Banking in the UK

Account types
Different types of accounts are offered by UK banks to international students:

- A **Basic Account** which is free but only has a cash card (no online banking, and you can only withdraw money from the bank ATM)
- A **Current Account** which sometimes has a monthly fee and provides extra services (debit card + online banking + withdraw in any ATMs).

For more info, contact the bank directly.

Banks in York

- Barclays: 1 Parliament Street
- Halifax: 47 Parliament Street
- HSBC: 13 Parliament Street
- Lloyds Bank: St Helens Square
- NatWest: 1 Market Street
- Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS): 6 Nessgate
- Santander: 7 High Ousegate
- TSB Bank: 25 Parliament Street
- Yorkshire Bank: 46 Coney Street
Other banks outside York
- Bank of China: 69 Mosley Street, Manchester, M2 3JB
- Islamic Bank of Britain: 601 Stockport Road, Manchester, M13 0RX
- Unizest: an online bank created for International students
  http://www.unizest.co.uk/

Sharia compliant banking
Some high street banks, including Lloyds TSB, HSBC, and Islamic Bank of Britain, provide bank accounts in accordance with Sharia principles.

We do not promote, make representation, nor subscribe to any of the banks listed.

Independent Bank Account Comparison websites
http://www.moneysupermarket.com/
https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/banking subscribe

Opening a bank account
1. Think about the type of account you would like:
2. Basic account (includes cash card only) or Current account (includes debit card + online banking)
3. Request an appointment at the bank
4. Request a Bank letter on e:vision (see below)
5. On the day bring your bank letter, passport and visa or BRP (if applicable)

How to request a bank letter on e:vision
1. Logon to https://evision.yorksj.ac.uk
2. Click on “Request a bank letter”
3. Confirm your address details, and change them if they are incorrect
4. Select the name and location of your bank of choice
5. Confirm the details are correct
6. Submit
7. Pick up your Bank Letter from the Student Information Desk in the Holgate Building the next business day

Remember - you can only request a bank letter for one bank, so make sure you know where you would like to open an account first.

If you have any difficulty opening a bank, or are not sure what to do, please visit the International Student Support office in Gateway House, or e-mail iss@yorksj.ac.uk