

## Southwell Hall

Southwell Hall is 1 of the 5 halls in Evelyn Gardens. It is about a 20 minute walk away from the main school campus, possibly 15 minutes if you walk fast. It is a rather safe walk, even in the night when you're walking home from school. The route to school is rather straightforward, so you don't have to worry about getting lost. Being someone who's rather bad with directions, I actually got used to the route pretty fast, so no worries on that. (:

I stayed in an en suite twin room in Southwell Hall and I would say that the facilities are rather good. The en suite toilet is quite well maintained and my room is rather big, with quite a bit of walking space even with two beds and two desks in place. The price for an en suite double room is about £118 per week which is rather reasonable given the quality of the room. I stayed at the basement, a few rooms away from the common room and right next to the basement kitchen. The good thing about this is that the basement kitchen is open 24 hours and this makes it convenient to have a night snack. Other kitchens on the other levels of the hall are only opened till 11pm, which means that people from other levels would come down to use the basement kitchen after 11. Sometimes there may be too much noise but the warden (who lives near the kitchen as well) would make sure that the noise level is kept low, so if you're afraid that you might not get to sleep well, fret not. (:

The common room in Southwell is rather well furnished, with a pool table and a foosball table which needs 20p each to operate. There is also a bar in the common room and a Wii console so when you're bored, you can pop by the common room for some entertainment. The laundry room is also located at the other end of the basement. There is only one laundry room which has 3 washing machines and 2 dryers and 182 people share this laundry room so it may get a bit crowded at times. It is less crowded on weekdays so you could try doing laundry on weekdays to avoid the crowd. The hall seniors in Southwell are rather friendly and would definitely help you if you've got any problems with regards to your stay in hall. There are also quite a few activities held for the hall, for example barbecue every week during summer term.

There is a Sainsbury's local right behind Evelyn Gardens, so it is rather convenient in terms of grocery shopping. If you want to go to the big Sainsbury's instead, it'll be a 10-15 minute walk. Sains local is definitely slightly more expensive than the big Sains itself, but the prices of the groceries are still reasonable.

So overall, Southwell Hall is suitable for people who don't mind the 15-20 minute walk to school and also suitable for people who like big comfortable rooms. It is generally rather peaceful and quiet and has quite a nice working environment, so if you like peace and quiet during your study, Southwell Hall is a good choice. (: