

King's new residence adds 80 rooms with apartment-style living concept for Fall 2020

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London, ON. – King's University College has expanded its residence living options with the addition of a four-unit apartment complex designed to accommodate the needs of students near campus.

The new King's Commons on Richmond complex will provide students with furnished private bedrooms as part of shared apartment-style living at the corner of Richmond Street and Epworth Ave. The location is just steps from King's campus and the Western University gates. The location is served by the King's-Brescia shuttle bus route, with a stop at King's Commons on Richmond. As well, King's Commons on Richmond is located near a London Transit bus stop.

Each bedroom will be equipped with a queen-sized bed, a desk and a closet. The rooms are part of an apartment for five students, each with their own private room, who will share a furnished common living room, a kitchen with two fridges, a stove and dishwasher; two full bathrooms and laundry machines. Each apartment unit has temperature controls including air conditioning.

Accommodations will be available starting with the Fall 2020 term. Students will be able to choose an eight-month residence option, meaning they will not have to pay over the summer months. Upper-year students can request a room in King's Commons on Richmond now by submitting an application and deposit to King's Residence management office (residence@kings.uwo.ca). There is limited availability and requests to live in groups of five will be considered. New incoming students will also have limited access to the new residence based on requesting King's Commons on Richmond when they receive an offer of admission.

"This concept gives students a choice," says Joe Henry, Dean of Students. "It will be particularly attractive to upper-year students who have already enjoyed a year in residence and are looking for more independence with the convenience and security of living at King's," he adds. The apartments will be a mix of single-gender and mixed-gender configurations as per students' requests. As well, the buildings will have a House Coordinator to provide in-house support and to facilitate residence programming.

King's will provide maintenance and upkeep of the buildings. King's external security company will monitor the buildings via mobile patrol. The 32 parking spots adjacent to King's Commons

on Richmond will become Lot P9 in the King's parking system, offering more opportunities for students to have paid parking near campus.

"King's University College is delighted by this opportunity to offer yet another style of residence living, very near campus, to our students. We aim to give students a choice as to how they want to experience life at King's. Residence living is an important part of the university experience. Not only is it safe and affordable, but it is a way to build community and lasting friendships," says Dr. David Malloy, Principal.

The King's Commons on Richmond will add to the already diverse inventory of residence accommodations, which includes traditional shared and single residence rooms in Alumni Court and Wemple Hall buildings; townhouse residences; upper-year housing-style residence in Epworth Place; and International House for International degree and exchange students.

For more information on King's Commons on Richmond, please visit <u>https://www.kings.uwo.ca/current-students/student-affairs/housing-and-residence/facilities-and-amenities/</u>.

King's is a public Catholic University College which provides general and honors degree programs in the liberal arts, social sciences, management, and a master's degree in social work. It is positioned in the top rank of institutions of higher learning in Canada for the high quality of its teaching faculty and student experience. Institutionally autonomous, King's is academicallyaffiliated with Western University, and King's graduates receive a Western University degree. King's is open to students of all faith backgrounds, with its community centred on the values of social justice, equality, and the education of the whole person.

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