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**ARRIVALS DAY**

10am - 5pm  
Saturday 1st October 2011

**WARDEN**

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Dear Future Resident,

First of all, sincere congratulations on gaining a place at Imperial College London. Imperial is one of the world's most prestigious universities and you should feel proud of having earned this opportunity.

On behalf of the Parsons House wardening team, I am writing to welcome you, to provide some information about your new home, give you instructions as to when to arrive and what to bring with you.

Parsons House Hall of Residence is located within the grounds of Charing Cross Hospital, in the fashionable and vibrant Hammersmith area. Hammersmith is the urban centre of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham and is one of west London's key transport hubs and commercial centres. The area is full of cafes, restaurants and shops and many trendy places on the banks of the Thames.

The Hall is about twenty minutes by bicycle or tube from the College's main South Kensington campus. It is situated on three floors of a modern building providing accommodation for forty students in total. The hall is separated into individual flats. Each flat has a communal kitchen and bathroom shared between four students.

The Warden (based in Pembridge Gardens Hall), Assistant Warden and a Subwarden make up the Wardening Team. We are all members of staff or postgraduate students at Imperial and our primary function is to offer support and advice with any issues that you encounter in coming to study at Imperial and live in London. We are here for you and because of you – so feel free to drop in for a chat at any time.

The Wardens are assisted by two Hall Seniors – students selected to stay in halls for another year – in organizing parties, other social activities and with the day-to-day running of the Hall. The said social activities will start from the day you move in and will help you meet people from Parsons and other Imperial Halls.

Now, a few important details about your arrival. You should aim to arrive:

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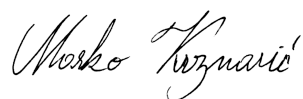
We will be there to hand you your keys and show you to your room. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept early arrivals. On the other hand, **if you can only arrive after 5pm on Saturday, you must inform us immediately or else your room may be reallocated to another student. To contact us, please use the duty email on the left.**

You will find more details about the arrivals day and other useful information on the next page. Even more information can be found on the Parsons' official website, with the address listed on the left.

Finally, we wish you a very happy and successful time at Imperial and Parsons.

We very much look forward to meeting you soon!

On behalf of the Parsons Wardening Team,



Dr Marko Krznaric  
Warden, Parsons House & Pembridge Gardens

## LOCATION

Parsons House is located on the south-eastern corner of the Charing Cross Hospital (CXH) campus, which is on Fulham Palace Road in Hammersmith, just south of Hammersmith roundabout.

The Hall is accessible by foot from Fulham Palace Road (walking across the CXH campus) and the gate on Aspenlea Road. If coming by car, access by road is via Margravine Road, then look for Claybrook Road. Use search engines and our website for more information.

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The Wardening team and Hall Seniors will be happy to help you move in. When you arrive we will assign keys to you, issue your College ID Card (make sure you upload your photo on time) and show you to your room.

If you are driving in with family or friends, you will need to get a parking permit from us on the day. The permit will allow you to park for a short while (up to 15 minutes) for offloading in the front of the Hall. After that you will be able to use nearby paid for (campus) or free (outside) parking bays.

## FRESHERS WEEK

The first week, including the moving-in weekend, is called the Freshers Week. It is packed with various events organized by the Wardening Team, your Department and the Imperial College Union. It includes various dinners, tours, welcome talks, etc.

Many of the Freshers' Week events organized by the Wardening Team are either heavily subsidized or free. More details about the events, tickets and payments will become available on our website in due course. We strongly encourage that you attend all events, as the Freshers Week is an excellent opportunity to meet a lot of colleagues, many of whom will become your lifelong friends.

## ROOM CONTENTS

Each room has a desk and chair, a desk lamp, wardrobe, wash basket, a notice board and a bed for each resident. Each room has a telephone and internet service (you might want to bring a network cable with you). You will also need your own duvet, sheets, pillows and towels. There are several shops nearby for items you cannot bring with you.

## KITCHENS

There is a kitchen in every flat. Kitchens are equipped with stoves, ovens, fridge/freezers, microwaves, toasters and kettles. The space is limited, so bring only what you really need.

You will need your own cutlery, plates, washing-up liquid and towels and some utensils. Please do not bring any kitchen electrical items, large pots and pans. Note that safety regulations prohibit any cooking equipment (rice cookers, hot plates, kettles, toasters, microwaves, ...) in the bedrooms.

## BICYCLES

Bicycles cannot be stored in the Hall. We have made a request for the access to a bike shed situated in the nearby CXH, but we are still waiting for the official response. Beware, bike theft is rife in London, so do bring a good lock with you. We recommend a 'D' bold lock from a respectable manufacturer – anything lesser will be an easy job for bike thieves.

## CARS

You are strongly advised not to bring a car to college, as parking at both Imperial College and Hammersmith is by parking permit only, which is extremely difficult to obtain.

## TELEVISIONS AND STEREOS

If you bring a TV, you are obliged by law to obtain a TV licence. There is a large LCD TV in the Hall with main channels, DVD player and a games console. Expensive Hi-Fi equipment may not be covered by the College insurance. Moreover, we do have strict rules on noise in the Hall.

## OTHER

The role of the wardening team is to look after the pastoral, social and disciplinary aspects of the Hall. The rooms, fixtures and fittings are looked after by the housekeeping team. Room allocations are made by the Student Accommodation Office in South Kensington Campus.

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