

NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY ISLAMIC SOCIETY



FRESHERS GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION



As an Islamic Society, our purpose is to represent the Muslim community on campus, serve their interests and maintain the facilities that cater to their needs i.e., the mosque!

We also try to promote unity whilst helping to create an atmosphere that encourages Muslim students to positively engage in society and strive for its betterment.

We try to be an active society and we host events, get-togethers, and classes throughout the year which you can (and we highly encourage you to) take part in. Therefore, join ISOC for a chance to:

- Meet with many different Muslim brothers and sisters.
- Social network and make new friends through our social gatherings.
- Have the opportunity to experience or try new things (we try to host trips, outings and much more!).
- Gain knowledge of Islam through regular lectures, classes, and study circles.
- Get involved in spreading the message of Islam.
- Help the local Muslim community and make a difference.
- Get a free discount card that allows you to get money off at different shops, restaurants, and services!

JOINING THE ISLAMIC SOCIETY

WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND YOU PURCHASE A MEMBERSHIP TO GET THE MOST OUT OF THE ISOC. HERE HOW YOU CAN DO IT:

1. Go to <https://nusu.co.uk/activities/view-society/92>
2. Go to "Buy Membership" section and choose "Log In" if you have not done so.
3. Once you are logged in, click on "Standard Membership" which costs £5.
4. Click add to basket.
5. Click on the basket icon the top right of the page.
6. Once you click it, you will see a "Student Insurance" of £6 is added to your basket. This is a one off payment required by the university by all students who wish to join any society.
8. Review your total.
9. Click "proceed to payment" to check out.



HOW TO ACCESS THE PRAYER SPACE

OUR UNIVERSITY HAS A PRAYER
SPACE THAT CAN ACCOMMODATE
ALMOST 200 PEOPLE!



Our main prayer space is located at **King George VI Building**, Kings Road, NE1 7RU. You can enter the space by swiping your card at the entrance. Please note there are two separate doors for brothers and sisters.

- Check this link to locate the prayer space with Google Maps : <https://goo.gl/maps/qUSNmYjZEHaScP7y8>
- We have also created a video explaining how you can go to the prayer space: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rd1K4Dwx8uw>

We also have a prayer/quiet space at **Philip Robinson Library, Room 327/8** on the level level 3 as quiet room/prayer space. The university is currently piloting this for at least one year since the beginning of 2022. Insha Allah, if everything goes well this may become a permanent feature of the library. However, please note that the library has no dedicated wudu facility and only could accommodate a few numbers of people.

MANAGING PRAYER ON CAMPUS



At the most of time we need to use space outside the prayer space to cater to Jumah!

Our prayer space regularly perform obligatory prayers in congregation. Please check the ISOC website/social media/group chat to check when the prayer will start as the time changes every month.

We also perform Friday prayer (Jumah) which is often attended not only by university members, but also members of the community. It is attended by both brothers and sisters although the space for sisters is rather limited.

In late 2021, due to the increasing demand, we have started to perform Friday Prayer twice. It may bring relieve to some students who may have class that coincide the jamaat time.

However, it may be difficult to navigate the problem in special circumstances, especially during the winter. Here are some things that you can do:

- Communicate with your professors regarding how important it is for you to attend Friday prayer. Many students find that professors are supportive on this concern!
- Try to check other masjid that may perform Friday prayer outside the "regular time". For example, in summer, Madina Masjid may hold it at 4 PM.

PRAYER SPACES AROUND

We listed some of the masjids/prayer spaces in Newcastle although it is not an exhaustive list. Please double-check with the masjid regarding the details.



Newcastle Central Mosque

CITY CENTRE

MUSLIM WELFARE HOUSE

6 North Terrace, Spital Tongues, NE2 4AD

<https://goo.gl/maps/mx56mFNJTxPGBE1b8>

Contact: 0191 232 3055

Fajr, Zuhr, Maghrib, Friday prayers only.
Brother section only.

FENHAM/ ELSWICK

NEWCASTLE CENTRAL MOSQUE (MASJID TAWHID)

The White House, Grainger Park Road NE4 8RQ

Contact: 0191 2730262
newcastlecentralmosque.com

Brother and Sister sections available.

KOTKU MOSQUE/TURKISH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

35 Grainger Park Rd, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 8SB

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/tca.kotku.mosque/>
<https://goo.gl/maps/guKQ2cvtUc9QdT XWA>

MADINA MASJID

4-36 Wingrove Gardens, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 9HS

<http://www.madinamasjidnewcastle.org.uk/>
<https://goo.gl/maps/V1IWUGr2QRR1cKpBA>

Brothers only.

NEWCASTLE BANGLADESHI ASSOCIATION JAME MASJID AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

246-248 Elswick Rd, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 6SN

<https://goo.gl/maps/ZGRwuGMV3gbKV yFG6>



Heaton Mosque

NALI COMMUNITY CENTRE

46–50 Elswick Rd, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 6JH

<https://www.nalicomunitycentre.org/>
<https://goo.gl/maps/tUteumbkexzUjXyXA>

BILAL JAMIA MASJID

Elswick, Malvern Street, Newcastle, NE4 6SU

<https://www.facebook.com/bilaljamiaelswick/>
<https://goo.gl/maps/AwMyk8ePxVXsS8sn9>

HEATON/ GOSFORTH

HEATON MOSQUE

1 Rothbury Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 5XH

<https://www.heatonmosque.co.uk/>
<https://goo.gl/maps/DDyfmCqFxxWZQI5u7>

GOSFORTH PRAYER HALL

Gosforth Residents Association, Christon Rd, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 1XD

<http://www.gosforthprayerhall.com/>
<https://goo.gl/maps/XUvuxkTPAp53nZuY8>

GATESHEAD

MASJID AL FURQAN

1a Villa Place Gateshead, Tyne & Wear NE8 1RY

<https://www.facebook.com/furqanmosque/>
<https://goo.gl/maps/2mXx43FRPV6D4MJR8>

HALAL FOOD GROCERIES

There are not many places that provide halal meat in the city centre. However, you don't have to venture far to get this! We have listed some of them:

WEST ROAD

West Road has an array of stores where you can find exactly what you want (and it's close to the city centre). Most people shop at Newcastle Halal, Watan, Pamir, Brighton Store for their halal meat but there are multiple shops dotted along that road so feel free to have a look. It has many international stores so you're bound to find something to suit your diet! Ingredients for African, Asian, and Arab cuisine can be found on this street.

Some key stores include:

- African:
 - M.A.M
 - Osas
 - Jollof Food Store
 - Back Home International
- Asian
 - Newcastle Halal
 - Yadgaar
 - Watan
 - Najeb Continental Supermarket.
- Arab/Middle East:
 - Newcastle Halal (also serve a wide array of sweets and treats)
 - Najeb
 - There's a bakery opposite Najeb that serve Arab sweets and treats.

There are also a lot of stores that cater to European diets too. The ASDA at Westgate also stocks a few frozen halal items such as sausages and samosas

ELSWICK

Not too far from Fenham there's an area called Elswick which also cater for many international cuisines. Some notable mentions:

- MA Brothers (Serving halal groceries, Asian cuisine + more)
- Byker International Food (Catering to Asian and African cuisine and more!)
- Gihan Food Store

OTHERS

If you don't mind venturing a bit further quite a few mainstream supermarkets sell halal meat, groceries and options such as:

- Morrison's located at Two-Bell Loner (Cowgate)
- Morrison's Byker
- ASDA (Gosforth)
- ASDA (Gateshead).
- Heaton Halal Superstore

HALAL FOODS WITHIN THE CITY CENTRE

There are many places that serve halal foods within the city centre, which is near to the university. We have listed some of them, and there are more that we may be not aware of. Remember! This is just a guide so always double-check with the restaurants before going to eat. For example, some restaurants may serve halal meat while still also using alcoholic substances or letting cross-contamination with haram ingredients happen. (Note: **Bold A** denotes places that serve alcohol)

- Aneesa's Buffet House (Fully halal) **A**
- Alsham Restaurant (Fully halal)
- Chicken Cottage (Fully Halal)
- Chilli Padi (Fully Halal)
- Dabbawal (Fully Halal) **A**
- Dixy (Fully halal)
- Eat4Less (Full halal except for pork items).
- Fez Mezze and Pizza (Fully Halal)
- Foodville (Fully Halal)
- German Doner Kebab (Fully Halal)
- Get Stuffed (Fully Halal)
- Jollibee (Fully Halal)
- KFC (Located at the Gate)
- Khai Khai (Fully Halal)
- Latif Indian Restaurant (Fully Halal)
- Manjaros (Fully Halal)
- My Delhi (Fully Halal)
- Nandos (Fully Halal) THE GATE LOCATION ONLY.
- Ottommans (Fully halal) **A**
- Persia Restaurant (Fully Halal) **A**
- Pizza & Co (Fully halal)
- Red Mezze (Fully Halal)
- Shawarma & GrillHouse (Fully Halal)
- Torro's (Fully halal)
- The Dispensary (Fully Halal)
- Wing Town (Fully Halal)
- Yo-Yo Noodles (Fully Halal).



ACCOMMODATION

Try to secure your accommodation ASAP. We are unable to arrange accommodation for students, however, our notice board in the Prayer Space can be used by students and homeowners to post ads.

You are also welcome to post your own ad asking for accommodation or roommates in our Facebook group or the ISOC group chats (granted permission is sought from the Head brother or sister prior).

A lot of private accommodation is also available to students some of these include:

- Unite Students.
- Leazes Parade (they also provide female only floors).

Some sites that may be useful are:

- Spareroom.com
- Rightmove.co.uk
- Zoopla

WHERE TO LIVE?

CITY CENTRE

There is a lot of options here for students seeking accommodation. Whether you want an ensuite, a studio, or just a room, you can easily find something. As a student this is your best bet too as the campus and Muslim prayer space is only a 10-15 minutes walk from here.

There are also many halal restaurants but unfortunately no halal supermarkets. Don't fret though, it's only a short bus ride to the West End of Newcastle where all your halal food needs can be met! Rent in the city centre however, can be a bit more expensive and depending on where you're located some areas can get busy (Newcastle is known for its nightlife)!

WEST END (FENHAM+BENWELL)

This area has a high share of Muslims and Asians. There are many masjids, including Newcastle Central mosque, halal restaurants and supermarkets. Rent is cheaper here. However, it is quite a distance from the city centre and requires a bus (unless you like long walks!).

JESMOND

This is a short walking distance or metro ride to the city centre. It is popular with students many live here during their second-final years!

Accommodation can be expensive, but it is okay if splitting with housemates. However, places in this area go fast! So, if you're looking to live here you need to plan and book early!

GOSFORTH/KINGSTON PARK:

Many Muslim families live in these areas. They are family friendly, have good schools and homes. There are no major halal supermarkets here, but few supermarkets like ASDA stock halal products/meat. This may be an affordable option for postgraduate students or students with families, but it is a further journey to campus (you need a metro/bus).

KENTON/HEATON

Another option where families tend to live. Many people like these areas, they have halal restaurants, and they are becoming popular options with young families. However, it is a further journey to campus usually.

SOME USEFUL SERVICES

LADIES ONLY GYM:

BodyZone (City Centre)

9-11 Carlol Square, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6UF
<https://body-zone.org.uk/>
<https://goo.gl/maps/32RwUX8amonNw11h6>

ISLAMIC ATTIRE/ITEMS

Birr Boutique

290A Wingrove Ave, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 9AA
<https://www.instagram.com/birr.boutique/>

Grand Boutique

The Beacon, Artisan Unit 7, Westgate Rd, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 9PQ
<https://www.instagram.com/grandboutique2021/>

Islamic Essentials

25 Nuns Moor Rd, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 9AU

SOME USEFUL TIPS

LIVING ON A STUDENT BUDGET:

A good place to start is to open a separate account or student account and calculate a weekly allowance from your income or student loan. Try and stick to the allowance. Try not use your student loan to buy many non-essential items.

A good tip is to withdraw your weekly allowance at the start of the week and only use that money to pay for your spending's. Studies show we tend to spend less when we have to pay for items using cash as opposed to card.

Good guides:

- www.ucas.com/managing-money
- Studentcalculator.org (home students)
- International.studentcaluclator.org (for international students).

TEXTBOOKS:

Once you get your course reading list, check the uni libraries to see if your textbooks are available.

- Look for [Newcastle University Libsearch](#) – some are provided in an online format.
- Chegg.com (for textbook and study question solutions)
- Library Genesis (a website for PDF copies of over 2 millions books)

If you need to purchase books its usually cheaper to buy books from websites like Ebay, wob.com, or even from students in the year above you.

Feel free to ask the students in the year above if it is worth buying certain textbooks too!



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