
Pre-arrival Information

Your accommodation

**Kingston
University**
London



You will be staying at Middle Mill halls of residence in Kingston. Your address will be:

Kingston University Summer School
Middle Mill Hall of Residence
Portland Road
Kingston Upon Thames
Surrey
KT1 2SJ
UK

You will have your own private bedroom with its own handbasin in a flat between 5 – 8 people with shared bathroom facilities. Each flat has two showers and two toilets.

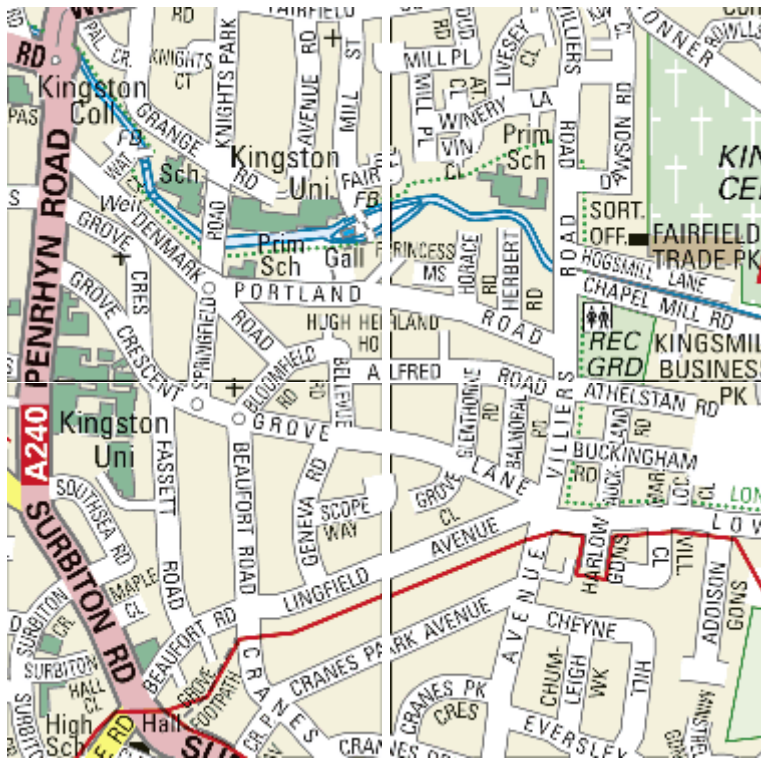
You will share a kitchen with your other flatmates, who are all also Summer School participants.

[more about Middle Mill halls of residence](#)

Location

Portland Road

Streetmap.co.uk - Map of KT1 2SJ



Middle Mill is located in Kingston Upon Thames and is a short 2 minutes walk to the Knights Park campus where classes are held, and about 15 minutes walk from Kingston shopping centre, Kingston train station and transport hub.

Trains from Kingston Station to Central London take approximately 30 mins and run every 15 to 30 minutes depending on the day of travel.

The Small Things



Although we will house you with people who have indicated that they have a similar lifestyle to you in terms of socialising, it is still advisable to bring **ear plugs** to ensure a good night's sleep.

You will find that there is **no air conditioning** in your bedroom (or in many places in the UK), as the climate simply does not necessitate it most of the time. If the weather is hot, then you may wish to purchase a small electric fan upon arrival. These can be found for about £10 in hardware shops. The UK weather does not normally stay hot for very long.



Washing can be done in the laundrette at Middle Mill. You cannot get change from the halls reception, so you will need to make sure you have the right money ready before doing laundry.



You will be provided with sheets and towels for your room. However, you may wish to buy your own (better quality) once you arrive here.

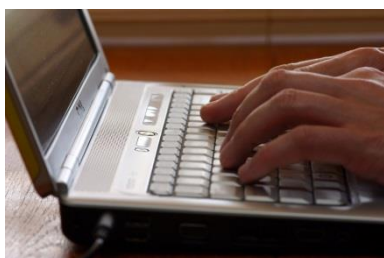


Grounds

Middle Mill is centrally located. The Knights Park campus common room is a 2 minute walk away. There are also pubs and restaurants very close by if you wish to socialise away from your halls.

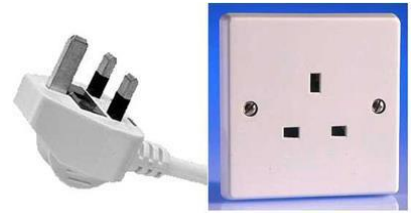


Internet and Electronics



Middle Mill has fast Wi-Fi access internet connection in the rooms and on the grounds

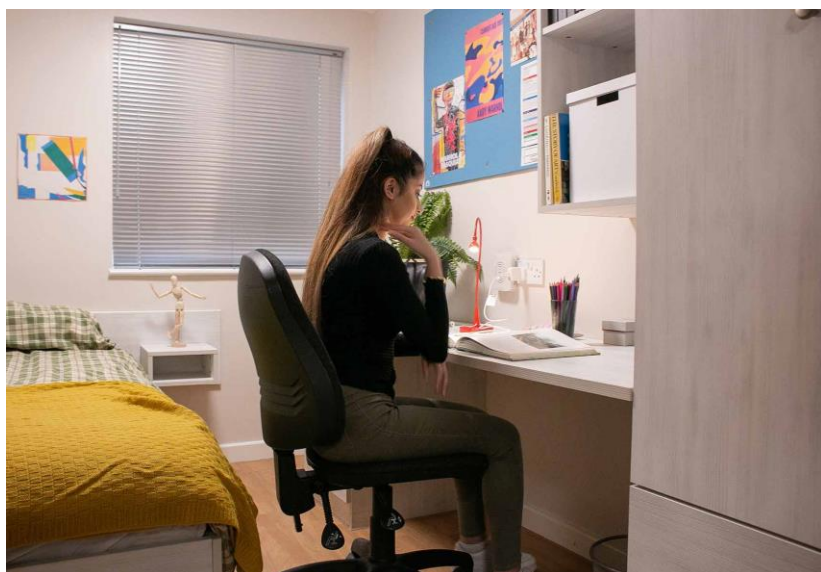
Mains electrical power in the UK is 240v so **do not bring any electrical items that need mains power unless they are clearly marked as dual voltage** 110-120/220-240v. We recommend that you bring your laptop for doing your assignments, just make sure that it is **dual voltage compatible** (110-120/220-240v). You can buy a new power lead once you are here so that you can connect to the electrical outlet. **You should not use a voltage convertor. Please note:** hairdryers and straighteners are rarely dual voltage, so if in doubt, do not bring it!



Bedrooms

As already mentioned, bed linen and towels are provided and will be changed weekly. The communal areas will also be cleaned weekly, but you will have to buy your own cleaning supplies for your bedroom and bathroom.

Fire safety demands that you do not keep candles, incense burners etc. in your room, and that you do not prop open bedroom or kitchen doors with objects; these are fire doors and must always remain closed.



Kitchen and laundry



Please note that there are **no meal plans** at Kingston University, and your fees include your room only.

You will have access to a shared kitchen so you can prepare your own meals. The kitchen in each suite will be supplied with basic cooking equipment, cutlery and crockery.

You will also be expected to keep the kitchen clean after use, and empty the bins regularly, although there is a cleaner who comes once a week as well.

There are plenty of supermarkets (grocery stores) in Kingston, plus a daily fruit and vegetable market in Kingston town centre. There are also countless places to eat out.

Washing can be done in the laundrette at Middle Mill. The cost is £3 per load to wash, and 20p to dry. The machines require cash (£1 and 20p coins only); you can get £1 coins change from the halls reception if needed. The laundrette is open Monday-Friday between 8am-4pm.'

Miscellaneous

Additional room bookings for visitors

You may be able to book a room for friends or family who visit during the programme, subject to availability. We will do our best to place them in a suite close to you but cannot guarantee this. Please email Cristina.lungoci@kingston.ac.uk to make a request for a family member / friend to stay, stating that you are attending the Kingston University four-week Summer School programme and the nights that you wish to book for.

Returning your keys

If you are unable to return your keys on the day of departure you will be charged £120. Rooms will also be inspected on the day of departure for damage, and you will be charged if necessary, including costs for removal of excessive amounts of rubbish.

Staying additional nights

We are unable to offer additional nights before or after the programme dates this year. If you decide to stay on after the programme you would need to arrange your own accommodation.

Please note: If you stay for extra nights before / after the programme, you will not be able to use the group transportation service from and to London Heathrow and London Gatwick airports and will therefore have to make your own arrangements.