
accommodation in london

Before you arrive in London to start your studies at West London College you will obviously want to think about where you are going to live.

Many students stay with family or friends in London – great as long as you are lucky enough to know someone with a spare room. Others stay in hostels or share rooms or flats with friends. The information in this leaflet should help you decide on the best option for you.



student hostel accommodation

The College can arrange shared hostel accommodation with one of eleven London Hostel Association residences. Hostel accommodation is good value, all-inclusive and the hostels are conveniently located in central London (travel zones 1-2). They provide a clean, secure living environment & are ideal for students new to London.

Hostel accommodation is subject to availability and if your first choice is not available, the College will endeavour to book a suitable alternative.

The weekly rate is per person and includes a continental breakfast and an evening meal on weekdays, with a cooked breakfast and an evening meal at weekends. The hostel provides a variety of dishes each mealtime, with at least one vegetarian option always available. The College makes hostel bookings for an initial period of three weeks.

If you would like to stay longer you will have the opportunity to extend your booking on arrival. If you are looking for a shorter booking please contact the College for advice.

When you arrive at the hostel you will be asked to pay a £150 booking deposit (if not already paid on your behalf by the college) and a £30 deposit for your key. These deposits will be refunded when you leave provided you:

- cause no damage.
- give 7 days notice of your intention to leave the room.
- return your room key at the end of your stay.

You will also be asked to pay for your accommodation booking.

Advance payment

You must have paid the college in advance for your accommodation. There is a £300 minimum deposit needed. You will be provided with a confirmation letter via email, when we confirm your booking. You can show this to the Hostel reception when you arrive.

Making a booking

If you would like the College to book hostel accommodation for you, please complete the WLC Accommodation Booking Form (at the back of the WLC Arrival Pack) and return it to us by email or fax. The College can only accept requests for accommodation once your visa and travel arrangements have been finalised. When we have confirmed your booking with the hostel, we will send you (by email) a reservation confirmation and directions to your accommodation.

HOSTEL PRICES

valid from
01/04/11 – 31/03/12

Weekly rate
per person

Type B
(Shared twin room: 2 beds) £136.00

Type C
(Shared triple: 3 beds) £113.00

Type D
(shared dorm 4-5 beds) £108.50



homestay accommodation

Student Hostel Booking Conditions

Please read the following information carefully before booking hostel accommodation.

- Please book your accommodation only when your visa and flight details are confirmed and you have transferred your accommodation fee to the College expense account.
- You should book your accommodation at least 5 working days before your arrival date. We cannot guarantee to be able to arrange accommodation if the application is received later than this.
- Accommodation bookings are for a minimum of 3 weeks.
- Students who book but do not arrive at their accommodation will be charged a £150.00 cancellation fee.
- Payment in advance for accommodation does not mean the college will automatically book for you. You should still return the Accommodation Booking Form to the college when your visa and travel arrangements have been confirmed.

ALTERNATIVE HOSTEL PROVIDERS

In addition to the catered LHA Hostels used regularly by the College, there are a large number of hostels & residences that provide long-term accommodation for students. There is a very comprehensive list on the London Conference for Overseas Students website (address below). Most residences have websites so you can find out about prices and availability.

- www.lcos.org.uk
London Conference for Overseas Students - A comprehensive list of hostel and residence accommodation in London for students
- www.ish.org.uk
International Student House - Long and short term year-round student accommodation
- www.london-hostels.co.uk
London Hostel Association
- www.iesreshall.com
IES Residence Hall
- www.cahhousinguk.co.uk
Christian Alliance Housing
- www.hostellondon.com
A booking site for short-term accommodation

For students who are studying on an English Language course, we also offer Homestay accommodation. Living with a British family is a good option for those wishing to improve their English and learn more about British culture.

Families can help students familiarise themselves with London and can provide comfortable accommodation within easy travelling distance of the college by underground.

If you would like to book homestay accommodation we will need to find out a little more about your requirements. For example, whether you would prefer to stay in a smoking or non-smoking house or whether you have any special meal requirements. On your booking form, please give us an email address and telephone number so we can contact you to discuss your requirements.

Booking Conditions

Please read the following information carefully before booking homestay accommodation.

- Requests for homestay must be made at least two weeks in advance.
- Payment for homestay must be made in advance.
- Minimum homestay booking is three weeks.
- There is a booking fee of £30 for homestay accommodation.



HOMESTAY PRICES PER WEEK

valid until December 2011

	Budget per person (from)	Standard per person (from)	Booking Fee
Self-catering (includes use of kitchen)	£120.00	£145.00	£30.00
Bed & breakfast (no use of kitchen)	£115.00	£140.00	£30.00
Half board (breakfast & evening meal)	£140.00	£160.00	£30.00

other accommodation options

Flat & House Shares

It is common for people, especially students, to share rooms, flats or houses with friends or other students. It may be hard to find this type of accommodation before you come to London as you will probably need to see the accommodation and meet the people you will share with.

The following websites will give you some ideas about what type of accommodation is available. Students also advertise rooms and houses on the College notice board and on the College accommodation facebook page.

- **www.moveflat.com**
Search for flats and flatmates
- **www.easyroommate.com**
Register a profile to find flatmates
- **www.gumtree.com**
Online community advertising accommodation
- **www.spareroom.co.uk**
Another flat-share site

Alternative Accommodation Options for a Bigger Budget

If you have a little more money to spend on accommodation there are a few agencies that you can get in contact with to help you:

• Access Apartments, London

Contact Anthony Smith, Business Development Manager of Vienna Group of Hotels on anthonys@angloamerican.uk.com or call 0800 520 0807 or have a look at their website on www.accessapartments.co.uk. They offer exclusive 1-6 bedroom flats in central London starting from £366 per week. For example:

- A. North Gower Street (*fully serviced*)
 - 1 Bed £366 per week, holds 2 people
 - 2 Bed £798 per week, holds 4 people
 - 3 Bed £990 per week, holds 8 people
- B. Sienna Hatton Garden area
 - 2 Bed £645 per week
 - 3 Bed £595 per week
- C. Ability Towers Old Street
 - 1 Bed £400 per week
 - 2 Bed 595 per week

• Unite Housing

Unite Housing provides student accommodation for all types of students in London. Prices range from £170 - £400 a week self-catered flats and a lot of the accommodation is brand new and centrally located. You have to sign up for a full academic year, which is a 51 week contract.

For more information and to register with them go to their website on www.unite-students.com or give the London Lettings Office a call on (in UK) 0800 783 4213 or (Outside the UK) +44 117 302 7497. For example:

- A. Page Green Terrace, N15 (Zone 3)
From £169 a week
- B. Whitechapel, E1 (Zone 1)
From £203 a week
- C. Islington, London, N7 (Zone 2)
From £224 a week

• Nido Student Living

Nido is a centrally located student accommodation, in Kings Cross and Notting Hill. Prices range from £175 - £325 a week plus a deposit. Have a look on their website for an interactive tour on www.nidostudentliving.com or call their accommodation team on 0203 102 1000.

Please read the terms and conditions carefully and note that they mostly offer long-term accommodation and this is reflected in the large deposit required. Bookings for 51 week contracts only. 43 week contracts are available at an increase of £10 per week. Short term contracts may be available enquire by calling 020 3102 1060.

• Foxtons Estate Agency

Foxtons Agency provides a free property search service for students moving to London. They can help with short lets, long lets and all sales requirements.

Please have a look on their website at www.foxtons.co.uk. If interested in what you see contact Robert Lindfield, the New Business Developer on +44 (0)20 7893 6437.

General Advice & Information

London has many thousands of students all looking for advice and guidance. There are a number of good websites offering accommodation advice:

- **www.housing.lon.ac.uk**
University of London accommodation site providing lots of useful information and advice
- **www.studentaccommodation.org**
Advice & ideas on looking for accommodation
- **www.accommodationforstudents.com**
Student accommodation website
- **www.ukstudentlife.com**
A useful site giving advice on all aspects of student life (including accommodation)
- **www.meetup.com/London-International**
This group is for anyone in London who is interested in socialising with a broad mix international people. Make new friends & learn about the cultures of the world.
- **www.ukcisa.org.uk/student/info_sheets/accommodation.php**
Helpful information & advice from UK Council for International Student Affairs