

STUDENT ACCOMMODATION IN LONDON Non-University

Types of accommodation and expected expenses

Kensington is situated within Central London and can be one of the most expensive areas of the city in which to live. Generally, to reduce the cost of rent, many people choose to live further away and commute in. Living outside of Central London will usually mean a 30 to 60 minute bus or tube journey to the Kensington Campus. The prices listed below refer to accommodation inside and outside of Central London:

Bed-sits

These are rooms with shared bath and kitchen facilities usually in a private home. Priced from £100 to £150 per week.

Studio apartments

Usually one room with bedroom, lounge and kitchen, with separate bathroom. Priced from £150 to £300 per week.

Flats

Prices vary widely depending on the area, number of rooms, quality of rooms, view etc. Expect to pay anything upwards of £200 per week for the flat.

Hostels

Rooms with shared kitchen, bath and limited house-keeping services. From £100 to £175 per week.

Letting Agencies

Using a letting agent is the favoured option of the majority of renters. For general advice on renting a property, please see the following websites:

www.themovechannel.com

www.findaproperty.co.uk

www.property.loot.com

All of the sites above provide comprehensive information on the processes involved in renting a property as well as property listings for the London area.

Also consult the *Loot* newspaper and publications such as *Yellow Pages* and *Time Out* (www.timeout.com/london) magazine for additional estate agents and letting agencies.

Additionally, information about student accommodation can be found on university bulletin boards and websites.

Below are suggestions of local letting agencies. Although we are not able to recommend any particular agency, these have all previously been used by Richmond students:

**Regent Square
Investments**

4 Dovedale Studios
465 Battersea Park Road
London SW11 4LR
Tel: +44 (0)20 7228 2005
Contact: Charles Sheppard

Palace Gate

11 Palace Gate
London, W8
Tel: +44 (0)20 7581 1631
Email: info@palacegate.com
www.palacegate.com

Champion

The Old Pumphouse
84 Albert Hall Mansions
Prince Consort Road
London, SW7 2AQ
Tel: +44 (0)20 7225 1363
Email: lettings@champions.co.uk
www.champions.co.uk

Windmill Estates

965 Fulham Road
London, SW6
Tel: +44 (0)20 7371 5916
Fax: +44 (0)20 7371 5913
www.windmill-estates.com

Granvilles

1 Hereford Road
London, W2
Tel: +44 (0)20 7221 4935
Email: info@granvilles.co.uk
www.granvilles-london.co.uk

Black-katz

Hammersmith Branch
24 Shepherds Bush Road
London, W6 7PJ
Tel: +44 (0)20 7371 2333
Fax: +44 (0)20 7603 2501
Email: sean@black-katz.com
www.black-katz.com

ABC Apartments

80 Kensington High Street
London, W8 4SG
Tel: +44 (0)20 7937 4999
Fax: +44 (0)20 7938 1915
Email: lettings@abc-apartments.co.uk
www.abc-apartments.co.uk

Flatland

125 Gloucester Road
London, SW7 4TE
Tel: +44 (0)20 7341 9000
Email: flatland1971@yahoo.com

International student accommodation

Student hostels are popular among students for many reasons. Usually the fees are reasonable without large agency costs and they are a good way of meeting fellow students from universities around London. The fee usually covers all bills, often including a main meal.

As they are very popular it can be difficult to reserve a room in the better hostels, especially later in the year and it is also not always possible to reserve a single room. For students who appreciate a lot of peace and quiet, hostels can sometimes be rather noisy.

Listed below are some hostels, most of them are reasonably close to Richmond's Kensington campus.

International Students House

229 Great Portland Street
London, W1W 5PN
Tel: +44 (0)20 7631 8300
Fax: +44 (0)20 7631 8315
Email: accom@ish.org.uk
www.ish.org.uk

The London Goodenough Trust

Mecklenburgh Square
London WC1N 2AB
Tel: +44-(0)20-7837 8888
Fax: +44-(0)20-7837 9321
Email: admissions@goodenough.ac.uk
www.lgt.org.uk

Lee Abbey International Student's Club

57/67 Lexham Gardens
Kensington
London W8 6JJ
Tel: +44-(0)20-7373 7242
Fax: +44-(0)20-7244 8702
Email: accommodation@leeabbeylondon.com
www.leeabbeylondon.com

The London Hostels Association Ltd.

54 Eccleston Square
London SW1V 1PG
Tel: +44-(0)20-7828 3263
Fax: +44-(0)20 7834 7146
Email: bookings@london-hostels.co.uk
www.london-hostels.co.uk

International Students Housing Society

109 Brookhill Road
London, SE18 6RZ
Tel: +44 (0)20 8854 1418
Fax: +44 (0)20 8855 9257