



Welcome to Owens Park

On behalf of The University of Manchester and in particular the Pastoral Team, I would like to welcome you to Owens Park Hall of Residence. I hope that you have had a great summer and that you are ready to join us in a few weeks. Below is some information about Owens Park that I thought you may find useful. We also have a Facebook group so if you are not already signed up please search for '**Owens Park Halls 2014-2015**'. I look forward to meeting you in September.

Mark Hibbert

Warden, Owens Park

About Owens Park

Owens Park is more than bricks and mortar; it is a vibrant student community in the heart of the Fallowfield Campus. It is located 1 ¼ miles south of the main University campus and is linked by excellent bus services. It is about two minutes walk away to the University Athletic Grounds and the Armitage Indoor Sports Centre with a wide range of sporting facilities including Gym. The hall is a catered hall and Mon – Fri breakfast and evening meal are provided and are included in your rent. There are small kitchens within the blocks so you can cook at weekends.

Owens Park provides accommodation for 1056 students and 23 staff. The hall is divided into 5 blocks: Tower, Tree Court, Green Court, Little Court & The Mall. Each block is divided into several 'Houses' each with a Residential Pastoral Advisor (sometimes called a House Tutor) who lives with you in the hall. There are 3 dining halls – one for Tower, one for Tree Court, and one for Green Little and Mall. Owens Park also has a University run bar which is open each night from 8pm – midnight serving a variety of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks at very reasonable prices.

Pastoral Staff

The Warden, Mark Hibbert is responsible for the conduct and welfare of all students living in Owens Park. Working with two Deputy Wardens Alex Drury and Victoria (Tor) Hindle, he manages the Owens Park Pastoral Team which has 20 Residential Pastoral Advisors. The Warden and the other 22 members of the team all live within the hall. They are here to help you settle into the hall and support you throughout your studies by providing advice and guidance on a whole range of issues that may arise throughout the year. They are also a friendly face around the hall to say hello to.

A member of the Pastoral Team is on duty each night from 7pm until 8am and at weekends from a Friday at 7pm until Monday at 8am. They are there to provide help and advice. Lists and photos of the Pastoral Team are displayed around the hall along with details of how to contact either your House Tutor or the on-call out of hours advisor.

Owens Park Students' Association (OPSA) & Sport

The OPSA Committee is a group of elected residents who organise the socials, trips and events throughout the year. They also help to run the hall sports teams. Last year's committee will be returning to help out at the start of the year and have arranged a variety of events and nights out for you to get involved with in Welcome Week. We will then be holding elections in early October for a new committee. It is a great way to get involved with the hall and working with the Pastoral Team and the Students' Union you will then be in charge of spending this year's budget for socials, events and sports. We have several hall sports teams and we will be gathering interest in Welcome Week.