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Searching for Student Accommodation in Edinburgh by [KateForbes](#)

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The New Town property market in Edinburgh is booming at the moment and because of this the flats in this area are out of reach of many students. The rental rates are around £90 per person per week. Contrary to this, Marchmont and Bruntsfield areas have abundance of student accommodation.

Peak student property search months:

Students can search for new accommodation either from May to early July or in September because most of the properties become available at the end of June or in September.

A quick decision approach:

A student looking for a property should have a clear list of requirements in their mind so that they could decide on the spot while viewing the property, as mostly people lose a property they like mostly because they delay the decision for a day or two while waiting for a response from say their other flat mate and someone else grabs the opportunity.

One way to avoid this unwanted situation and despair is to accompany the prospective flat mates to view the property and if the suitability of the property is agreed by all, it should be decided there and then. Furthermore, they should carry the financial means such as bank cards, cheque-books, parental guarantee bank references etc. These factors must be taken into account beforehand when searching for properties during rush months.

Keep looking for friends moving out:

Keep an open eye and mind of any friends who might move out of a good place nearer the time you need it. This proactive approach might save the hassle of looking for a desirable place. The person him/herself or the friend moving out can let the landlord or the agent know the intention of taking the property once vacant. These sort of properties can be secured well in advance if the person is ready to pay the required deposit instantly.

Look for the property before the rush begins:

One can start looking for accommodation in May before the exams conclude. Property advertisements are the best way to do this. If any suitable property comes up, the student should approach the lettings agent and negotiate to get the deal.

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