Welcome to Imperial!

This is our whistlestop tour round the South Kensington Campus. South Kensington isn’t our only campus, so treat this as a starting point – you can learn and explore more from our website.

Our tour route is step-free and we have three options for you.

Spent 15 minutes with us as an introduction to the College and some of our key buildings.

Take 30 minutes and you’ll add in further buildings where teaching, learning and research happens, as well as student support services.

With all minutes, you’ll have the full South Kensington Campus experience including Imperial College Union, our student’s union, sports facilities, and student halls of residence.

Along the way, there are plenty of places to take a moment to enjoy those moments: take a sit down to grab something to drink. Turn over to find out about our history, what it is we do here.

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Imperial College London has been based at South Kensington since 1851 when the Royal College of Science, the Royal School of Mines and the City and Guilds College merged to form one institution. Throughout the twentieth century, Imperial expanded and today, we’re recognised as a world leader in science, engineering, medicine and business.

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Explore
Have a walk around campus using this guide, which is designed to give you an insight into life at Imperial. Your starting point is the College Main Entrance on Exhibition Road. Once you’ve come to the end of your visit today, use the map below to get back to where you started or find the nearest transport links.

15 minute tour

You’re currently at Duggars Plaza, the heart of the South Kensington Campus. In addition to the Colosseum of the Campus, the college buildings house many of the departments of Chemistry, Biochemistry and the Faculty of Medicine.

On the west side of the Duggars Plaza, you’ll notice the Alexander Building, home to the Imperial College Business School and continues to the Lecture Theatre

The College Main Entrance was opened in 2004.

Behind the reception desk, look out for the eye-catching original nineteenth-century bell and clock mechanism, and the plaque marking the location of the first concert of the Queen’s Tower Rooms, an impressive space used for concerts, community events and conferences.

The Queen’s Tower is an imposing metal drum-shaped structure, which houses the Maurice Hancock Smart Energy Lab – where researchers present new technologies in renewable energy and sustainable development.

Working anti-clockwise around the Court, you’ll next see the Main Entrance, home to the Department of Computing. You’ll see a 3D printed structure in the atrium which was opened in 2004.

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Once you’ve taken in the Main Entrance, proceed through the lobby of Level 1 of the Sherfield Building, designed by Foster and Partners. The Faculty Building is home to the offices of key administrative staff, the President and the Provost. The plans which, real or fictitious, with the building, are specifically arranged according to the path of the sun to ensure comfort shading.

The Queen’s Tower was designed by Sir Aston Webb, who was also the architect of Buckingham Palace and the Royal School of Mines. Designed by Sir Aston Webb, the oldest buildings on campus. Designed by Sir Aston Webb, one of the key players in the establishment of the Imperial College of Science and Technology.

Time to spare? Stay with us for another 15 minutes

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