The caretaker's welcome

Hi and welcome to Dania Kollegiet.

Firstly, within the first two weeks of your arrival you should come and meet the caretaker. If you have questions about anything this is a good time to ask. You should also make an appointment with the caretaker to inspect the room to see if there is anything wrong with it. Also if you view your contract (find it your folder) it will state the move out date; you should be aware that you must vacate your apartment 7 working days before this date.

When you first arrive at your apartment, your electricity is turned off and you will have to turn it on at the electricity box in your apartment (flick the grey/black switch). All electricity and water consumption is paid biannually by you (the resident). The company in charge of billing electricity is called NRGi; they will send you an invoice sometime within your stay. You must pay some of the charges in advance based on an estimate of your consumption (which NRGi makes). When you move out your consumption is recorded and if you have used less than the estimated amount you will be refunded the excess amount. The company in charge of billing your water consumption is called Aarhus Kommune; normally you will receive their letters in Danish and if you want help translating these please see the caretaker.

There are several garbage stations around the dormitory. At one of the parking lots there is a garbage station for mixed/household waste and in the middle of dormitory grounds is a garbage station with five containers: two for mixed/household waste, one for glass, one for paper and a large green container for cardboard. Please remember to sort your waste properly and also to shut the bin lids when you have finished disposing your waste.

You ought to have received a washing card when you got your keys. If you did not it might be located in your folder. Otherwise, you may receive it in the mail a few days into your arrival. There are two laundry rooms; one located under building 11 and the other under 18A. You were given two keys on arrival; the key tag is used to access the laundry. When washing and drying your clothes you need to insert your washing card and press the corresponding number of the machine you wish to use. The amount charged for washing and drying is automatically charged to your monthly rent. It costs between 9-11 kr. to wash your clothes (depending on temperature) and 8 kroner to dry. Detergent is automatically dispensed.

There is an exercise gym available to use for all residents of Dania Kollegiet. The key tag is also used to gain access to the gym. The gym is located in building 16C next to the caretaker's office. The gym is cleaned every Thursday, although it is the collective responsibility of the users of the gym to keep in clean and organized. Please remember to bring a towel to wipe down equipment after use. Also, only use indoor shoes.

To use the internet, you need a cord as there is no wireless router. Connect the cord and you will be automatically connected (no password required). If you want wireless internet access, you will need to purchase your own wireless router. Every room has a telephone outlet. If your room does not have a phone you may be able to borrow one from the international secretariat if they have any available. Otherwise, they are reasonably cheap to buy; you can sometimes get them for under 100 kroner. Your number will be sent to you in a letter from Bolignet Aarhus.

There is a storage room with a lock allocated to every apartment. To find out where yours is located please ask the caretaker and he can direct you. If you require light bulbs for all fixed lighting devices (not lamps) please see the caretaker.

There is a common room available to rent for private use. The common room is located under the gym in building 16C and has a bar and cooking facilities. A deposit is required, which is returned if the room is left clean and has no damage. There is also a study room and a TV lounge (located under 18A), which can be used at all times, no reservation required.