



Finding

a place

to stay

A guide for new students

Where you live in London will depend on...

...how much rent you're willing to pay

Rents are dependent on both location and size of house. As a very rough guide, a studio flat outside central London could range from £700 to £900 per month. More detailed information about the typical rents you can expect to pay in different areas can be found at [london.gov.uk/rents](https://www.london.gov.uk/rents)

...what you want from your local area

London is a very large city, and each area has a distinctive character - you will need to do some research to find out which part of the city would suit you.

For student reviews and more information on many areas of

London, check out the ULHS area guide and "Top 10 postcodes": (See housing.london.ac.uk).

A useful book is Time Out's yearly publication, *London For Londoners*, which gives an overview of areas in London from a resident's point of view—a sort of tourist guide for locals.

...how far you're willing to commute

Check out Transport for London's journey planner at tfl.gov.uk or Google Maps at maps.google.com to find out average journey times from different areas.

Another useful transport map site is Mapnificent (www.mapnificent.net) which shows places that are within specified transport times to a particular location; the map is based on public transport data, so helpfully shows more distant 'islands' that happen to have fast transport links.

Where to start looking

University of London Housing Services

The ULHS have a database of housing offers including flats, houses and single rooms (see housing.london.ac.uk) let by registered agents and landlords. This database is password protected; as a prospective student, you should be able to obtain the password.

The ULHS themselves have a selection of 1-7 bedroom houses and flats for students to rent. These properties are owned or leased by the University of London, so essentially the University acts as the landlord and manages the property. Keep your eye out for when properties are listed and become open for viewing, some are as early as the beginning of August.

Overall, the ULHS website is an excellent place to get information and advice on renting property in London!

Property websites

Find a Property
[findaproperty.com](https://www.findaproperty.com)

Allows you to search by area, or tube lines and stations.

Right Move
[rightmove.co.uk](https://www.rightmove.co.uk)

Apparently, this is the property finder site that receives the most traffic

Prime Location
www.primelocation.com

Find a Property, Right Move and Prime Location are quite similar and tend to show mostly the same properties, but often, due to the different formats of the sites, some are easier to search and navigate through. The information provided about a given property may differ from site to site e.g. more pictures, floor plans, dimensions, etc. These three are very well known so they will generally have the most big agency listings, however, this means that properties there tend to be slightly more expensive.

Zoopla

www.zoopla.com

Usually has fewer listings, but some different ones. Shows price changes.

Loot

www.loot.com

Some different and usually cheaper listings. It is not particularly easy to search several things at once. Also available as a newspaper.

Accommodation for Students

www.accommodationforstudents.com

Student-centred accommodation site. Beware the Streetview maps: they can be wrong! Also includes listings and pictures of private student halls.

Gumtree

www.gumtree.com

General classified advertisements for everything from accommodation to music lessons. Ads from landlords, agencies and people looking for roommates. Very widely used and frequently updated, but very poorly regulated, and photos often don't match the properties.

Many of these websites show links to send a message to the landlord or letting company. Often, waiting for a response is too slow, and many don't actually respond. Your best bet is to just call them!

Letting agents

Websites can give you scope of what is available from different agents. But often, when you contact an agent, a property is no longer available or the agents actually have more properties on their books that are not listed on websites. It can be much easier and faster to contact agents and register your criteria with them.

ULHS have lists of agents categorised by the area of London they operate within: find more details at housing.london.ac.uk. These are useful in also informing you of how much an agent will charge. You will also see which agents are prominent in certain locations when you walk around the area in which you are hunting.

Find a housemate

Many of these websites dedicated to property hunting also list rooms to rent within flat and house-shares.

There are several websites which are specifically dedicated to students looking for housemates, or houses with individual rooms to let. Here are

some examples:

spareroom.co.uk

uk.easyroommate.com

flatmateclick.co.uk

www.accommodationforstudents.com

With your consent, we can circulate your email address to our current students, who may have a room going spare, or know of other students who are looking for a housemate.

Student Halls of Residence

Halls tend to be more expensive than private flats but offer many benefits and can be more convenient, especially for those who are new to London. The ICR does not have its own halls of residence; however, with it being part of the University of London, students may apply to various UoL Intercollegiate Halls.

For more information on each of the UoL halls, visit halls.london.ac.uk. There is a lot of competition for a place in halls so apply early! If you are applying before you have enrolled at the ICR, please contact Registry by emailing registry@icr.ac.uk to organise your application.

There are other private Halls of Residence that are not owned or run by UoL. Those that are registered with UoL can be found on the ULHS site housing.london.ac.uk, or can be searched for on www.accommodationforstudents.com.

Additional information

Housing advice

The London Student Housing Guide (studenthousing.lon.ac.uk) has fantastic and comprehensive advice on all aspects of moving house and living in London, including what to look out for when viewing property, help with contract terminology, budget calculators, what to do when you move in, and staying safe.

The ULHS also offers services such as checking contracts and legal advice.

Council tax

Council tax is levied on residential **properties**, not inhabitants. If **all** residents of a property belong to certain categories, which include full-time students, it will be exempt from paying this tax. This doesn't apply if **any** of the residents fall outside these categories.

You may find the council tax monitor, found at the following website, useful: londoncouncils.gov.uk

You will need to send a letter from your university to your local council,

proving your student status. You can obtain a council tax exemption letter by emailing registry@icr.ac.uk.

Council tax will be charged for any period you are renting the property but are not registered as a student, even if it's the few months between your programmes of study.

Short stay housing

Hunting for accommodation can take time and you may require short term accommodation while you are finalising your housing arrangements. There are several reasonably priced options for short term accommodation listed on the London Student Housing Guide (studenthousing.lon.ac.uk) and ULHS websites (housing.london.ac.uk).

General advice

If you need more information or some specific advice, please contact Registry via registry@icr.ac.uk, or the ICR Student Committee via studentcommittee@icr.ac.uk.

Getting around

Staff bus services

Inter-site bus

A bus operates throughout the day between the ICR/Royal Marsden sites in Chelsea and Sutton.

Sutton alighting point

Royal Marsden blue corridor car park.

Chelsea alighting point

Close to the Royal Marsden Hospital on Fulham Road.

Timetable

Sutton departures: 0615 | 0900 | 1100 | 1230 | 1700

Chelsea departures: 0730 | 1030 | 1300 | 1500 | 1830

Approximate journey time

1 hour

Sutton station shuttle-bus

A shuttle bus operates between Sutton National Rail station and the ICR/Royal Marsden Sutton site.

Sutton station alighting point

Behind the station, opposite Quadrant house.

ICR / Royal Marsden alighting point

Royal Marsden blue corridor car park.

Timetable

Continuous shuttle: 06.30 to 10.00
ICR to Sutton station: 1205 | 1220 | 12.45 | 1320

Sutton station to ICR: 1230 | 1305 | 1330 | 1345 | 1405

Continuous shuttle: 16.00 to 21.00

Approximate journey time

5-10 minutes

Planning your journey

Often, journey times are less dependent on actual distance and more determined by which tube lines you use. Transport for London's website (tfl.gov.uk) has a journey planner which is useful when deciding whether a property is conveniently located.

You can include or exclude various public transport modalities, as well as

walking and biking. This website will be useful for you throughout your time in London, especially as it updates you when services are down or delayed, which is often!

Ticketing

Travel zones

Transport for London (TfL) divides London into nine travel zones within its network; the price that you will pay depends on which zones you will be travelling across. It is important to note that you will be charged to cross a zone, even if your start and end points are in another zone (for example, if you travel between Hoxton and Canada Water on the London Overground, both of which are in Zone 2, you have to pass through Shoreditch High Street, which is in Zone 1, so you need to have a valid ticket for Zone 1 and 2).

Oyster and contactless

Make sure you have an Oyster card or contactless bank or credit card. These allow you to buy electronic tickets, which provide the cheapest and easiest way to get around London by public transport, valid on all tube, DLR, tram, Overground and most National Rail and bus services. Cards can also be used on some riverboat services, and on the cable-car in East London.

If you have a Young Person's National Railcard, you can register your Oyster and Railcard together for more off-peak discounts. (this is not available with contactless cards).

If you are using a card to travel by train and your journey will take you outside of the TfL zones, you will need to buy a paper ticket between the last station that the train stops at within a TfL zone and your destination. Be aware, too, that many faster intercity services don't accept Oyster and contactless payment cards (often because their first stopping point is outside the TfL network).

Travel cards

When you have decided how much travelling you will be doing by public transport, you might consider it worth getting a monthly or yearly travelcard. These can be purchased on an Oyster card alongside pay as you go credit for journeys outside your travelcard zones. If you live outside of the TfL travel zones, for example in Surrey, you will need to purchase paper tickets and travelcards.

Season ticket loan

The ICR offers a travelcard loan scheme, which allows you to borrow the value of a yearly travelcard and pay it off on a monthly basis. A yearly travel card offers significant savings on

a monthly card, so this scheme is well worth considering.

TfL raises ticket prices at the start of January each year, but tickets can be purchased at current prices that are valid after the price rise, so the best time to buy the ticket is at the end of the previous year.

If you start at the ICR in September, it is advisable to buy weekly or monthly tickets for the first three months of your studentship. Then, at the end of December, just before the prices go up, you can buy a yearly ticket to start on the 1st of January. This will maximise the benefit you get from the season ticket loan.

Cycling

Cycling is becoming an increasingly popular activity in London, particularly with the introduction of TfL's bike hire system, and the Mayor of London has some grand plans for the future of cycling across the city. Cycling can be a cheap, quick and healthy way to get around.

However, London is a challenging city for inexperienced cyclists, and you should be aware that roads are often busy and have high levels of air pollution, cycling infrastructure has

room for improvement, and some motorists can be actively hostile to those on a bike.

Bicycle purchase loan

The ICR can, as an alternative to the season ticket loan, provide a loan towards purchase of a bicycle and equipment. The bicycle will be owned outright and the loan is repayable over 12 months.

Please be aware that this isn't the same as the bicycle loan scheme offered to staff, which provides a tax-based deduction; student stipends are not liable to income tax so students are not eligible for this.

Cycle hire

TfL provide a cycle hire scheme. This isn't included in the Oyster ticketing system; you can use a credit card for casual use, or apply for a key fob, which gives discounts for regular users. Bikes can be hired and returned at many hire points around West, Central, North and East London—coverage in South London, however, is minimal.

Maps

Cycling maps that cover most of Greater London are produced by TfL. You can find them at some tube stations, or request them for free online.

Where you could live

North London

Islington

Together with Camden, this borough just north of the City still feels very central. Depending on the area you live in, you will be able to reach the Chelsea site within 20-30 minutes. This is largely due to the borough's well-linked travel options both above and below ground.

Islington attracts academics, journalists, writers, artists—and students, although rents are relatively high. The Sadler's Wells Theatre, one of the UK's best-known venues for contemporary dance, and Camden Passage with its antiques shops and weekend market serve as the borough's landmarks. Moreover, it is well known for its vibrant nightlife, its wide range of restaurants and bars on Upper Street and for its Screen on the Green—an independent single screen cinema running since 1913.

This area has

- Lively restaurant and bar scene
- Antiques Market

Places where you could live

Highgate, Finsbury Park, Angel, Tufnell Park, Archway, Holloway.

Harringey

While student-priced flats may be hard to find in the more affluent neighbourhoods such as Muswell Hill and Crouch End, the busy and ethnically more diverse areas towards the east of the borough still offer affordable rents.

Head to Green Lanes to be spoilt for choice on Turkish restaurants, or browse the Afro-Asian and Polish supermarkets around Wood Green. Just a short walk away from Wood Green tube station is the Chocolate Factory, an up-and-coming local arts centre and creative workspace which regularly hosts concerts and poetry slams. An even larger concert venue is Alexandra Palace which overlooks stunning views across the surrounding parklands and the entire capital.

This area has

- Afro-Caribbean, Turkish and Polish cuisine
- Arts and concert venues
- Parks and woodland

Places where you could live

Manor House, Green Lanes, Turnpike Lane, Finsbury Park, Wood Green, Seven Sisters.

Northeast London

City of London

Also known as the Square Mile, the City of London is the historic heart of the capital—as well as its financial centre—and is still a city in its own right. A place of towering skyscrapers, stunning ancient and modern buildings including St Paul's Cathedral, the Bank of England and the 1960s-built Barbican Estate, the City is among the most stunning sights in London. It is also one of the more expensive areas to live in.

The tiny city (a walk from one side to the other only takes 20 minutes) falls into a ghost town's slumber after offices close in the evening, leaving it to its few thousand inhabitants—it can be a peaceful and strangely beautiful setting for a weekend stroll. On a weekday, however, it resembles an enormous beehive due to hundreds of thousands of people returning early in the morning to go to work. The Chelsea site can be reached within 30 minutes from here.

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The area has

- The Barbican Centre: a theatre, gallery and cinema complex
- Roman and medieval artefacts
- Modern high-rise architecture

Places where you could live

There are few residential properties in the city, and those few, such as within the Barbican estate, are likely to be outside a students' price range—so unless you are independently wealthy, you'll be unlikely to find yourself living here!

Hackney

A formerly poor area in the city's north east, the borough of Hackney is nowadays one of London's trendiest areas to live in. Neighbourhoods like Dalston, Hackney Wick and Shoreditch initially attracted artists with cheap rents and old Victorian industrial spaces suitable for studios and galleries. The first wave of artists have settled down and young media and technology professionals have joined them (the new generation of artists are heading south of the river, these days). It is becoming an increasingly expensive, though still affordable area, and has a reputation as a 'hipsters paradise', which is perhaps a little unkind though not entirely undeserved.

The borough has many different faces. In the centre of Hackney,

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1901-built Hackney Empire reminds us of London's Music Hall tradition while serving as a well-known music and comedy venue up to this day. A bit further north lies the neighbourhood of Stamford Hill, the centre of the Hasidic Jewish community in London and the largest in Europe.

This area has

- Independent arts and theatre scene
- Large Hasidic Jewish community
- Good nightlife with plenty of bars, clubs and music venues

Places where you could live

Hackney Central, Dalston, Broadway Market, Hackney Wick, Stamford Hill, Stoke Newington, Hoxton, Shoreditch, Haggerston.

East London

Tower Hamlets

Tower Hamlets lies to the east of the City of London and north of the River Thames, and most parts of the borough are within 45-60 minutes travel to the Chelsea site. Located in the eastern part of London, it covers much of the traditional East End in areas such as Bethnal Green, Bow and Mile End. These have quite a fashionable buzz to them, while

retaining more of an edge than nearby Shoreditch.

The borough includes much of the redeveloped Docklands region, including West India Docks and Canary Wharf. Many of the tallest buildings in London are located on the Isle of Dogs in the south of the borough. A part of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park is in Tower Hamlets north of Bow.

This area has

- Lively nightlife and culture
- Interesting cuisine
- Historic docks and riverside views

Places where you could live

Docklands, Bethnal Green, Bow, Mile End, Spitalfields, Whitechapel.

Southeast London

Southwark

Southwark reaches from Bankside by the Thames to Dulwich. The Jubilee line on the Underground offers good connections to Chelsea with approximately 25 minutes journey time. From London Bridge and Elephant & Castle, Sutton can be reached within an hour.

Southwark's riverbank landmarks are the replica Globe theatre and the neighbouring Tate Modern. Although transport links south of the river are generally sparser than those in the north, Southwark neighbourhoods such as Bermondsey, Camberwell and Peckham attract a young, edgy and arty crowd—probably due to the close proximity of Goldsmiths, University of London and Camberwell College of Art—and are generally well served by the Overground and national rail network.

The borough has

- The Shard, the tallest building in the UK
- Borough and Maltby Street food markets
- Dulwich Picture Gallery

Places where you could live

Elephant & Castle, Borough, Bermondsey, Rotherhithe, Peckham, Camberwell, Canada Water.

South London

Lambeth

Located directly opposite the Houses of Parliament, the riverfront of Lambeth is the borough's most central area, offering a well-known view across the Thames. Despite being central, the neighbourhoods around

Lambeth and Waterloo are fairly quiet and still have reasonably priced flats for rent. London's energetic gay scene is centred around Vauxhall, so this area—as well as nearby Kennington and Oval—is popular with LGBT people.

Sutton can be reached within 45 minutes from either Vauxhall or Waterloo train station.

Further to the south, residential areas like Streatham, Tulse Hill and Clapham offer affordable accommodation near to large parks and, particularly in Streatham and Brixton, a more 'village-y' atmosphere. Brixton has experienced some rapid social changes over the past few years, so it is both somewhat safer and more middle-class, but perhaps less vibrant and affordable than it once was as a result.

This borough has

- Streatham and Clapham Commons
- Cinema Museum
- Brockwell Park
- Herne Hill Sunday Market

Places where you could live

Vauxhall, Waterloo, Streatham, Brixton, Tulse Hill, Herne Hill

Croydon

Located around 15km south of Central London, the borough of

Croydon provides good regular train connections to Sutton. Journeys there last between 15 (West Croydon, direct) and 25 minutes (East Croydon, via Norwood Junction).

Recent as well as future building works in the area are largely due to the borough's regeneration plan Croydon Vision 2020 which seeks to improve the borough's claims to be noticed as a residential area as well as a retail hub.

Currently, the town of Croydon is predominantly perceived as business district—the third largest after the City and the Docklands—due to its high-density office blocks and luxury apartments made of glass and steel.

This borough has

- Several large entertainment venues
- Crystal Palace Park ('shared' by four other boroughs)
- A branch of IKEA

Places where you could live

Croydon town, Fairfield, Selhurst, Norbury

Sutton

Originally a collection of rural villages, much of the borough of Sutton retains a village feel and relaxed atmosphere, though it has a more modern town centre with a lively high street.

Lots of students and staff working at ICR's Sutton site live in the town of Sutton and elsewhere in the borough, including Carshalton and Cheam.

One of the perks of living in Sutton is being able to walk or have only a short train or bus journey to work. It is also reasonably easy to get into Central London, where train journeys from Sutton to London Victoria take between 20 to 45 minutes.

This borough has

- Mayfield Lavender Fields
- Vibrant town centre with good shopping and cinema
- Quiet villages

Places where you could live

Carshalton, Carshalton Beeches, Beddington, Sutton town, Cheam, Belmont

Southwest London

Wandsworth

Due to the borough's considerable size, both the Sutton and Chelsea site can be reached within 45 minutes from parts of Wandsworth, particularly around the Battersea and Balham areas. The lack of tube stations should not concern you if you are planning on

moving here (the Northern line only serves the south of the borough in Tooting and Balham, and the District lines serves Putney), as this area is well serviced with buses and trains.

Districts close to the centre, such as Putney, Battersea, and Clapham (which also lies partly in the Borough of Lambeth) are popular with young professionals working in the City, while Southfield attracts parents with young children due to its good kindergarten and schools. Tooting is home to a large South Asian community.

Wandsworth has a lot of green space, including Battersea Park—the only large riverside park in central London—and Wandsworth, Tooting and Clapham Commons. The borough is great for the fitness minded, with an athletics track (in Battersea Park), an outdoor pool (Tooting Bec Lido) and, on the Putney riverside, numerous rowing clubs.

The area has

- Extensive green spaces
- Low council tax rates
- Battersea Arts Centre

Places where you could live

Balham, Clapham, Earlsfield, Wandsworth Town, Tooting, Putney, Southfields, Battersea

Merton

Merton's best known district is Wimbledon, world-famous for the tennis championships held every summer. The modern town centre has numerous pubs and shops and some affordable rents, whereas historic Wimbledon village—with its nice cafes, bars and Wimbledon Common—is considerably more expensive.

For activities within the borough, Merton Abbey Mills just by the banks of the River Wandle is worth a visit. This 18th century silk-printing factory, housed in a group of historic buildings, has been transformed into a charming town centre with its own craft shops, weekend market, pub and restaurant.

The area has

- Wimbledon Common
- Merton Abbey Mills
- The largest mosque in Western Europe

Places where you could live

Wimbledon, Morden, Merton Park

Kingston upon Thames

The borough of Kingston is located on the south bank of the Thames, around 20km southwest from central London. The ICR site in Sutton can be reached within 45 minutes from most parts of the borough, and it is also accessible

for Chelsea. Its role as a coronation centre where Saxon kings were crowned is commemorated today by the Coronation Stone, an engraved stone block now located in Kingston town. A few minutes further west, across the river, lies Hampton Court Palace, the home of King Henry VIII.

Royal connections aside, the borough offers plenty of outdoor activities along—as well as on—the River Thames and in its parks; Richmond Park, which Kingston shares with nearby Richmond, is about three times the size of Central Park in New York.

The borough has

- Good choice of cafes, restaurants and shops
- Coronation Stone
- Large South Korean community in New Malden
- Hampton Court Palace

Places where you could live

Norbiton, Surbiton, New Malden, Tolworth, Kingston

West London

Westminster

Westminster, London's second city within a city, contains many well known sites associated with the capital, such as Buckingham Palace, Hyde Park and the Houses of

Parliament. It also includes the city's entertainment and commercial hubs of Soho, Chinatown and most of the West End, with high street shops, bars, restaurants, theatre and music venues.

Westminster has very good transport links to both ICR sites: trains from Victoria will get you to Sutton in 30-40 minutes while Chelsea is 25 minutes away by bus or tube, or 15 minutes by bike. Rents in Westminster are not cheap but can be affordable in certain areas.

This area has

- West End theatres
- China town and Soho
- Royal parks
- Shops, restaurants and bars

Places where you could live

Pimlico, Paddington, Victoria, Bayswater and Queensway, Soho

Kensington and Chelsea

London's smallest borough is also one of its most affluent ones, containing many of the most expensive residential areas in the capital as well as many embassies. Renowned for its stylish and cosmopolitan atmosphere, Kensington & Chelsea is home to private international schools, luxury stores in Knightsbridge and Sloane Square and many individual upmarket

cafes as well as restaurants. Travel to the Chelsea site in 10-20 minutes by bus, tube, or bike.

Amongst the things worth a visit in the borough are Portobello Road Market in Notting Hill, the Royal Albert Hall and the Victoria & Albert Museum, both part of the so-called 'Albertopolis' around Exhibition Road.

This area has

- Luxury shopping
- Major museums and galleries
- Portobello Road Market
- Notting Hill Carnival

Places where you could live

West Kensington, Earl's Court, Olympia, Gloucester Road, Notting Hill Gate, Bayswater

Hammersmith & Fulham

One of the more affordable boroughs in West London; tube journeys from here to the Chelsea site won't take longer than 25 minutes.

For many years, the district of Shepherd's Bush was mainly known for being home to the BBC's television centre in White City. However, since the broadcaster's recent departure, the area has been undergoing redevelopment, and is now home to a large indoor shopping centre.

Nowadays, the borough is probably best known for hosting the famous Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race; many rowing clubs are also based here. Other attractions include Fulham Palace, which features a Tudor courtyard, and Kelmscott House, once home to 19th century poet and artist William Morris.

This area has

- Local theatres
- Shopping in Shepherd's Bush
- Riverside walks

Places where you could live

Shepherd's Bush, Hammersmith, Fulham

Ealing

Travel from here to the Chelsea site by train or tube within 40 minutes maximum. Ealing is said to be one of West London's prettiest boroughs due to its many historic buildings and heritage sites. It hosts Britain's largest free Jazz Festival (each year in August) as well as an antiques and agricultural market in Southall Park.

Up until today, the borough is best known for its film studios and the Ealing comedies from the 1950s. The borough is home to the Pitshanger Manor and Gallery, the former country home of Sir John Soane, Architect of the Bank of England. Additionally, the

Grand Union Canal, opened in 1798 to link the Midlands with London, runs right through the borough. Now used for leisure purposes, visitors can enjoy a stroll along the canal, taking in the Hanwell Flight of Locks in Windmill Lane, Hanwell.

This area has

- Quiet residential neighbourhoods
- Lots of green spaces

Places where you could live

South Ealing, Ealing Broadway, Northfields, Acton

Northwest London

Camden

A journey of 25-40 minutes on the tube link the Chelsea site with Camden, one of London's liveliest boroughs and the centre of the capital's indie music scene.

The locks along Regent's Canal, a labyrinth of boutiques and markets, are the focus for alternative shopping including fashion, antiques, music, arts and crafts. As a result of this popularity, rents in Camden Town as well as in nearby Kentish Town are no longer alternatively low, but average if not overly expensive.

In the south of the borough lies picturesque Regent's Park, renowned for its open air theatre and London Zoo, while further to the North, Hampstead Heath provides wonderful views across London. Also within Camden is the British Library, whose more than 150 million items are stored on 625km of shelves.

Camden has good long distance transport connections, with trains to Scotland and the North of England from King's Cross and Euston stations, and to France and Belgium from St Pancras International.

This area has

- British Library
- Hampstead Heath
- Live music scene

Places where you could live

Kentish Town, Camden Town, Primrose Hill, Gospel Oak, Hampstead, Swiss Cottage

Brent

Brent's most famous landmarks are the Wembley Stadium, the home of English football, and the adjacent Wembley Arena, one of the capital's largest music venues. Journeys to Chelsea by tube take 20-35 minutes. Rising above its urban surroundings is the Hindu temple in Neasden, possibly also a symbol for the multi-ethnic

borough being home to Indian as well as Brazilian and Portuguese, Caribbean and Irish communities.

For shoppers, Wembley Market offers a good selection of clothes, jewellery, food and bric-a-brac. Outdoor fans should head to Gladstone Park, or alternatively, a walk along the tow path of the Grand Union Canal might do the trick.

This area has

- Wembley Stadium
- Gladstone Park
- Hindu temple in Neasden

Places where you could live

Willesden, Kensal Green, Kilburn

South of London

Epsom and around

The ICR's Sutton site lies close to the boundary between London and Surrey, so for students based in Sutton, it would be feasible to live in Northern Surrey in the area around Epsom. Journey times from here to Sutton are around 10 to 30 minutes, and around 45 minutes to 1 hour to central London, depending on local train services.

Rent in this area is likely to cost a lot less than it would in London. Some students and staff who have cars also

choose to live in some more remote parts of this area, which have poor transport links but enjoy a different atmosphere to nearby London boroughs, with much smaller, less cosmopolitan towns in a countryside setting.

This area has

- Small and peaceful country towns
- The North Downs
- Long travel times into central London

Places where you could live

Epsom, Leatherhead, Banstead, Tadworth, Dorking

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