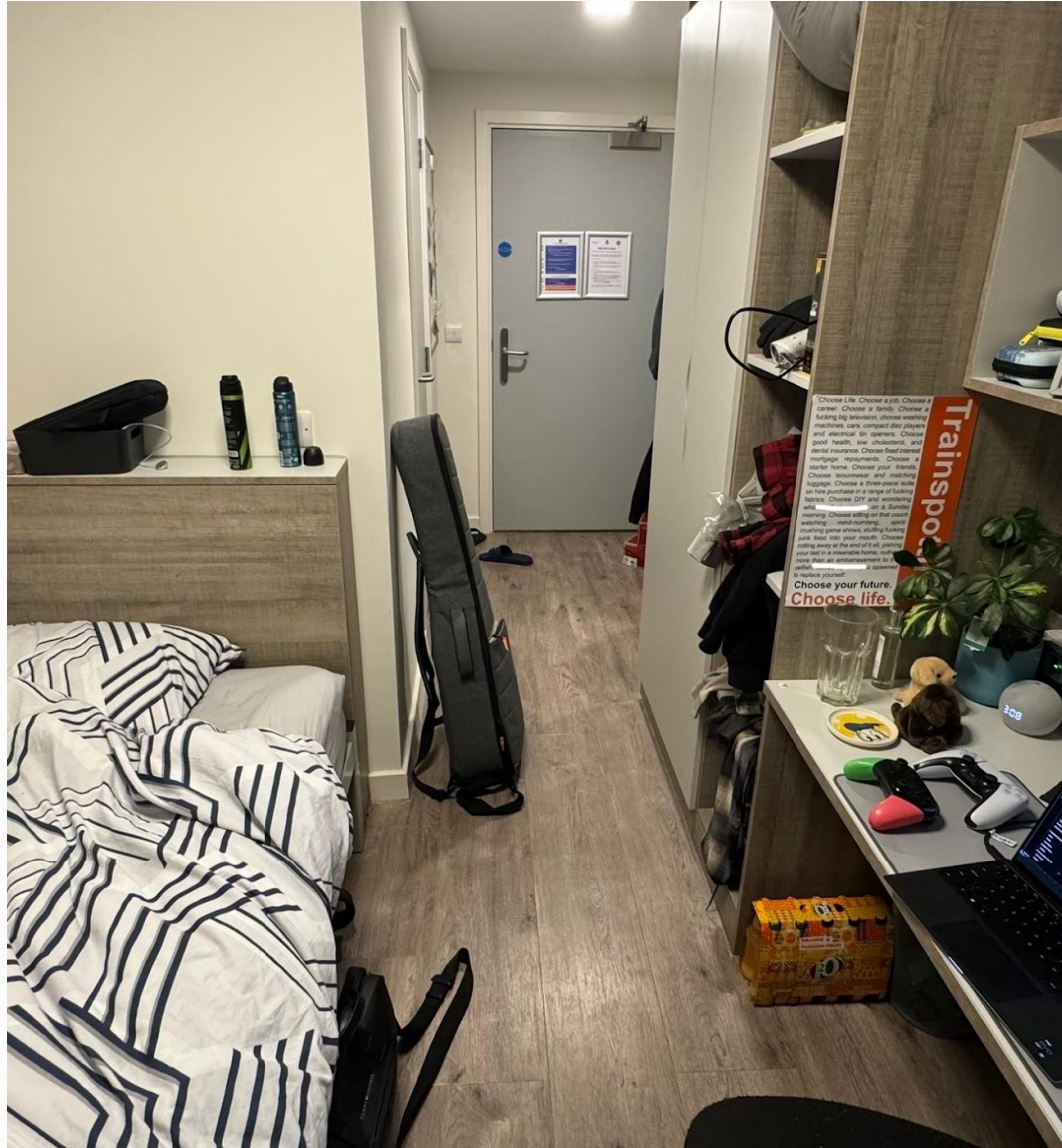
**Teaching term:** 23th September - 13th December

**Accommodation term:** 14th September - 6th January

**Holiday term:** 13th December - 6th January

#### Spending

Activity	Price
Accommodation at East Park en-suite (16 weeks)	£3487.68 -£1573.11 (Student maintenance loan) £1914.57



# Accommodation

- Applied to east park – Apr 24
- Flat shared between eight, communal cooking space all ensuites
- Moved in the weekend before fresher's week
- Food shop ordered through Tesco, saved journeys to town centre
- 15 minutes from campus
- 30 minutes from city centre

# Freshers

- Orientation, University of Exeter offering 2 team building activities for computer science
- Societies, society fair
- Friends gained through flat as well as through course
- General university Information, familiarizing myself with building locations



# Academic Side

- Contact time – roughly 14 hours a week
- Academic support – emailing lab technicians and lecturers
- Teaching Environment – variety size lecture halls, between 200 and 400 seats
- Independent study – use library often between lectures for catch up and assignments

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12 AM					
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2 AM					
3 AM					
4 AM					
5 AM					
6 AM					
7 AM					
8 AM					
9 AM				COM1011_L01/01 - Fundamentals of Machine Learning Northcott Theatre	
10 AM		ECM1415_L01/01 - Discrete Mathematics for Computer Blue LT (A) /Newman			
11 AM	ECM1415_L02/01 - Discrete Mathematics for Computer Blue LT (A) /Newman			ECM1400_L02/01 - Programming Blue LT (A) /Newman	ECM1400_L01/01 - Programming Blue LT (A) /Newman
12 PM					ECM1415_W01/ 3 - Discrete Mathematics for Computer 219 /WSL
1 PM	ECM1407_L2/01 - Social & Professional Issues of the Inf Parker Moot Room LT /Amory	ECM1407_L1/01 - Social & Professional Issues of the Inf Parker Moot Room LT /Amory			
2 PM	ECM1400_W01/ 2 - Programming Lovelace /Innovation Centre 2				
3 PM					
4 PM				COM1011_W02/01 - Fundamentals of Machine Learning Lovelace /Innovation Centre 2	
5 PM					ECM1407_P1/ 3 - Social & Professional Issues of the Inf 320 /Laver
6 PM		COM1011_L02/01 - Fundamentals of Machine Learning Blue LT (A) /Newman			
7 PM					

# My Experience

## Pros

- Enjoyed independence in living away from home
- Enjoyed new social interactions with people from across the UK, and the world
- Learning more practical life skills living in halls

## Cons

- Distance from home in 3-and-a-half-hour drive
- Completely different method of learning compared to secondary or sixth form

