

# Information for applicants

As you are probably aware, you will be under eighteen years of age at the predicted time of enrolment onto your programme of study at Nottingham Trent University.

Nottingham Trent University is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all students studying at the institution, but take additional steps in relation to those who are under eighteen years of age who are considered children in English law. Because of this commitment, we feel that is important to inform you of a number of points in relation to your time at university.

Enclosed is information which we ask you to pass on to your parent(s)/carer(s) for their attention. We do need to receive parental consent before admitting any student who is under the age of eighteen at enrolment (course start date).

**At the end of the document you will find an agreement which we ask you to complete and return to Nottingham Trent University.**

## Safeguards and support in place

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Universities are generally safe and happy places where the great majority of students enjoy their time and have a trouble free university career. Nottingham Trent University has a number of provisions in place to support and safeguard the welfare of students, and in particular students under the age of eighteen. These provisions include:

- Safeguarding children policies and best practice ([www.ntu.ac.uk/safeguarding](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/safeguarding)).
- NTU Safeguarding Officers who can offer support and guidance in relation to the safeguarding of students under the age of eighteen.
- Appropriate recruitment policies and procedures for staff involved in working with students under the age of eighteen.
- Tutors who can offer support and advice assigned specifically to students under the age of eighteen.
- A dedicated Health and Safety Department who work to ensure that the university is a safe environment for all students.
- 24 hour security of all campuses, including CCTV cameras, electronic entry systems, restricted access areas and dedicated security staff.
- Student support for a wide range of areas including International Student Support, Faith Support, Counselling, Disability Support, Mental Health Support, Funding and Money Advice and access to affiliated health centres. See [www.ntu.ac.uk/ssc](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/ssc) for more information.

Wherever possible, we encourage you and your parents/carers to visit the University in person, so that you can see all of its facilities.

## Parental responsibility

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Unlike schools and colleges, the law does not require universities to act *in loco parentis* whilst you are studying with us. This means that the University will not act in any parental capacity towards you. We have therefore requested your parent(s)/carer(s) to provide us with their personal details, so that we may contact them in certain emergency situations.

# Learning in an adult environment

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Universities are primarily designated as adult learning environments. As a result we believe it is important that you are aware of some key ways in which the University may differ from other learning environments such as schools and colleges:

## Vetting of University staff

The University follows government guidance in relation to the recruitment and vetting of staff who routinely work with under-eighteen year old students within the university. This includes the undertaking of Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) checks as appropriate. However, as you can imagine, with an academic and support staff of over 3,500 we are focusing these checks on roles with the highest levels of engagement with under eighteen's. You therefore need to be aware that you will have dealings with staff or contractors who have not been DBS checked.

Please be reassured that we undertake a range of other recruitment practices to ensure that staff are suitable to work in Higher Education and this should not be a cause for concern. This is standard practice across all Higher Education Institutions.

## University allocated accommodation

Students staying in University allocated accommodation are not supervised for the most part and are free to come and go without the need to sign in or out. However, security, safety and general well-being are of the utmost importance to the University. For this reason most accommodation is protected by CCTV cameras, electronic entry systems, intercoms and/or security staff.

The University also provides a Warden Service for each hall of residence. Wardens are in post to provide pastoral and welfare support to students, and to deal with any behavioural issues.

[More information about University allocated accommodation](#) is available through the Accommodation section of the University website.

## Licensed premises

University and Students' Union' facilities include bars, restaurants and convenience stores that are premises licensed for the sale of alcohol.

To ensure that access to University and Students' Union' licensed premises can be monitored and controlled appropriately; entrance to licensed premises requires a student card to be produced upon request. Students under the age of eighteen are issued with a student card indicating that they are under the age of eighteen.

Upon your eighteenth birthday, you are able to exchange your under-eighteen student card for a regular student card free of charge.

## Leisure time and holiday periods

The University takes no responsibility for the welfare of students during their leisure time and holiday periods, unless they are undertaking activities which are

specifically organised by Nottingham Trent University.

### **Computer use regulations**

Upon enrolment at the University, you will be provided with a user account to access the University's online resources. This includes your own email account, free internet access and access to over 2000 computer workstations. The use of the University computer network is governed by a set of regulations which all students are made aware of upon enrolment. Please ensure that you read this when you receive it. You should be aware that the University has the right to monitor all electronic materials sent and received using its networks and that students must adhere to computer use regulations at all times.

### **Programme of study content**

The content of your course may include legitimate themes, discussions or viewing of material which could be considered of an adult nature. Where students under the age of eighteen are enrolled on such programmes of study, the Course Leaders / Deans for the programmes are made aware of their presence and will make suitable adjustments to accommodate any age-related legal constraints or obligations. Your acceptance of a place on the course confirms that you understand these issues and that you (and your parents/guardians) accept that you may encounter such material as a necessary element of your studies.

### **International students under the age of eighteen**

International students under the age of eighteen are required to provide details of a UK based guardian who can act as a contact in the event of an emergency. The UK based guardian can be a nominated friend or relative living in the UK, or a guardian appointed through a guardianship organisation who offer such services.

The [Association for the Education and Guardianship of International Students](#) (AEGIS) runs a programme for the inspection and accreditation of guardianship organisations in the UK. It is recommended that parents/carers of overseas students under the age of eighteen consult the AEGIS website for details of their recommended guardianship organisations:

Please note that Nottingham Trent University provides these details for information purposes only. We are not able to recommend or endorse any guardianship organisations available through AEGIS.

International students who are subject to UK immigration control are advised to contact the University's International Student Support Service for up to date advice on visa regulations relating to students who are under eighteen.

### **International Student Support Service**

- Email: <mailto:int.support@ntu.ac.uk>
- Telephone: +44 (0) 115 848 2631

## Provision of information to parents and carers

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UK Data Protection law prevents us from providing information to your parent(s)/carer(s) about your academic achievement and progression without your explicit consent. However, we may wish to contact them in a limited number of situations, when it is felt to be in your vital and/or the interests of Nottingham Trent University. Examples of situations when this may occur include (but are not limited to):

- If we have serious concerns about your safety and welfare
- If you are subject to serious disciplinary action

You will be made aware of the student code of conduct for studying at Nottingham Trent University, as well as the expected conduct for residing in University allocated accommodation (if appropriate) during your admission and enrolment to the University. Please ensure that you read these documents carefully and adhere to the guidance provided.

Enclosed with this information is a consent form, which we ask you to complete and return to us as soon as possible, preferably at the same time as the completed parent/carer consent form.

## To be completed by the applicant

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I consent to my parent(s)/carer(s) being contacted in situations where it is felt to be in my vital interests and/or the vital interests of Nottingham Trent University. Examples of situations when this may occur include (but are not limited to):

- If we have serious concerns about your safety and welfare
- If you are is subject to serious disciplinary action

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

UCAS Application Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed form to Admissions team via:  
[ntuimportantinformation@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:ntuimportantinformation@ntu.ac.uk)