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Move in!

- The convenience of having the shops close by which makes buying groceries less of a hassle.
- The surrounding area is full of restaurants and shops, so dinner options are endless!
- It’s a 15 minute walk to campus, and I love it because I can easily travel back and forth from College. If I’m feeling peckish, the big Sainsbury’s supermarket is right across the street from me.

Imperial’s main campus in South Kensington benefits from a central London location, affording you the opportunity to live in a variety of diverse and unique areas. London’s fantastic transport network means you will have access to the entire city, with quick and regular connections to the West End and East End, as well as easy access to Heathrow and Gatwick airports.

We asked our students where they live and why they love it. Here is what they had to say:

Paulina shares her top 5 house-hunting tips:

1. Use general websites and forums.
3. Write down your key requirements: House viewing guide
4. Join the Student Union and departments for noticeboards.
5. Use social media and message boards.

If there was a fire in the main hallway, could you still escape? Does the roof look in good condition? Is the furniture fire resistant? Is all the furniture in good condition?

Outside
- Are the wooden window frames or fences safe and free from droppings?
- Are the gutters/walls free from plants growing inside?
- Does the landlord provide lawn cutting?

Location
- Does the property have any immediate views?
- Is the property near to any open spaces?
- Is the property near any leading institutions?

Security
- Does the cooker work? Do all the taps work?
- Does the landlord provide window cleaning?

Furniture
- Are there enough bathrooms for the number of housemates?
- Are the ground floor curtains thick enough to not be seen through?
- Is the property near any parks?
- Is the property safe for families?

Housemates
- Are the housemates friendly?
- Are the housemates quiet?
- Are there enough windows for natural light?
- Are there enough bathrooms for the number of housemates?

VIEWING TIP
- Check if there are any maintenance issues such as leaks or damp.

Rent Guarantor Scheme
- Our Rent Guarantor Scheme
- If you are eligible and learn more online: /imperialstudentaccommodation

Go to House viewing guide

16 most popular areas for students
- Top tips from students
- Choose the right area for you
- What’s inside
- Imperial student noticeboards
- General websites and forums
- Estate agents
- The Student Hub
- Student Union
- Departments
- Local businesses

House hunting timeline
- Move in!
- Keep asking around: in person, on Facebook, by e-mails. People prefer to rent a room to a housemate who is definitely going to move in.
- Don’t worry, there are still plenty of properties available!
- Landlords begin to advertise properties at the start of the year from 1 week later – it’ll save you a lot of time and stress.
- It sounds obvious, but really isn’t. It is easy to be tempted as soon as you see something reasonable. But remember: you mustn’t sign anything until you’ve seen it for yourself.
- So many choices to make! Is your choice going to be based on price, location, the number of housemates? Our House viewing guide will help you decide which London area suits you best.
- Our experienced team will guide you through every step of the process and make it as stress-free as possible.

July
August
September and October.
- The move in date is the Monday of the second week after the start of the Autumn Term.

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Got a Question?

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Which area is best for you?

Whether you are after leafy parks, vibrant nightlife or international cuisine, London has it all. We recommend that you research the different areas to find your perfect fit. To help you get started we have identified the top 16 most popular areas for our students to live.

Average rent varies from area to area. Typically rent is cheaper in areas further away from the centre of London. This can be seen from the map above which gives you an idea of rental costs for all of London. Average rents shown above are per room/person per week.

Transport for London fare zone

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**Average rents shown above are per room/person per week.**

**Disclaimer**

The figures in this area guide are accurate as of February 2018 and sourced from the following:

- Travel times: Google Maps, distance from the tube/train station of each area to South Kensington campus.
- Student numbers: Imperial College London Registry.