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### **Welcome to Linstead Hall**

Dear Future Resident,

Congratulations on your admission to Imperial College London! On behalf of the entire wardening team, I am writing to welcome you to Linstead Hall and to provide you with important information about your stay and the moving-in day, Saturday 1st October 2016.

Linstead is one of the newest Imperial College halls (part of the Eastside development that opened in 2009), housing 140 students. We are located on the east side of Princes Gardens, alongside Exhibition Road and very near the South Kensington Campus main entrance. The halls are also conveniently located diagonally across the gardens from Ethos (the Imperial College sports facility) and near the student union. Many other Imperial College halls are within easy walking distance. The bedrooms all have *en suite* bathroom facilities along with individual internet and telephone access. There are communal kitchens on each floor with space available for every student to store their cooking equipment and food, and there is a coin-operated laundry on site. Please take note that Linstead Hall is strictly non-smoking in its entirety. Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the building, behind the building, in the vicinity of the entrance to the building and in some parts of the grounds.

An Imperial College wardening team are in residence throughout the year to make sure Linstead is a safe, equitable and fun place to live, while ensuring a suitable study environment for all residents. The wardening team comprises a warden, 3 subwardens and 8 hall seniors (undergraduate students who have been selected to live in halls another year), who assist the wardening team with organising events and social activities, and the day-to-day running of the hall. We are all either members of staff or postgraduate students at Imperial College. The team is here to support the residents, organise social events and other activities, and make sure Linstead and College rules are observed. We will help you settle in and try to sort out any problems you encounter.

We have a full schedule of events planned for the arrivals weekend and the first two weeks of term. When you arrive, these events will be advertised and our Hall Seniors will be on hand to chat with you about what we have planned and give you an opportunity to buy an all-inclusive events pass, which will give you access to the pay events happening during freshers' fortnight; there will also be a number of free events. We strongly encourage you to attend as many of the events as possible, where you will have your first opportunities to meet other residents and make friends in College!

### **Arrivals Day**

**You should arrive between 09:00 and 17:00 on Saturday, 1st October 2016.** A map showing our location can be found at the end of this letter. Upon your arrival, you will be given your keys, introduced to the wardening team and shown to your room. You will also be given a welcome pack containing important information. **If you are unable to arrive at this**

**time, it is extremely important that you notify us; otherwise, your room may be reallocated to another student.** To notify us in advance, please use the hall wardens email address given at the top of this letter; on the day, use the duty mobile number given at the top of this letter. **For those arriving by car:** on the day, there will be marshals directing you around Prince's Gardens to the hall. There will be limited space and time (probably only 10 minutes) for cars to unload, after which you will be required to drive the short distance to Imperial College's main car park where you may park for a longer time (probably up to 2 hours) using a parking voucher. **For those arriving by public transport:** both Gloucester Road and South Kensington London Underground stations (accessible by Piccadilly, District and Circle lines) are within a 10-minute walk of the halls. A taxi from either station will cost around £5.

### **Some key information and suggestions:**

- **Cars:** You are strongly advised not to bring a car to college, as parking in the area is by parking permit only, which can be extremely hard to obtain. There are no available parking spaces at the hall.
- **Bikes:** There is a bike shed available in Southside halls, also in Princes Gardens. Since bike theft is rife in London, we strongly recommend that you obtain separate bicycle insurance and purchase a D-type lock.
- **Televisions:** A TV with DVD is provided in each kitchen. If you bring a TV for your own room you are obliged by law to obtain a TV licence.
- **Bedding and cooking equipment:** Do not forget to bring bedding and cooking equipment, as these are not provided. There are lockers in kitchens where you can store pots, pans and any dry food. Please arrive with bedding to ensure your first night is a pleasant one.
- **Space in bedrooms:** You will only have a limited amount of storage space in your room, so please don't bring too many things. Electrical cooking devices and fridges will not be allowed in bedrooms, so please do not bring them with you to halls.
- **Address and telephone:** Your postal address will be the following:

*Your Name, Your Room Number*  
Linstead Hall  
Princes Gardens  
London SW7 1BU  
UK

Please do not arrange to have anything sent to this address until after your tenancy starts.

- **Sports equipment:** Since Linstead Hall is diagonally opposite Ethos (the Imperial College sports facility), you may wish to bring sports equipment. Many halls also run various sports teams and competitions, details of which will be provided when you arrive.
- **Hall website:** Our web address is [halls.imperial.ac.uk/linstead](http://halls.imperial.ac.uk/linstead). Please bookmark this address now and check back later to receive up-to-date information about the hall. However, the Linstead Hall 2016-17 Facebook page is often a better source of up-to-date information for the students resident in Linstead Hall, so please join this group now ([www.facebook.com/groups/1032478710197621](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1032478710197621), or search Linstead Hall 2016-17).
- **Smart clothing:** It is likely that you will be invited to some more or less formal events, so some smart attire may be useful to bring along if you have it.

- **Duty mobile:** From 18:00 on weeknights until 08:00 the following morning, and for the entirety of the weekend (from 18:00 on Friday), a member of the wardening team will carry a mobile phone, which you may call should you need us in an emergency. The number is **07590 250565**.

Further general information may be found here [1]. Further details about possessions insurance (see Endsleigh's summary of cover) may be found here [2]. There will be a **compulsory Welcome Talk** given by the warden the evening of Saturday 1st October, so be sure to enquire about the time and location of the talk on your arrival. Also be sure to join our Facebook group ([Linstead Hall 2016-17](#)) to find out about the events we have planned for the Freshers Fortnight, and for information on how to buy a pass to the pay events.

In order to maintain a safe and appropriate environment for all residents, please bear in mind the following key rules: (1) ordinarily, anyone in the hall at any time must be either a resident or a resident's guest (residents are responsible for their guests at all times, and should a guest breach hall rules at any time, their resident host may be held responsible); (2) Guests are not allowed to stay overnight without prior registration (which should be done at least two days in advance) of the overnight guest by their resident host via the hall email address [linstead.wardens@gmail.com](mailto:linstead.wardens@gmail.com) (supply guest name, dates of stay and relation to the host); (3) Any deliberate damage to the building or use of dangerous substances (including drugs) may result in removal from the hall, and the possibility of expulsion from College. A more detailed explanation of hall rules will be provided.

I wish you a happy and successful time at Imperial, and an enjoyable time with us in Linstead Hall. We are looking forward to meeting you soon.

Yours faithfully,



Dr Daniel Balint

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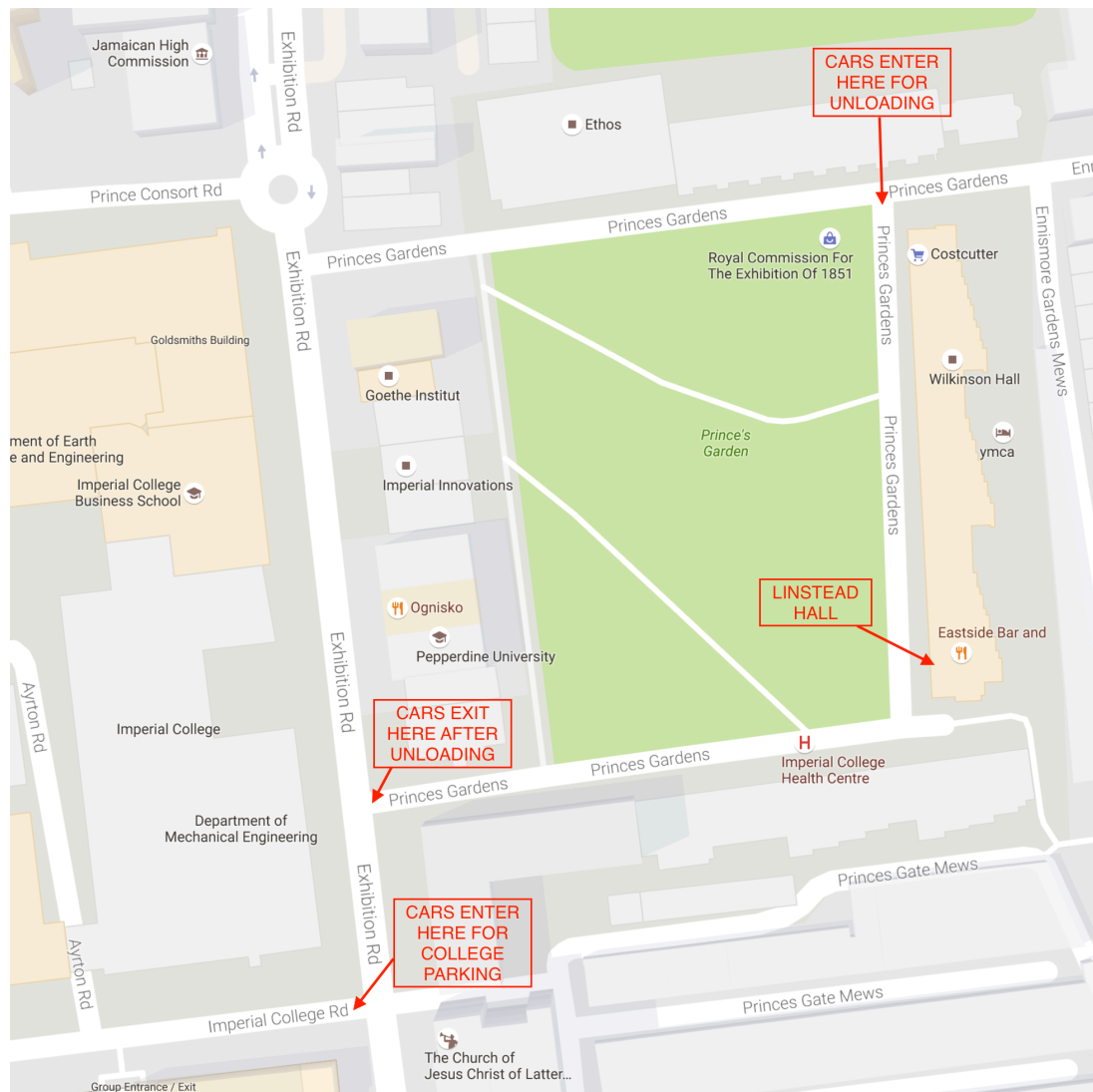
<sup>1</sup> [www.imperial.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/accommodation)

<sup>2</sup> [www.imperial.ac.uk/study/campus-life/accommodation/current-residents/policies-and-guidelines/security-and-insurance](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/campus-life/accommodation/current-residents/policies-and-guidelines/security-and-insurance)

## **Arrivals Day: Information on how to reach Linstead Hall**

**Date:** Saturday, 1st October 2016  
**Time:** Between 09:00 and 17:00  
**Place:** Linstead Hall (see map)

The map below shows the location of Linstead Hall. To unload a car you will be required to enter Princes Gardens from the north side, as indicated on the map, then proceed around the one-way system. After unloading (probably only 10 minutes allowed), you will be allowed to park in the main car park at the Imperial College South Kensington Campus for probably up to 2 hours using the provided voucher.



Please note that the details given above are subject to change. If there are any changes to the route to our hall for those travelling by car, they will be published on the hall website prior to the arrivals weekend.

If you are unable to arrive on Saturday, 1st October 2016 (09:00-17:00) please email us in advance at [linstead.wardens@gmail.com](mailto:linstead.wardens@gmail.com) to let us know, or call us on +44 (0) 7872 850103 on the day. If you do not show up and do not let us know, your room may be reallocated to someone else due to the high demand for rooms at this time of year.