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WELCOME PACK
September 2021



CONTACTING US

OUR VISION

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(International
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For over 85 years DLD College London has been leading the way in education and our school's vision is to 'Develop the next generation of Leaders to take their place in a challenging and Diverse world'.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to DLD College London and to be a part of this vision.

This September you will be joining a very special community, a family where students from all over the UK and around the world come together to achieve amazing things. During the pandemic, DLD has become a 'beacon of hope' for millions of key workers as it works with the NHS to combat the virus. We pride ourselves on having a positive impact and influence on society – this after all is our collective responsibility and we are excited that you will be a part of that.

We have put together this useful Welcome Pack to help you arrive smoothly and stress-free into the UK. It is also packed with information to help you settle in to the vibrant and exciting city of London and to support your day-to-day life at our inclusive and friendly school.

Take this time to think carefully about your future; now is the time to turn your dreams into a reality. Over the coming years, our excellent teaching and award-winning pastoral care will support your hard work and ambition – nothing is impossible!

Exciting times lie ahead for both you and DLD and I know together we will have an amazing time.

Irfan Latif
College Principal





PLANNING YOUR ARRIVAL

DLD College London and boarding house will open for new students during the week beginning 30th August 2021 schedule as follows:

Tuesday 31st August – GCSE, Academic Preparation Course students only
Wednesday 1st September – IFP, BTEC & A Level students

All travel details must be sent to the accommodation team pre-arrival; this enables our boarding team and our host families to be prepared for your arrival. You will be sent all of the contact details of your boarding house in your accommodation booking letter.

Our Principal, Irfan Latif will be hosting online introductory meetings with parents who are interested; please contact dld-admissions@dld.org and do please contact us if you have any individual questions.

TAXI TRANSFERS

If you have booked a transfer through our accommodation team please read through the information on your transfer confirmation carefully. If you have not yet received your transfer confirmation, or you would like to arrange one, please let the accommodation team know.

If you have booked a transfer with us, your driver will be waiting at arrivals and will be holding a sign with your name on it. If your flight is delayed your taxi driver will wait. Your flight will be tracked using the flight number provided and your driver will be aware of the delay.

Please bring your Booking Confirmation with you. If you are under 16 and travelling alone with our visa you will need to show it to the Immigration Officer to confirm that you are expected and will be met by an adult.





GETTING TO THE COLLEGE

From Waterloo Station (5 mins): There are many exits from the station – follow signs for the South Bank. The simplest route is along York Road: Leave the mainline station from exit 6 next to platform 22. Follow the elevated walkway which takes you down onto York Road. Continue, and you will pass the London Eye and County Hall on your right. When you reach Westminster Bridge Road, cross to St Thomas's Hospital and follow the pavement to the left, away from the bridge. You will see DLD College London – it is the curved white building opposite the hospital on Westminster Bridge Road.

From Westminster Underground Station (10 mins): Leave the station and cross Westminster Bridge on its right side (this is the pavement that runs alongside the Big Ben clock tower and Parliament). Once over the Thames, you will pass St. Thomas's Hospital on your right. Continue, and you will see DLD College – it is the curved white building opposite the hospital on Westminster Bridge Road.

LIVING AND STUDYING IN LONDON

DLD College London is located in the heart of London, at the foot of Westminster Bridge overlooking the Houses of Parliament. You have everything you could possibly wish for on your doorstep with museums, galleries, restaurants, palaces and parks to keep you entertained outside of your study.

When you arrive in September, the average temperature is 20 degrees Celsius but please do bring warm clothes for the cold and rainy seasons.

Getting around London is easy. As well as buses, Waterloo Station is just next door so you have convenient access to the overground and underground train networks or, if you want to walk, there are some beautiful places to explore close by.





YOUR ACCOMMODATION

Your Room

Our rooms are, quite simply, some of the best boarding accommodation available in the UK. All situated in our recently completed building, each room has an ensuite shower room, and contains a bed, study space, wardrobe and other storage above and below the bed. Students are encouraged to personalise their rooms with posters etc, and to make themselves at home!

Cleaning

All student rooms are cleaned on a weekly basis. Your boarding team will advise you of your cleaning day upon arrival.

Common Rooms

Each floor has a Common Room for the use of the boarders on that floor, containing a kitchen, where boarders can prepare drinks and snacks, comfortable seating, tables and chairs, and a TV. Tea, coffee, bread, milk and fruit are all provided.

In the evenings and at weekends, the Atrium downstairs becomes the main social space for boarders where they can receive visitors, play pool on our new table, table football or ping-pong, watch movies on our giant projector screen, or game with friends on one of our smaller projectors.

The Gym

For students over the age of 16, there is the option to join the Urbanest health club, situated in the basement. This includes a gym, swimming pool and sauna, right here in the building. This option is available at an additional cost

Guardians

Boarders are strongly encouraged to have a UK resident (preferably living in London) guardian who is over the age of 25 throughout their time boarding with us at DLD. This provides an emergency contact for the College. DLD College does not appoint guardians.





FOOD

DLD College London is very proud of its Global Kitchen which provides a range of healthy food choices throughout the school day and in boarding time. Students are catered for seven days a week and the catering team ensure that the meals are varied and are appealing to all the varying nationalities within the college.

For those students who wish to have something lighter for their meal, they have the option of our dedicated coffee shop "The Grumpy Mule" which has a range of pastries, sandwiches and snacks.



DRESS CODE

Whilst DLD College does not have a uniform, students are expected to dress in ways that promote positive behaviour and serious academic effort. Dress and grooming that disrupt the learning process will not be permitted. All students are expected to wear their lanyards at all times.

There are many sports clubs, as well as parties and balls that occur in the first term. You may find it helpful to bring smart clothes, as well as clothing suitable for sports.

The weather does change a lot between September and June, so it is best to be prepared.





COMMUNICATION

STUDENT POST

Mobile phones

All students must have a mobile phone. As soon as students arrive at their boarding house, they should get a UK phone number. Houseparents and host families can assist with this. SIM cards are easily obtainable in local shops.

Internet

Wi-Fi runs across the whole school site and boarding house. Filters will block anything deemed unsuitable, however if students encounter sites that are blocked they can speak to a houseparent who can help and liaise with the IT team.

Email

All students will be set up with a DLD College London email account during induction week. This should be used for all emails during your time at school.

Post is delivered Monday to Saturday to Urbanest (next to the college) and will sorted by your designated floor. Your houseparent checks for post on a daily basis. If you receive an important letter that needs a signature, you will receive an email from Urbanest with a request to collect directly.

Please make sure you have your full name and address on your post:

Family Name, given name

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UK BANK ACCOUNT

As you will be studying in the UK for several years, it is essential for you to have a UK bank account.

In order to open a bank account, students will need to obtain a Bank Letter from the Student Experience Officer. The letter will be addressed to the bank manager and will confirm student status, the course and duration of study, and your home and term time address (where applicable).

Students will be required to visit the bank with the letter and their ID, e.g. passport, BRP card. Students must not miss lessons in order to attend bank appointments.



BRINGING ITEMS INTO THE UK

Animals are not allowed in student rooms in any boarding houses at any time. Please do not bring any pets with you.

There are strict rules regarding bringing plants into the UK, so please do not bring any. If you want to have a small plant in your room, you can buy one in the UK.

You cannot bring any meat, fruit or vegetables into the UK however, you may be able to bring dried foods, sweets and packet sauces.

Do not bring electrical items for cooking from your home country into the UK, this includes rice cookers, kettles, toasters etc. Rice cookers are not permitted in student bedrooms and will be confiscated. There are kettles for student use provided in common rooms. Host families provide facilities for host family students.

Electrical adaptors for your appliances such as laptops and hairdryers, must be bought in the UK. There are strict rules in the UK surrounding electrical products and safety tests.





SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

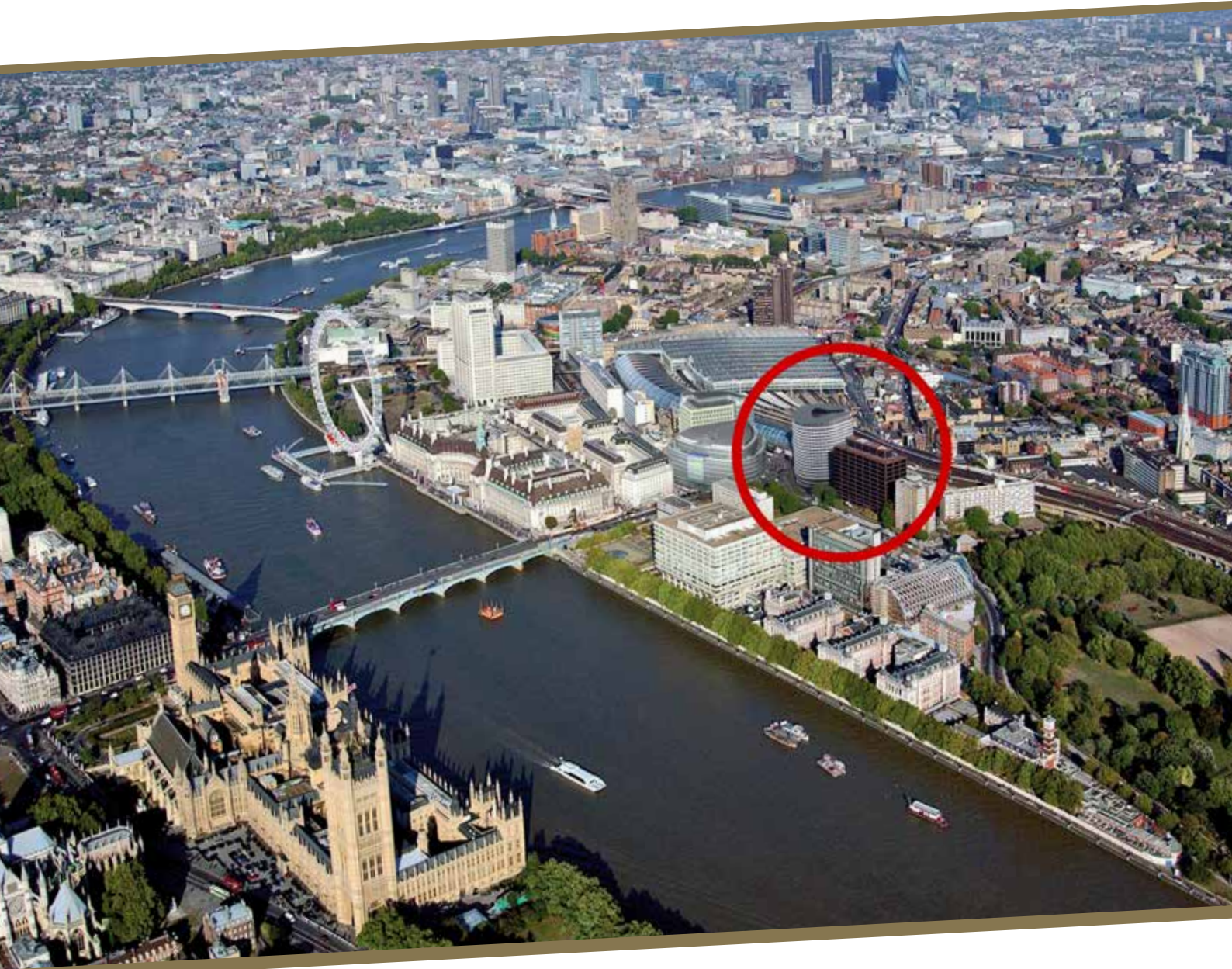
Students are welcome to stay in accommodation for all mid-year holidays EXCEPT for Christmas. At the end of the academic year, all students must return home for the summer holidays.

To be clear for holiday planning, students are allowed to stay in accommodation for;

- October half term
- February half term
- Easter break
- May half term

School term dates are also accessible on the college website at:
<https://www.dldcollege.co.uk/term-dates/>





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