School of Medicine

# Finding your way around the campuses

# A travel guide for undergraduate medical students

# Introduction

The medical curriculum is delivered on a number of campuses and students will need to travel between them throughout the MBBS/BSc programme. The following information includes general advice as well as directions and location of teaching rooms at the main campuses.

**GENERAL ADVICE**

#### Tickets

Most of your journeys will be made using the London Underground. Stations are in zones and the price of your ticket depends on the zones within which you travel. South Kensington, Paddington and Edgware Road are all in zone 1, whereas Baron’s Court, Hammersmith, East Acton, White City and Wood Lane are in zone 2. Earl’s Court is a boundary station, which means you can travel to it with either a zone 1 or zone 2 ticket. London Underground regulations require you to have a ticket that covers the whole of your journey before you start it. If you get caught without one (by a travelling ticket inspector) you will at best incur an on-the-spot fine and at worst risk criminal prosecution: <http://www.tfl.gov.uk/tickets/14436.aspx#Fare_evasion>.

Travelcards can be purchased for periods ranging from a week to a year and can work out cheaper than a daily ticket if used on a regular basis. The Students’ Union has negotiated a significant discount on Travelcards and they will provide details of how to take advantage of this.

#### Safety whilst travelling

Travelling around London can initially seem daunting; the advice below is designed to increase your awareness of the potential risks of living in a large city.

Pickpockets are attracted to the crowded conditions on tube trains. It is advised that you be vigilant whilst travelling in crowded areas, ensuring that wallets and purses are not openly on display. Please avoid leaving your luggage unattended as this is considered a security risk and has been known to result in the temporary closure of stations and the suspension of services.

When travelling around London alone, avoid the obvious risks of being alone in a quiet place – especially at night. Try not to travel in an otherwise empty train carriage at night and if someone else’s behaviour seems strange to you move to another carriage.

**CAMPUS ABBREVIATIONS**

CX                    Charing Cross

CW                   Chelsea & Westminster

GP                   GP Practice

HI                     Hillingdon

NP                    Northwick Park

RB                    Royal Brompton

SM                   St Mary’s

SK                    South Kensington

WM                  West Middlesex

**Location of Faculty of Education Office (Medicine)**

**Hammersmith campus (HM)**:

Enter the ground floor of the Wolfson Education Centre. Walk past the café area towards the lifts by the green wall. Turn left and go through the door. The FEO and student counter are on your right. The Hammersmith campus is in White City.

Map: <http://workspace.imperial.ac.uk/campusinfo/Public/hammersmithmap.pdf>

**Charing Cross campus (CX)**:

Go up to the first floor of the Reynolds building and turn left through the doors. Turn right and follow the signs to the Faculty of Education Office (Medicine)

Map: <http://workspace.imperial.ac.uk/campusinfo/Public/charingxmap.pdf>

**South Kensington campus (SK)**:

Enter the Sir Alexander Fleming Building and pass through the second set of automatic doors. The student counter is on the left, before the stairs to the first floor.

Map: <http://workspace.imperial.ac.uk/campusinfo/Public/sthkencampus.pdf>

**St Mary’s campus (SM)**:

Enter the ground floor of the Medical School Building. Pass through the security barrier (using your swipe card) and turn left at the lift. Walk through two sets of double doors and the student counter is directly in front of you.

Map: <http://workspace.imperial.ac.uk/campusinfo/public/stmarysmap.pdf>

# Travel between main sites

The most convenient way to travel between the main campuses is generally by tube; always allow plenty of time to negotiate your way between the sites. The directions below should assist you in your travels around the sites.

**Hammersmith to South Kensington**

(45 – 60 minutes)

To reach the South Kensington campus by tube, take the Central Line from White City to Notting Hill Gate. Change for the Circle or District Line to either Gloucester Road or South Kensington. The campus is about 10 minutes’ walk from either station. From **Gloucester Road**, turn left out of the station onto Gloucester Road and walk up to the traffic lights. Turn right at the lights and walk along Cromwell Road for 4-5 minutes. Turn left at Queen’s Gate and after a few minutes, you will arrive at the campus entrance on your right. Follow the signs for the Sir Alexander Fleming Building.

From **South Kensington**, turn right after passing through the exit barriers and descend into the tunnel walkway. Follow the tunnel all the way to the end and take the steps up to the road. Turn left out of the tunnel and walk down Exhibition Road. Turn left at Imperial College Road and follow the signs for the Sir Alexander Fleming Building.

Alternatively, you can catch the number 70 **bus** from outside the campus, which stops directly outside the South Kensington site at Queen’s Gate. It is quite a slow journey and you should allow an hour if taking this route.

**Hammersmith to Charing Cross** (30 – 40 minutes)

The easiest way to travel between these sites is by **bus**. Take either bus number 72 or 283 from outside the campus to Hammersmith bus-station.

When you arrive, walk through the shopping centre and use the underpass to cross Hammersmith Broadway. Take exit 15 for Fulham Palace Road. Walk down Fulham Palace Road for 5 minutes until your reach Charing Cross Hospital. Just before the Hospital turn into St. Dunstan’s Road. The Reynolds Building, is a further 3 minutes’ walk down the right hand side of St. Dunstan’s Road and the lab block is directly opposite.

Alternativly walk from the Hammersmith campus to White City tube station and take the 220 towards Wandsworth. The bus stops opposite Charring Cross Hospital, where you can then walk to the The Reynolds Building.

**Hammersmith to St Mary’s** (30 – 40 minutes)

Take the 72 or 272 from outside the campus to Wood Lane tube station Take the Hammersmith & City Line tube to Paddington.

Alternativly you can take the number 7 bus from Hammersmith Hospital to Padington national rail station.

Exit Paddington station to Praed Street. Turn right, cross Praed Street and walk along to Norfolk Place which is on the left. As you go through the gates the medical school building is on the right, and the QEQM building is directly ahead.

##### South Kensington to Charing Cross (approximately 40 minutes)

The best entrance to find teaching rooms is the Lab Block entrance in Margravine Road which is near to Baron’s Court station. You can reach Baron’s Court from South Kensington or Gloucester Road station by the District or Piccadilly Lines.

*District Line*

You can catch either an Ealing Broadway or a Richmond train to Baron’s Court station.

## Piccadilly Line

## Any Piccadilly line train will take you to Baron’s Court.

On exiting Baron’s Court station turn right, and right again into Margravine Gardens and cross the road. There is a short row of shops on your left and beyond these the gates to Hammersmith Cemetery. Turn left into the cemetery and follow the path round to a central flower bed, turn right and you will see Charing Cross Hospital directly in front.

The cemetery is only open in daylight hours. To get back to Baron’s Court without using the cemetery, turn left out of the medical school (or right out of the Glenister building) into Margravine Road. At the first corner turn right into Margravine Gardens and follow the road round to the station.

**South Kensington to St Mary’s**

### **(i) By Train** (approximately 40 minutes)

The quickest way to travel to St Mary’s is to take the Circle line (from South Kensington or Gloucester Road stations) to Paddington or Edgware Road.

*Travelling to St Mary’s from Paddington station*

Exit Paddington station to Praed Street. Turn right, cross Praed Street and walk along to Norfolk Place which is on the left. As you go through the gates the medical school building is on the right, and the QEQM building is directly ahead.

*Travelling to St Mary’s from Edgeware Road station*

Leave the station by the Edgware Road exit and walk along Chapel Street past Marks and Spencer (on the right) towards the Stakis Metropole Hotel. Cross Edgware Road at the traffic lights and walk along Praed Street until you reach the medical school gates on the right.

**(ii)** **Walking between South Kensington and the St Mary’s campus** *(approximately 40 minutes)*

Find the Albert memorial by taking the Calendar Road exit from behind the Sherfield Building, crossing Prince Consort Road opposite the Beit Quad and walking round the Royal Albert Hall. Walk round the memorial and take the gravel path behind it (Lancaster Walk). Continue until you reach a statue of a figure on horseback. Bear right until you pass the fountains on the right, and exit onto Bayswater Road through the Marlborough Gate. The Royal Lancaster Hotel will be directly ahead. Cross Bayswater Road and walk up the right side of Lancaster Terrace, (the hotel will be on the right). On reaching Westbourne Terrace, cross it (left to a traffic island and then immediately right) and enter Sussex Gardens. Cross to the left side, and continue along Sussex Gardens. Norfolk Place will be on the left. Turn left into this, cross Praed Street and pass through the St Mary’s gates directly ahead. The Medical School Building is on the right, and the QEQM building directly ahead.

##### South Kensington to the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital by bus (approximately 20 minutes)

There isn’t an Underground station close to the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, but the number 49 bus goes from South Kensington station and stops in Beaufort Street which intersects with the Fulham Road, where the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital is sited.

An alternative route is to walk to South Kensington station, pass through the station and walk along Sydney place to the Fulham road and along this until the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital appears on the left. This walk should take half an hour.

##### Charing Cross to St Mary’s

*Travelling* between these sites

*District and Piccadilly line (approximately 45 minutes)*

At Baron’s Court station take an Eastbound District or Piccadilly line train to Gloucester Road. From here the quickest option is to take a circle line train to Paddington. A slower alternative is to take the district line to Earl’s Court and catch an Edgware Road train (District line). A final option is to catch a High Street Kensington train from Earls Court and change to the Circle line at High Street Kensington.

*Hammersmith and City line (approximately 40 minutes)*

Leave Charing Cross by the main hospital entrance and turn right into Fulham Palace Road. Cross to the left-hand side and use the underpass to reach the south side of Hammersmith Broadway under the flyover. Pass the central shopping area, and turn left at the Piccadilly and District line entrance and exit the shopping area. You will come out on the north side of Hammersmith Broadway. Cross at the traffic lights and to your right you will see the Hammersmith and City Line Station, take the Hammersmith and City line to Paddington.

Pass through the ticket barriers and take the narrow exit on the left and cross the track by the short bridge. As you leave this you will see a road ahead that runs down alongside the parcels shed on the right. This road leads down to South Wharf Road. Turn left and pass the Patterson Centre and the Accident & Emergency on your left. Directly ahead you will see the QEQM building on the left, with Norfolk Place opposite it. Please do not use this route alone or at night as it is not well lit and can be very quiet in the evenings. If you are on your own walk through Paddington Great Western station and leave by the Praed Street exit*.*

#### Charing Cross rooms

1. **Glenister lecture theatre (Glenister LT) and Glenister (G1, G2, G3):**

The Glenister building is on the left as you exit the cemetery. The three seminar rooms are on the ground floor; the entrance to the lecture theatre is on the first floor.

For all other rooms at the campus, cross Margravine Road and go up the steps. Some rooms are in the Reynolds Building on the right and the rest are in the main hospital laboratory block ahead.

1. **Reynolds Building: enter the building through the second set of glass doors**

(i) **B1 & B2:** go down to the basement via the stairs just past the bookshop (Medical Plus). Walk along the corridor and through a set of swing doors. B1 is the first room on the left, B2 is the second.

1. **Brian Drewe Lecture Theatre:** go up to the first floor and the Drewe lecture theatre is on the other side of the foyer.
2. **R1, R2 & R3:** go up to the first floor of the Reynolds Building. R2 is directly ahead of the top of the stairs.

**R3:** turn left at the top of the stairs, go through the swing doors and follow the signs to the Faculty of Education Office (Medicine), R3 is on the right before you reach the student counter.

**R1:** turn left at the top of the stairs, go through the swing doors and turn left.

1. Library seminar rooms **(PBL1 and 2):** go to the 2nd floor of the Reynolds Building and walk straight ahead through the library turnstiles (using your ID card).

**(c) Hospital Laboratory Block**

For all rooms turn left immediately after entering the Lab Block, and walk to the lifts at the end of the foyer. Entry to the lifts or the stairs is by Swipe card access only. Take the lift to the appropriate floor (e.g. 8th for 8E14). Individual rooms can be found as follows:

1. **7L31:** get out at the 7th floor, turn right and the room is down the corridor on the left.
2. **8th, 9th and 10th floor Lecture Theatres:** Get out at the 8th, 9th or 10th floor, and the lecture theatre is straight ahead.
3. **Communications Skills A-D:** Go the first floor of the Reynolds building and turn left to go through the double doors. Turn right and through the double doors. The Communication Skills Suites are on the left hand side, commencing Suite A.
4. **11L07 (NB** NOT 11L07I – see below): is **Pathology Museum**. Leave the lift on 11th floor, turn left and left again through the double doors. The door to the Museum is at the end of the corridor.
5. For **11L07i**.  Leave the lift on 11th floor, turn right, go through the swing doors and turn right again. Go through the double doors and the room is ahead, slightly to the right
6. For **13th Floor Anatomy Lab**: Get out at the 13th floor, turn right, go through the swing doors and turn right again.
7. For **Anatomy Dissecting Room**: Get out at the 14th floor, turn left, go through the swing doors and turn left again.

#### South Kensington rooms

#### G16: pass the student counter and walk up the stairs directly ahead to the first floor. The lecture theatre is on the left, past the Biology Lecture Theatre and the toilets.

#### MDL 1 (Bays A-C): go to the orange wall on the ground floor and turn right for the stairs or lift and go to the first floor. Turn left and go through the wooden door with the round window.

#### MDL2 (Bays A-C): : go to the orange wall on the ground floor and turn right for the stairs or lift and go to the second floor. Turn left and go through the wooden door with the round window.

1. **MLD1 Bay D** (also known as the overflow room): enter MDL1 and it is the first door on the left.

#### MDL2 (Bay D) enter MDL2 and it is the first door on the left.

#### Room 164: go to MDL1, and it is the second door on the right.

#### Room 280: enter MDL2 and it is the second door on the right.

#### Ground floor rooms (G60-65 and G70): pass the student counter and head to the orange wall past the stairs. The rooms are arranged around this area.

#### G28/G29 (computer rooms): pass the student counter and head towards the orange wall. Turn right and use your swipe-card to open the door directly ahead.

#### 119: pass the student counter and go up the steps onto the first floor concourse. 119 is on the right hand side.

#### 279: pass the student counter and head towards the orange wall. Turn right and take the lift to the 2nd floor. Turn left out of the lift and go through the double doors. 279 is the third room on the right.

#### St Mary’s rooms

If you reach St Mary’s through the gates of Norfolk Place you will find the entrance to the medical school about 30 metres on the right. The Faculty of Education Office (Medicine) is located on the ground floor – turn left at Reception. Access is via swipe-card through the turnstiles.

**The Committee Room** is on the left through the swing doors.

**The Clinical Lecture Theatre** is on the 2nd floor of the Stanford Wing.

**Anthony de Rothschild Room**: room 214, 2nd floor, Praed Street Wing, Medical School Building

From the main entrance go down the stairs to the basement (near the swimming pool), turn left at the bottom of the stairs and left again and go through the blue door. Walk to the end of the paved pathway, past the gym and through the double doors to your right, take the stairs to the 2nd floor, turn left and go through the door into the corridor. Follow the corridor all the way round to the Rothschild Room which is the last door on the right hand side.

The rooms you will need in the Queen Elizabeth Queen Mary wing, which is in the building more or less directly ahead of you at the top of Norfolk Place, across South Wharf Road, are:

The **Cockburn Lecture Theatre** is on the 2nd floor of the QEQM wing – at the end of the Sporborg Bridge. It is sign-posted.

The **Crawford Adam Room**, 9th floor QEQM, next to the Zachary Cope Ward.

The **Eastcott Room**, 8th floor QEQM, next to the Samuel Lane Ward.

**Praed Street meeting room**

Enter the revolving swipe door, which is the first door that you come to on the right hand side when you've walked through the arch. Go through the double door on the right hand side and swipe through the next door on the right. The Praed Street meeting room is just in front of you (down a few steps).

**Communication Skills Rooms**

These four rooms are located in the Clinical Skills Centre on the 2nd floor of the Patterson Wing. The rooms are primarily for teaching which utilises specialist communications equipment, but as with Charing Cross they are also used for other teaching. The rooms are numbered as follows:

**Communication Skills room A,** paired with practice room B.

**Communication Skills room B,** paired with practice room A.

**Communication Skills room C,** paired with practice room C.

**Communication Skills room D,** paired with practice room D.

**Chelsea & Westminster rooms**

Catch any District line train to Earl’s Court. Earl’s Court station has two exits; you will need the one that leads on to Earl’s Court Road (i.e., the one at the back of the train you have arrived on). Turn right on to Earl’s Court Road. At traffic lights, cross Old Brompton Road and continue straight ahead down Redcliffe Gardens. At one of the many zebra crossings, cross to the left-hand side. You will come to Fulham Road at the traffic lights. Turn left, cross at the lights and you will see the hospital about 25 metres ahead on your right.

**Teaching Coordinator’s office**

Go to lift bank C on the ground floor of the Chelsea & Westminster Hospital and take the lift to the lower ground floor, turn right and follow the signs for Medical School Administration.

**Gleeson Lecture Theatre**

Take the lift down to the lower ground floor, from lift back C (this lift bank is in the middle of the hospital). On exiting the lift, turn right and walk through the doors to the main corridor. Immediately ahead/opposite are the signs for Imperial College, go through these doors and follow the signs to the room.

**Wyman Seminar room**

Take the lift to the 4th floor, from lift bank D (this lift is at the rear of the hospital). On exiting the lift, turn sharp left and go through the doors marked David Erskine Ward. The room is straight ahead of you.

**Hammersmith rooms**

The Hammersmith campus is situated between two Central Line tube stations – East Acton and White City. It takes about 15 minutes to walk to the campus from either of these stations. It is also served by a number of bus routes.

**On Foot:** From **East Acton**, turn left on exiting the station and walk down Erconwald St. Take the first right at Henchman St and continue down as the road joins Wulfstan St. Turn left when you come to Du Cane Road, continue past the Wormwood Scrubs prison and you will arrive at the Hammersmith & Queen Charlotte’s Hospitals.

From **White City**, cross the road on exiting the station, turn right and walk down Wood Lane for about ten minutes; walk past the BBC television centre on your left and past the Hammersmith flyover on your right. Turn left at Du Cane Road and you will find the hospital/campus site on your right.

**By Bus:** From **White City**, you can catch the 283, 272 or 72 from outside the BBC Television Centre which stops outside the hospital site/campus. To reach the bus stop, cross the road on leaving the station and turn right.

**Rooms in the Commonwealth Building**

A number of small group teaching and tutorials will take place in the sub-basement rooms of the Commonwealth Building. To access these rooms, take lift 3 or 4 in the foyer to the sub-basement level.

The library is situated on the 1st floor of the Commonwealth Building next to the Ex-Libris café.

PC clusters can be found in the library and on the 3rd floor. The teaching laboratories are also on the 3rd floor, as well as the Post-Graduate Common Room and 3 small group study rooms.

**Commonwealth Building - Sub Basement Seminar Rooms 10 to 13 (A & B rooms)**

From main entrances north or south, take lifts 3 or 4 down to the sub-basement.  Turn left out lift, you will see double doors.  Use swipe card to enter for access to seminar rooms 10 to13 - A & B rooms (follow signs).

Alternatively, take the stairs down to the sub-basement.  From corridor near reception to fire escape, all the way down, turn right through one door then immediately another door, down the corridor, turn right at signs for seminar rooms (lifts 3 & 4 are also there) then swipe card access through the double doors.

**Rooms in the Wolfson Education Centre (WEC)**

The WEC is accessible via the bridge from the 1st floor of the Commonwealth Building or from the main entrance on the ground floor.

All lectures theatres and seminar rooms except Lecture Theatre 1 are located on the 1st floor. Lecture Theatre 1 can be accessed by following the signs from the central staircase. The student counter and student union common room are on the ground floor behind the café area.

**Wolfson Education Centre - Lecture Theatre I**

From the 1st floor, up the flight of stairs to the double doors ahead of you (sign posted for Lecture Theatre 1 and Breakout Space) follow the corridor left or right to take you to stairs to LT 1

**Wolfson Education Centre - Lecture Theatre II**

Take staircase up to first floor for lecture theatres 2 & 3 (Sign posted).  Keep going up the flight of stairs for the top entrances into LT 2 & 3.

**Wolfson Education Centre - Lecture Theatre III**

Take staircase up to first floor for lecture theatres 2 & 3 (Sign posted).  Keep going up the flight of stairs for the top entrances into LT 2 & 3.

**Wolfson Education Centre - Seminar Rooms I & II**

Take staircase up to first floor for seminar rooms I – V (Sign posted).

**Wolfson Education Centre - Seminar Rooms III, IV & V**

Take staircase up to first floor for seminar rooms I – V (Sign posted).

**Royal Brompton rooms**

From South Kensington station turn left at the top of the stairs, walk down Onslow Square, Sydney Place, right onto Fulham Road, then left into Sydney Street. The Royal Brompton is on the left.

Bus No. 49 from South Kensington stations stops outside Royal Brompton Hospital, Sydney Street.

Buses 11, 19, 11, 111 pass along the Kings Road.

**Guy Scadding Building,** Cale Street, SW3

**Emmanuel Kaye Buiding**, Manressa Road/Kings Road, SW3

**Seminar Room 2,** Sydney Wing, Britten Street, SW3

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