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**WELCOME PACK  
FOR BOARDERS**

September 2023



# CONTACTING US

# OUR VISION

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(International  
Students)

For over 90 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. 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,  
Principal



## NEW STUDENT ENROLMENT

We ask new students to arrive at school for enrolment in advance of the start of term.

All new boarders Student Enrolment Day – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023, 9.00am

New Students' Induction Day – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 9.00am

Term starts – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 8.45am

## BOARDERS' ARRIVAL

### Taxi Transfers

If you have booked a transfer with us, your driver will be waiting at arrivals and will hold a sign with your name on it. If your flight is delayed your driver will wait as your flight will be tracked using the flight number provided. If you have not yet received your transfer confirmation, or you would like to arrange one, please let the accommodation team know.

### Taxi Booking Confirmation

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 5 down the main steps. Turn left and immediately left again 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' 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' 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 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.

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.

If a boarder wants to sign out for the weekend or holidays, they will need various permissions. It is a simple process, which we will explain once you arrive.





## BOARDING BEDROOMS

### Your Room

Our rooms are among the best boarding accommodation available in the UK. Each room has an ensuite shower room, and contains a bed, study space, wardrobe and other storage space. Students are encouraged to personalise their rooms with posters etc., and to make themselves at home! We do provide bedding but do feel free to bring your own if you would prefer.

### Cleaning

All student rooms are cleaned by our cleaning team 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 play pool, table football or ping-pong, watch movies on our giant projector screen, or game with friends on smaller projectors.

### The Gym

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.





# 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, we have 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 promotes positive behaviour and 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.

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 for cold and wet days, as well as sunshine.



# COMMUNICATION

Mobile phones

All students must have a mobile phone. If you do not have a UK number, houseparents will help you to acquire a SIM card.

Internet

Wi-Fi runs across the whole school site and boarding house. Filters will block anything deemed unsuitable.

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.

Boarders’ Post

Post is delivered Monday to Saturday to Urbanest (next to the college) and they will email you when it arrives so you can collect it.

Please make sure you have your name and address on your post.

Your full mail address will be provided on arrival as different floors have different postcodes.

# UK BANK ACCOUNT

Boarders will find it useful to have a UK bank account.

In order to open a bank account, houseparents will provide boarders with an authorization letter. 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).





## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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

To plan effectively, students are allowed to stay in accommodation for:

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

Full school term dates can be found on the website:

<https://www.dldcollege.co.uk/term-dates/>

## BRINGING ITEMS INTO THE UK

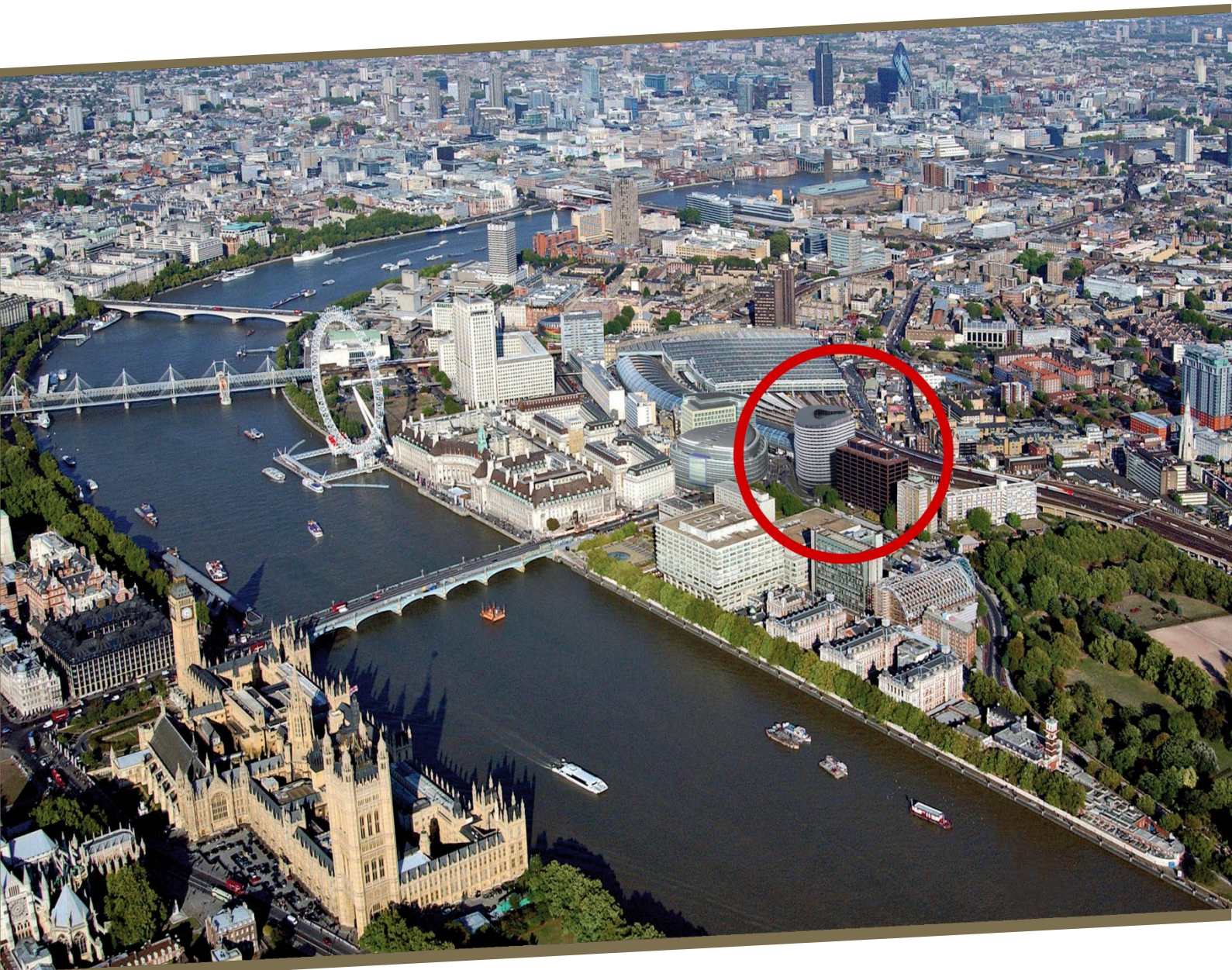
Animals are not allowed in student rooms in any boarding houses at any time. Please do not bring any pets with you.

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

Please do not bring food into the UK. You can bring prescription medicine as long as it has a translation by a medical professional. No over the counter medication is allowed. All these are available to buy in London.

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.

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.



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