

Transport Policy 2016-17

Introduction

The Halls are well served by public transport, travelling to and from the Colleges on foot, by bicycle and on public transport is far easier and faster than by car. Public transport in London, although expensive, is fantastically convenient, making it almost completely unnecessary to have your own mode of transport.

Walking

Walking is one of the easiest ways to be physically active, and can be done almost anywhere, at any time. Most of the student halls are within walking distance of a number of the Colleges. You can download a free app via the [Walkit](#) website, which is a very good urban walking route planner for London.

Cars

There is no provision at any of the Intercollegiate Halls for student car parking (except Clandon House in East Finchley which has a small car park). Camden and Westminster Councils are committed to reducing the number of cars in the boroughs and has informed us that they will not be granting residence permits to students from the Halls. Consequently it is strongly advised that students do not plan to bring a car to London, but instead make use of public transport where possible or car club schemes where applicable.

Cycles

The Halls' have a limited number of spaces in its bike sheds for residents on a strictly first come first served basis. All bikes stored in these facilities are left entirely at the owners' risk, and residents ensure that it is locked securely at all times when left unattended. Cycles chained to the railings on the front steps of the Halls and ramps cause a hazard to those people seeking safe and clear access and egress from the building. Consequently they will be removed without notice if left there. Cycling in London can be very dangerous so residents are strongly advised to wear suitable protective and high visibility clothing including a helmet, and to use cycle paths where possible. Details of cycle paths can be found on www.sustrans.org.uk, and further details about cycling in the Borough of Camden can be found on [Camden Council's website](#).

Motorcycles

There is no provision at The Intercollegiate Halls for motorcycle parking. Camden and Westminster Councils have indicated to us that they would not be approving applications for parking permits to students from the Halls. Consequently it is strongly advised that students do not bring a motorcycle to London, but instead make use of public transport or push cycles.

Buses

Buses run frequently during the daytime, and less frequently overnight. Although much slower than the tube for long journeys, the bus is a significantly cheaper option. Buses do not take cash. Oyster cards or contactless bank payment cards are only accepted. Bus maps can be obtained from all London Underground Stations or London Transport Information kiosks, or viewed online at www.tfl.gov.uk.

London Underground (The Tube)

The London Underground network was the first of its kind and is very easy to use. The city is divided into zones, and the cost of travel depends on which zones you travel in. The system is based on several different lines, each running to different areas of London. In many cases it would be necessary to change between these lines in order to reach your destination. Russell Square is on the

Piccadilly Line which runs between Heathrow in the west through to Cockfosters in the north. Tube maps are available from all London Underground Stations or London Transport Information kiosks, or viewed online at www.tfl.gov.uk The Oyster Card is an electronic card that can hold purchased credit for use on tubes and buses, or details of purchased long-term travel cards. Oyster cards can be obtained at all London Underground stations, the nearest to the Halls' being Russell Square, King Cross or Euston (for those in Bloomsbury) or Paddington, Edgware Road or Marble Arch (for Lillian Penson Hall and Nutford House). Further details can be found on the website www.tfl.gov.uk and full time students are eligible for a 30% discount, further information can be found at [Student Oyster Discount](#).

Taxis

London Black Cabs can be seen in abundance around central London. Those that are available for hire have the orange light lit up above the windscreen, and can be hailed from the side of the road. They are expensive if used by one passenger, however it may be very cost effective for students to share a cab between four or five people if you are all going to the same place. Residents are strongly advised not to use unlicensed mini-cabs. Many of these can be found late at night, especially around pubs and clubs, however there are no regulations covering the drivers and safety is certainly not assured.