

STUDENT ACCOMMODATION SURVEY EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- One in seven students believe remote studying will become a permanent behaviour change within the higher education sector.
- The pandemic has altered the decision of almost half of all students surveyed (48%).
- Nearly one-quarter (23%) claim they were more likely to defer, while one in five (21%) were more likely to pivot to online studying.
- More than half (52%) claim coronavirus had not changed their plans.
- The slim majority (52%) of students that post-pandemic outbreak did not change their mind on higher education preferences is consistent with Q1 (i.e. half of students would still select a 3-year campus-based degree today).



It is worth noting that the proportion of students which indicated that they were considering deferring (23%) appears to have reduced markedly.



Location and transport infrastructure between student residences and University departments was the dominant priority among students when choosing their accommodation.



The combined priorities – among six choices – accounted for the most first and second preference votes in the survey.



Preferences clustered after that with little to separate preference for communal spaces, social scene and en-suite bathrooms, when first and second-place choices are combined. Tech infrastructure (i.e. access to 5G and Wi-Fi) was the second-last preference, on the same basis. Finally, access to sports facilities was a distant least important consideration.

1%

of students would select a three year campus-based degree today, rising to six in 10 students (61%) including shorter one-year courses are included.

67%

of students would consider international universities if remote study was the only option.

67%

of students claim that environmental concerns influence student accommodation selection.

75%

of students reported quality in accommodation in their second year at university.