



Securing students and solving key management problems with SMARTair™

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ASSA ABLOY, the global leader
in door opening solutions

SMARTair™ added intelligent access control and upgraded security

"We are so pleased with the result we are already looking to adopt the access control system for the other student accommodation properties we manage nationwide."

James McGrath,
co-owner and director, Mezzino



Project

Company: Mezzino – Student Accommodation Provider (www.mezzino.co.uk)

Location: Middlesbrough, England

Devices installed: Over 70 SMARTair™ wireless escutcheons

ASSA ABLOY brand: Mul-T-lock

ASSA ABLOY partner: Newark & Sherwood Locksmiths

RFID technology: Smartcard

Year of installation: 2012

Challenge

Rialto Court is a block of contemporary apartments for students attending Durham University and Teesside University in Middlesbrough.

When management company Mezzino took ownership of the property, each apartment was secured using a master key system. But with the annual turnover of tenants – together with a need for scheduled cleaning and summer shutdown periods – keys were quickly becoming difficult to manage.

Key requirements

- A convenient access control solution that would make life easier for both the student tenants and the management company
- User-friendly locks that did not compromise on security
- A security system that was designed to work with the unique demands of students and student accommodation, among which are frequent lost keys and a rapid annual turnover of tenants
- A solution that would allow Mezzino to continue working with long-standing locksmith partner, Newark & Sherwood

Solution

Mezzino asked Newark & Sherwood Locksmiths to recommend high-quality access control that could both simplify the security arrangements for all residents and solve key management issues for Mezzino. They suggested SMARTair™, a complete access control system that could work from existing programming and be quickly fitted to every apartment to upgrade security instantly.

"I had no hesitation in suggesting SMARTair™ because of its adaptability to suit any accommodation. Its features make it a simple and intelligent way of upgrading the controllability and security level of any premises, while also solving key management issues – without compromising on aesthetics or style," says Dale Bennett of Newark & Sherwood.

In an initial deployment, 74 apartments were fitted with wireless SMARTair™ escutcheons. With SMARTair™, cards or fobs can be easily added or removed at a central point when required. Time zones can also be set, and an audit trail is available from the door device or user credential to make sure personnel access to any room is easily trackable.

These and other features make SMARTair™ a security solution tailor-made for student accommodation like Rialto Court.