



“It’s a really good programme that helps make new students feel at home immediately.”

Esohe Edion, Nigeria

# Welcome to Kingston

This guide includes all the information you'll need about the events and services available to help you settle in during your first weeks at Kingston University.

There's everything from an airport pick-up service and special enrolment for international students, to useful seminars, a full welcome day, loads of social activities, and even a short course about Britain.

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## Look for the green people!

Our 'green team' of staff and student helpers will be happy to help you with anything you need. We'll be at the airport, in the International Welcome Centre and at all the welcome events. You won't miss us – we'll be wearing bright green t-shirts!

# Airport pick-up service

We understand that arriving in a new country can be both exciting and a bit scary. That's why we offer an airport pick-up service to all new international, European and visiting students who will be living in the local area\*. Simply book your flight for the pick-up date and register for the airport pick-up service online. We'll meet you at the airport and take you to your accommodation.

**When:** Tuesday 10 September (24 hours)  
**Where:** Heathrow or Gatwick airports only

## Check your arrival time!

Although we offer a 24-hour service on the Tuesday, we recommend that you book a flight that arrives between 06:00 and 17:00 (if possible). Arriving between these hours means that you'll be met by Kingston University staff and will have an opportunity to meet other international students who have also just arrived.


## To book:

Once you've booked your flight, go to [www.kingston.ac.uk/airportpickup](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/airportpickup) and complete the booking form.

## Who will meet me?

A friendly Kingston University representative will be in the arrivals area to meet you. You won't miss them – they'll be wearing a bright green t-shirt and holding a green Kingston University sign! They'll take you to a coach or taxi when it arrives.

## Please note

 If you will be living in lodgings or private accommodation (in the local area), in Clayhill, Middle Mill, Kingston Bridge House or iQ Wave halls of residence, we will take you to our International Welcome Centre first and, from there, arrange a taxi for you to your accommodation.

 If your flight lands after 17:00, you may be met in the terminal by a taxi driver instead of University staff. The driver will also be holding a green Kingston University sign.

## Important

**You must book this service by 09:00 British Summer Time (GMT+1) on Tuesday 27 August. We won't be able to collect you if you don't register by this date.**

## How long will it take?

At the airport, you may have to wait with other students for a coach or taxi, and your transport may make a number of stops before you arrive at your destination. We estimate that you'll arrive at your halls of residence, or the International Welcome Centre, up to four hours after we've met you at the airport.

## Can relatives or friends use the service?

Unfortunately we can't reserve spaces on the pick-up service for your relatives or friends. However, if there is space available on your coach or in your taxi on the day, they are welcome to travel with you. If not, we can advise on public or private transport options.

## Getting to Kingston on your own

If you are arriving on another day\*\*, have missed the booking deadline or want to arrange your own transport, go to [www.kingston.ac.uk/gettingtokingston](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/gettingtokingston) for more information.

\*The local area for the airport pick-up service is within approximately a five-mile radius of Kingston, see [www.kingston.ac.uk/airportpickuplocalarea](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/airportpickuplocalarea)

\*\*If you're staying in our halls of residence, you can't move in until 09:00 on Tuesday 10 September.

“ I received outstanding support upon my arrival in the UK! The airport pick-up service was wonderful! It was so nice knowing that I would be met at the airport and wouldn't have to struggle on my first day in a new country. ”

Amber Robertson, USA  
Study Abroad student



Students arriving in Kingston



Find out more  
[www.kingston.ac.uk/airportpickup](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/airportpickup)  
[www.kingston.ac.uk/gettingtokingston](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/gettingtokingston)

## Luggage advice

We recommend that you travel with a reasonable amount of luggage that isn't too heavy, so that you're able to carry all of it yourself. There is a fair distance to walk to the coach or taxi at the airport, and then again at your accommodation.

# International Welcome Centre

Our International Welcome Centre has been created especially for you! It provides access to a variety of advice, information and services to help you in your first few days at Kingston.

## You'll be able to:

- Leave your luggage
- Relax with drinks and snacks
- Collect a welcome pack
- Call home for free
- Meet other students and staff
- Use the internet for free
- Get visa and immigration advice
- Collect information about public transport
- Go on a tour of Kingston town centre or Penrhyn Road campus
- Buy tickets for our social events (see pages 18–29)
- Find out about the 'Understanding Britain' short course (see page 30)
- Register for the escorted police registration (see page 8)

## When:

Tuesday 10 September, 08:00–19:00

Wednesday 11 September, 08:00–19:00

## Where:

Penrhyn Road campus, John Galsworthy building, ground floor (see map, page 40)



“The events and orientation week were amazing! Three cheers to the team!”

Neha Dave, India



Students arriving at the International Welcome Centre



Find out more

[www.kingston.ac.uk/iwc](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/iwc)

“The International Welcome Centre provided me with all the essential information about the University and the town, which helped me settle down and prepare myself for the course.”

Anastasia Alpatova, Russia  
Marketing MA



Getting advice in the International Welcome Centre



## Other reasons to visit the International Welcome Centre...

### Open a UK bank account

Opening a bank account is one of the most important things you'll need to do when you arrive in the UK (if you are coming for more than a semester). Representatives from some local banks will be at the International Welcome Centre to speak to you about bank accounts and to help you start the process of opening one.

**When:** Wednesday 11 September, 10:00–15:00

#### What to bring:

- Your passport
- A University letter confirming that you are a Kingston University student and stating your address at our halls of residence. If you are staying in private accommodation, you will still need to request a University letter, but you should also bring along proof of address in your home country, for example a bank statement.

Learning resources centre (LRC) staff will be available at the Penrhyn Road LRC to provide you with a University letter once you have enrolled.

### Meet the English Language Development team

Meet staff from our English Language Development team to find out about the free support they offer to international students throughout the year, in areas such as study skills, academic writing, communication and project work.

**When:** Wednesday 11 September, 10:00–15:00

### Register for an escorted supermarket trip

We understand how difficult it can be to take care of your everyday needs in a new country, such as buying food and household essentials, but we are here to help. Sign up online or at the International Welcome Centre, and we'll take you on a bus to one of Kingston's big supermarkets, so you won't go hungry! The supermarket you'll be visiting also sells kitchen equipment, bedding, towels and clothing, so you'll soon be settled into your new home. The bus will also stop at some halls, so you don't have to struggle with your purchases.

Please note: Spaces are limited, so we suggest you sign up as soon as possible! Some spaces are available to book in advance from mid-July at [www.kingston.ac.uk/iwc](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/iwc), and the remainder can be booked at the International Welcome Centre on Tuesday 10 September.

**When:** Wednesday 11 September, 11:30–13:00 and 12:20–14:30


### Find out about exchange opportunities

Do you want to enrich your study experience even further; have you considered an exchange with one of our partner universities? Come and talk to staff and find out about the opportunities available.\*

**When:** Wednesday 11 September, 10:00–12:00

\*Please note: Unfortunately, some programmes don't allow for study exchanges.

### Please note

 There are many banks available in Kingston town centre, but representatives from only a few will be at our International Welcome Centre.



Find out more  
English Language Development  
[www.kingston.ac.uk/eldp](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/eldp)

### Learn about mobile phone options

There are lots of mobile phone options in the UK, and choosing one can be a daunting task. We can help you choose the best mobile phone option for you.

**When:** Wednesday 11 September 10:00–15:00

### Introduction to the 'Understanding Britain' course

This short course for international students is a great introduction to life in the UK and only costs £30 per student, including trips. Find out more about the course content, class times and meet the staff who run the programme (see page 30)

**When:** Wednesday 11 September, 10:00–12:30

### Escorted police registration

A small number of international students are required by the British government to register with the Overseas Visitors Records Office (OVRO) within seven days of arrival in the UK\* (see details below right). Please check the visa sticker on your passport to see whether you need to register.

If you are going to arrive during our Welcome and Orientation week, you may be able to join our escorted visit to the OVRO.

**When:** The date and time will be confirmed when you register, but it is likely to be between 14 and 21 September.

**IMPORTANT:** If you arrive after 14 September and you need to register with OVRO, then you must email [isac@kingston.ac.uk](mailto:isac@kingston.ac.uk) so that we can advise you further on how to complete this requirement.

**To book:** Sign up at our International Welcome Centre on Tuesday 10 or Wednesday 11 September, or email [isac@kingston.ac.uk](mailto:isac@kingston.ac.uk) by 14 September with 'Police Registration' as the subject of the email. If you're unsure whether you need to register, ask a member of staff.

### What must I bring?

- Your passport/travel documents
- £34 for the registration fee (all major credit cards are accepted)
- Money for transport
- The 'Registration Particulars' form (you will be given this when you sign up at the International Welcome Centre. If you sign up by email, please collect one of these forms from the International Welcome Centre and complete it in advance)

\*This is only applicable if you are from one of the following countries and have received an endorsement on your visa instructing you to register with the OVRO: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, Bolivia, Brazil, China, Colombia, Cuba, Egypt, Georgia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Moldova, Morocco, North Korea, Oman, Palestine, Peru, Qatar, Russia (including Chechnya), Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Yemen. If you are uncertain whether you need to register, please ask a member of staff when you arrive.

**Please note:** all students registering with the OVRO will be subject to a security check upon arrival. You must not carry any sharp objects and you should bring as little luggage as possible.

For more detailed information about the Police Registration Service, see: [content.met.police.uk/Site/overseasvisitorsrecordsoffice](http://content.met.police.uk/Site/overseasvisitorsrecordsoffice)

**IMPORTANT:** If you sign up for the escorted police registration with the University, you do not have to register within seven days of arrival in the UK. This is a special exemption for students that use this service and enforcement action won't be taken. However, if you choose to register by yourself, you will need to go within seven days of arriving in the UK.



Find out more

'Understanding Britain'

[www.kingston.ac.uk/understandingbritain](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/understandingbritain)

# International enrolment

Enrolment is when you officially register on your course, and is very important. International students enrol on different, earlier dates than British students. This is beneficial as you get it done early and can focus on settling in before your classes start.

**When:** Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 September, 09:00–18:30. You will be given an individual appointment nearer the time.

**Where:** Penrhyn Road campus, John Galsworthy building (see map, page 40)

## What must I bring?

- Your passport
- Enrolment checklist (if you have already completed enrolment Stage One)
- Your visa or biometric residence permit (if you entered the UK with one)
- Your original qualifications certificates (if you are studying on a Tier 4 visa)

Additional information on what you need to bring will be emailed to you closer to your enrolment appointment.

## Enrolment Welcome Centre

As part of the enrolment process, you'll make your way through to the general University Welcome Centre where you can meet staff and students from different departments and organisations that offer support. Here you'll find information about: managing your money, leading a healthy lifestyle, skills development, leadership and employment opportunities, and more.

**When:** Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 September, 09:00–18:30

**Where:** Penrhyn Road campus, John Galsworthy Building, first floor (see map, page 40)

## How does it work?

Enrolment has two stages:

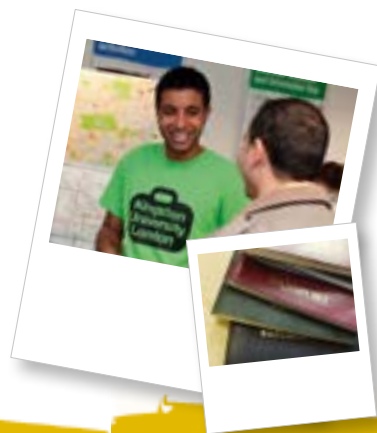
- **Enrolment Stage One:** You need to register your personal details online using the University's Online Student Information System (OSIS). We strongly advise that you do this before you leave for the UK. We will email you the link and instructions in early September. After completing this, you will be prompted to print out the enrolment checklist, which is needed for Stage Two.
- **Enrolment Stage Two:** You will do this at the University in person. We will check that we have all your details, confirm how your fees are going to be paid (where applicable) and issue you with a Kingston University student ID card. Please remember to bring your original qualification documents (if you are studying on a Tier 4 visa).

## What if I don't do Stage One before I arrive in Kingston?

If you haven't been able to register online before you arrive, you will be able to do so on the day you complete Stage Two. However, if you want to avoid queues and make your enrolment a faster process, we recommend you complete Stage One before you arrive.

## What if I miss enrolment?

It is essential that you don't miss international enrolment but, if you aren't in the UK on time, there will be some late enrolment sessions for international students. Please contact the International Office for details: [international@kingston.ac.uk](mailto:international@kingston.ac.uk)



Students enrolling



## Tier 4 attendance monitoring

Kingston University students studying on a Tier 4 visa are required to attend compulsory attendance monitoring sessions throughout the academic year.

All UK Universities are required by the Home Office to keep a record of all students with a Tier 4 student visa and how they engage with their studies. We will be holding a number of registration events throughout the academic year, where you must report to either your faculty/student office or a learning resources centre (LRC) and swipe your student ID card. We will email you (on both your Kingston and personal email addresses) the details of how and when you need to register in advance. It is therefore important to check both email accounts regularly and also to keep your contact details up to date on OSIS.

It's important that you register at these events; failure to do so may result in you being withdrawn from your course, your visa being cancelled and you being required to return to your home country. If you are unable to attend these events, you must contact your faculty to explain why.

If you're unable to attend University at any point during term-time, you must request an authorised absence letter from your faculty, giving you permission for this. This can also help explain why you failed to attend a monitoring session.

For further information, please email [ukba@kingston.ac.uk](mailto:ukba@kingston.ac.uk)



Find out more  
International enrolment  
[www.kingston.ac.uk/internationalenrolment](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/internationalenrolment)  
Online Student Information System (OSIS)  
[osis.kingston.ac.uk](http://osis.kingston.ac.uk)

# Paying your fees

All non-European Union students are required to pay 50 per cent of their course fees in cleared funds before or at enrolment. The remaining 50 per cent must then be paid either: in full at enrolment; in full on receipt of invoice; or by instalment (in line with the University's instalment plan).

## How do I pay my fees?

There are several ways to pay your fees:

- Online using the University's secure payment site
- Bank or Building Society draft
- Direct Debit (by instalment, in line with the University's payment plan – full details are in 'Money matters' on the website, see below)
- Cheque (please note: cheques will take time to clear)

For full details on each option see


[www.kingston.ac.uk/internationalfees](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/internationalfees)


All payments must be made in pounds sterling.

## Where do I pay my fees?

The University's Payment Office is located on the ground floor of Cooper House, just a short walk from the Penrhyn Road campus (see page 40).

## Please note

 Erasmus and exchange students do not need to pay any fees.

 Study Abroad students who are self-funding must pay:

- Semester students: the full course fee before enrolment
- Full-year students: 50 per cent of the course fee by enrolment

## IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR STUDENTS FROM THE USA

If you are funding your course using a Federal Direct Stafford and/or PLUS loan, please contact the Financial Aid Office for information about paying your tuition fees.

E: [usfinancialaid@kingston.ac.uk](mailto:usfinancialaid@kingston.ac.uk)



Find out more

Kingston's secure payment site

[www.kingston.ac.uk/epay](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/epay)

Advice and guidance on fees

[www.kingston.ac.uk/moneymatters](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/moneymatters)





# Essential Welcome and Orientation Day

We highly recommend that all new international students attend this day. It's designed to help you learn about Kingston University, the services on offer, the local area and what studying in the UK is like.

**When:** Thursday 12 September, 09:30–17:00


**Where:** Meet in Kingston town centre at the Rose Theatre (see map, page 38). Staff in bright-green t-shirts will be at Penrhyn Road campus to guide you.

**To book:** [www.kingston.ac.uk/internationalorientation](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/internationalorientation)

**What to wear:** Casual clothes and comfortable shoes for walking

**What to bring:** Some spending money for the day (we will provide lunch) and a pen and paper (to take notes during the afternoon seminars)

## Please note

 You must book for this day in advance. If you fail to book, this does not mean you cannot attend; however, we may not have a place for you at some of the events.

## Programme for the day

- An official welcome from senior staff and an introduction to important services at the University
- Guided tours of Kingston town centre and the Penrhyn Road campus
- A free lunch
- 'Adjusting to Learning and Teaching in the UK' seminar
- 'An introduction to KU Talent' seminar
- 'Realising your Enterprising Potential' seminar
- A compulsory orientation event for visiting students



Guided tour of Kingston town centre



New friends!



Lunch time in the John Galsworthy quad



Busy International Welcome Centre

“They provide us with a massive amount of information about the societies, clubs, events, and things to do.”

**Kevin Yeung, Canada**  
Sports Science BSc

### Seminar on Adjusting to Learning and Teaching in the UK

Our academic seminar, ‘Adjusting to Learning and Teaching in the UK’, is designed to help you to understand your new learning environment and to get the most out of your studies at Kingston.

#### When:

- **Postgraduate session:** 14:00–14:45
- **Undergraduate session:** 15:00–15:45
- **Visiting students:** you will receive this information at your orientation (see right).

**Where:** Penrhyn Road campus, main building, ground floor, Clattern Lecture Theatre (see map, page 40)

**To book:** The seminar must be booked in advance. After booking your place on the Essential Welcome and Orientation Day, you will be directed to a webpage where you can book your place on this seminar and the ‘Realising your Enterprising Potential’ seminar.

### An introduction to KU Talent

The KU Talent team is here to help and support you explore your career options and prepare you for the highly competitive job market. Learn how to get ahead of the competition by using the various services KU Talent delivers during your time here at Kingston.

At this session, you’ll find out about:

- the UK recruitment process and what to expect;
- exciting industry or job specific events for the academic year;
- accessing part-time and temporary job opportunities, so you can connect with local part-time employers;
- getting one-to-one advice about your personal career options and how to create a great CV;
- using online global job-search resources, so you can search international career opportunities; and

- participating in international employability sessions, so you can impress potential British employers.

**When:** 16:00–16:15

**Where:** Penrhyn Road campus, main building, ground floor, Clattern Lecture Theatre (see map, page 40)

**To book:** No need to book; just turn up!

### Realising your Enterprising Potential

Developing enterprise skills is vital for international students and graduates about to enter careers in the modern world. Come along to this workshop to find out how Kingston University can help you to develop these essential skills to get you ahead in your chosen career. We will also discuss the Tier 1 Graduate Visa for international students interested in starting a business in the UK once they have graduated.

**When:** 16:15–17:00

**Where:** Penrhyn Road campus, main building, ground floor, Clattern Lecture Theatre (see map, page 40)

**To book:** The seminar must be booked in advance. After booking your place on the Essential Welcome and Orientation Day, you will be directed to a webpage where you can book your place on this seminar and the ‘Adjusting to Learning and Teaching in the UK’ seminar.

### Orientation for visiting students

This event is designed to introduce all visiting students to Kingston University, and will provide you with useful information about your studies. This event is compulsory for all visiting students. You don’t need to register for it.

**When:** 14:00–17:00

**Where:** Penrhyn Road campus, main building, first floor, Jacqueline Wilson Hall (see map, page 40)



“It was very helpful and made me understand the UK education system better.”

**Onwaree Rattanathon, Thailand**  
Information Systems with Management Studies MSc

# Welcome and social events

We have lots of fun and exciting events planned to help you make friends and to introduce you to life in Kingston and London. Some events are free, and those that aren't are excellent value for money.



Making new friends at the welcome reception

## IMPORTANT

- Tickets are non-refundable and do not include transportation.
- We don't sell tickets on the day of the event, so don't delay – we have limited tickets and they do sell out!
- Always check your timetable before you book, as some of our social events may clash with other important University activities.

### **FREE** Karaoke and DJ night

Sing and dance along to your favourite songs! This event will be run by the Students' Union.

**When:** Tuesday 10 September, 19:00–late  
**Where:** Penrhyn Road campus, Space Bar (see map, page 40)

**What to wear:** Smart casual

**What to bring:** Spending money for the evening, your Kingston University ID card and your passport (if you wish to buy/consume alcohol)

**To book:** No need to book

### **FREE** Welcome reception

Join us at one of Kingston's popular student venues for an enjoyable evening, meeting your fellow international students who have also just arrived.

**When:** Thursday 12 September, 18:00–late  
**Where:** The Kings Tun pub, first floor (see map, page 38)

**What to wear:** Smart casual

**What to bring:** Spending money for the evening, your Kingston University ID card and your passport (if you wish to buy/consume alcohol)

**To book:** No need to book

### **FREE** Pyjama Party: Fancy Dress and DJ

Dress up in your pyjamas, or as whatever you like, and enjoy this fun evening organised by the Students' Union.

**When:** Wednesday 11 September, 19:00–late  
**Where:** Penrhyn Road campus, Space Bar (see map, page 40)

**What to wear:** Smart casual

**What to bring:** Spending money for the evening, your Kingston University ID card and your passport (if you wish to buy/consume alcohol)

**To book:** No need to book

### **FREE** DJ / live music night

Listen to some great music and bands at this Students' Union event.

**When:** Friday 13 September, 19:00–late  
**Where:** Penrhyn Road campus, Space Bar (see map, page 40)

**What to wear:** Smart casual

**What to bring:** Spending money for the evening, your Kingston University ID card and your passport (if you wish to buy/consume alcohol)

**To book:** No need to book



Find out more  
International social events  
[www.kingston.ac.uk/  
internationalsocialevents](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/internationalsocialevents)  
Students' Union events  
[www.kusu.co.uk](http://www.kusu.co.uk)

“It was really good meeting people from different walks of life.”

Aigbomian Patrick Eboziegbe, Nigeria  
Landscape Urbanism and the Creative Economy MA

# Welcome and social events

## Walking tours of central London

If you can't wait to get into central London but don't know where to start, sign up for one of our guided walking tours. We'll take you to some of London's most famous sights, and you'll get to know the city and meet other students.

**When:** Friday 13 September, 14:00–16:00; Saturday 14 September, 14:00–16:00; and Friday 20 September, 14:00–16:00

**Where:** A meeting point will be confirmed when we have received your payment

**How much:** £8 and money for transport

**What to wear:** Casual clothes and comfortable shoes for walking

**What to bring:** Spending money, your Kingston University ID card and an umbrella or raincoat (in case of bad weather)

**To book:** You can buy tickets at the International Welcome Centre or online at [www.kingston.ac.uk/internationalsocialevents](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/internationalsocialevents)



## Sunday lunch

Join us for a traditional roast at a local pub. This delicious meal consists of roast meat with gravy, roast potatoes and vegetables (vegetarian option available).

**When:** Sunday 15 September, 12:00–15:00\*

**Where:** Surbiton town centre, Duke of York pub – next to Surbiton station, where the University buses stop

**How much:** £7

**What to bring:** Spending money for additional food/drinks and your passport if you wish to buy/consume alcohol

**To book:** You can buy tickets at the International Welcome Centre or online at [www.kingston.ac.uk/internationalsocialevents](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/internationalsocialevents)

*\*Please ensure that you arrive by 12:30 at the latest.*



*The London Eye,  
central London*

**IMPORTANT:** Remember to check that you don't have any faculty events scheduled before buying your tickets for social events. It's more important that you attend the faculty sessions than social events!



Having fun at Photo Frenzy

# Welcome and social events

## **FREE** Halls welcome events

For all students staying in our halls of residence, these events are a great way to start the year! There will be music from local radio station Radio Jackie, a barbeque and games. You'll also have the opportunity to meet staff who work in halls of residence, as well as your new flat- and hall-mates. Best of all, it's free!

**When:** Sunday 15 September, 15:00–18:00  
**Where:** All halls of residence except iQ Wave\*  
**What to wear:** Casual clothes

**NOTE:** This event is only for students living in University halls of residence. You will be given an invitation and more information when you arrive at your halls.  
*\*iQ Wave is not owned by the University*

## Freshers' Week parties

During Freshers' Week (see page 44), the Students' Union organise themed events for all students such as parties, comedy nights and hypnotist evenings. For more information, visit [www.kusu.co.uk](http://www.kusu.co.uk)

**When:** Every night from 16 to 19 September, 19:30 until late  
**Where:** All Students' Union bars\*\*  
**How much:** Many events are free, but those that aren't are good value for money  
**What to wear:** Casual clothes  
**What to bring:** Spending money and your passport (if you wish to buy/consume alcohol)  
**To book:** See [www.kusu.co.uk](http://www.kusu.co.uk) for more details

*\*\*There are Students' Union bars at Penrhyn Road (Space Bar), Knights Park Bar and Kingston Hill (Hannafords).*

## **FREE** International Cafe

Every month we organise our famous International Cafe where, you can get together with other international students and enjoy a free hot or cold drink. At the Cafe we'll introduce you to the amazing things Britain has to offer, with quizzes, games and lots more to entertain you.

**When:** Monday 16 September, 15:00–17:00  
**Where:** Rose Theatre Culture Cafe (see map, page 38)  
**What to bring:** Some spending money if you'd like more than just one drink  
**To book:** No need to book

## Harry Potter walking tour of London

Join us for this exciting Harry Potter-inspired walking tour of London and experience JK Rowling's story first-hand! See the Leaky Cauldron, Platform 9 ¾, walk into the dark side of the Prison of Azkaban, flee the Dementors as you cross the wobbly bridge and, if you are lucky, find gold at Gringotts! Get to see the city and meet other students as we weave our way around London.

**When:** Tuesday 17 September, 14:00–17:00  
**Where:** A meeting point will be confirmed when we have received your payment  
**How much:** £8 and money for transport  
**What to wear:** Casual clothes and comfortable shoes for walking  
**What to bring:** Spending money and an umbrella or raincoat (in case of bad weather)  
**To book:** You can buy tickets at the International Welcome Centre or online at [www.kingston.ac.uk/internationalsocialevents](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/internationalsocialevents)



Find out more  
**International social events**  
[www.kingston.ac.uk/internationalsocialevents](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/internationalsocialevents)  
**Students' Union events**  
[www.kusu.co.uk](http://www.kusu.co.uk)



# Welcome and social events

## 'Wicked' theatre night

Be spellbound by the story of the unusual friendship between Glinda the good witch and the Wicked Witch of the West. This multi-award-winning musical has it all: drama, a spectacular set and wonderful music!

**When:** Tuesday 17 September, 19:30–22:30

**Where:** Central London, a meeting point will be confirmed when your payment has been received

**How much:** £15 and money for transport

**What to bring:** Spending money and your ticket!

**To book:** You can buy tickets at the International Welcome Centre or online at [www.kingston.ac.uk/internationalsocialevents](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/internationalsocialevents)

“I made a lot of friends through the welcome events.”

**Onwaree Rattanathon, Thailand**

Information Systems with Management Studies MSc



Find out more

**Wicked**

[www.wickedthemusical.co.uk](http://www.wickedthemusical.co.uk)

**The Globe Theatre**

[www.shakespearesglobe.com](http://www.shakespearesglobe.com)

## 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at the Globe Theatre

The Globe Theatre is an open-air theatre on London's South Bank, and is a faithful reconstruction of the original playhouse, first built in 1599, where Shakespeare worked and for which he wrote many of his greatest plays. 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' is one of Shakespeare's most-loved comedies, combining romance, the world of fairies and lots of amusing encounters and misunderstandings.

**When:** Thursday 19 September, 19:30–22:30

**Where:** The Globe Theatre, central London

**How much:** £5 and money for transport

**What to wear:** Warm clothes and comfortable shoes

**What to bring:** Spending money for food/drinks, an umbrella or raincoat (in case of bad weather) and your ticket!

**To book:** You can buy tickets at the International Welcome Centre or online at [www.kingston.ac.uk/internationalsocialevents](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/internationalsocialevents)

Please note – these tickets are in the standing pit for an authentic experience! Cushions are available at the theatre.



Photo: John Haynes

*A Midsummer Night's Dream*

Shakespeare's Globe Theatre



Photo: Pawel Libera

# Welcome and social events

## Freshers' Ball

The Freshers' Ball is the biggest student party of the year, and is run by the Students' Union! More than 1,500 new students (commonly known as 'freshers') attend.

**When:** Friday 20 September, 20:00-late

**Where:** Marquee outside Penrhyn Road campus

**How much:** £15 per person

**What to wear:** Smart casual (no denim jeans)

**To book:** Tickets can be purchased from the Students' Union at Penrhyn Road (see map, page 40) or online at [www.kusu.co.uk](http://www.kusu.co.uk)

## Freshers' Fayre

The Freshers' Fayre is a two-day event run on campus by the Students' Union. You'll be able to sign up for all the societies and sports clubs you're interested in, and there'll also be lots of external companies giving away free gifts.

**When:** Thursday 19 and Friday 20 September, 10:00-16:00

**Where:** Marquee outside Penrhyn Road campus

**To book:** No need to book

## Boat trip to Greenwich

Greenwich is a World Heritage Site, located on the River Thames. It is the home of the Meridian Line and Greenwich Mean Time, as well as the National Maritime Museum and the Royal Observatory. The famous Greenwich Market runs on Saturdays and Sundays, offering food and drink, arts and crafts and fresh produce. This trip includes a return journey to Greenwich by boat.

**When:** Saturday 21 September, 11:00-18:00. If you're late, the boat won't wait!

**Where:** A meeting point will be confirmed when your payment has been received


**How much:** £9 and money for transport

**What to wear:** Casual clothes and comfortable shoes

**What to bring:** Spending money, an umbrella or raincoat (in case of bad weather) and your Kingston University ID card

**To book:** You can buy tickets at the International Welcome Centre or online at [www.kingston.ac.uk/internationalsocialevents](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/internationalsocialevents)

## Please note

 You will need to pay your own transport costs for getting to the social events.

“Many of the students I met during that week have become my good friends, and international events organised by Kingston University helped us stay in touch.”

**Anastasia Alpatova, Russia**

Marketing MA



Greenwich by night



Freshers' Fayre



Freshers' Ball

'Like' our Intake 2013 page on Facebook, so you can keep up to date with all the exciting events we're planning for you in September!



[www.facebook.com/  
KUInternationalStudentsSept13](http://www.facebook.com/KUInternationalStudentsSept13)



Finding your way around London



Trafalgar Square

### FREE Photo Frenzy

Join us for an adventure in central London! In teams, you'll get a list of clues that will lead you to famous London sights. The aim is for your team to see the sights and take fun, original pictures of them. There will be prizes for the teams with the most correct answers and the best pictures. This is an exciting opportunity for you to find your way around London, make friends and learn about the city, while capturing some brilliant memories along the way.

**When:** Sunday 22 September, 12:00–16:00. If you're late, we won't wait!

**Where:** Meet at the London Eye – look out for our staff, who will be wearing green t-shirts

**What to wear:** Casual clothes, comfortable shoes and an umbrella or raincoat (in case of bad weather)

**What to bring:** Spending money and your own digital camera

**To book:** No need to book, just turn up!



Photo Frenzy



“The Centre offered a wonderful opportunity to meet international students from various faculties and find people from my home country who came to study here.”

Anastasia Alpatova, Russia  
Marketing MA



# 'Understanding Britain'

## A short course for international students

Learn all about Britain, its history, culture and much more. This short course for international students will give you a background to your studies in Britain and covers key parts of British life. The course includes day trips to the magnificent Royal Hampton Court Palace and the beautiful university city of Oxford.

The classes and day trips will provide an excellent opportunity to meet other international students and to discuss your experiences at Kingston in a friendly and helpful environment. We will issue a Certificate of Attendance at the end of the course to those who have attended regularly.

### The course includes the following topics\*:

- What is Britain (national identity and culture)?
- How is Britain governed (monarchy and government)?
- Food and leisure
- The British higher education system
- The British press
- Britain's place in the world

Places are limited, so booking is essential.

**When:** Every Wednesday between 13:00 and 15:00 (Group A) or 16:00 and 18:00 (Group B). Classes start on Wednesday 9 October 2013

**Where:** We will confirm the venue by email when your payment has been received

**How long:** 6 weeks

**How much:** £30

**Day trips:** Friday 18 October: afternoon trip to Hampton Court Palace

Saturday 26 October: day trip to Oxford

**To book:** Email [esao@kingston.ac.uk](mailto:esao@kingston.ac.uk) by Friday 4 October with the following information:

- Your full name
  - Your Kingston ID number
  - Your degree course
  - Your preferred class time (Group A or B)
- We will confirm your place by email and this will include information on how to pay.

**Course tutor:** Sue Vernon  
[s.vernon@kingston.ac.uk](mailto:s.vernon@kingston.ac.uk)

**Course leader:** Dr Eleanor Bavidge  
[e.bavidge@kingston.ac.uk](mailto:e.bavidge@kingston.ac.uk)

*\*The content of this programme may be subject to change.*



Oxford University,  
All Souls College



Hampton Court Palace



Big Ben

# Important dates for visiting students

## Enrolment

Study Abroad (including Science Without Borders) and international exchange students will be contacted by the enrolment team regarding an enrolment appointment time. This will be either Tuesday 10 or Wednesday 11 September. Erasmus students need to enrol on the date designated for their faculty for enrolment, and will be contacted regarding an appointment time.

## Orientation

This orientation is in addition to the other activities taking place during the Essential Welcome and Orientation Day and is compulsory for all visiting students. The session will include an academic seminar: 'Adjusting to Learning and Teaching in the UK'. Further details will be emailed to you by the European and Study Abroad Office (ESAO).

**Please note:** This session is for visiting students only; international students on full-time programmes should attend the appropriate 'Adjusting to Learning and Teaching in the UK' seminar (see page 16).

**When:** Thursday 12 September, 14:00–17:00

**Where:** Penrhyn Road campus, main building, first floor, Jacqueline Wilson Hall (see map, page 40)

**What to bring:** Your passport

## Trip to Brighton

This day trip is part of the visiting student programme, and all visiting students are invited to attend. Spaces are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, and you will be emailed in August by the ESAO about how to sign up for this event.

Unfortunately, this is not open to any other international students who are enrolled on a Kingston University degree programme.

**When:** Wednesday 18 September, 09:15–19:00 (approximately)

**Where:** Meet at Penrhyn Road campus, main reception (see map, page 40)

**What to wear:** Casual clothes and comfortable shoes for walking

**What to bring:** Spending money, an umbrella (in case of bad weather), and a camera

## Erasmus faculty meetings

In addition to enrolment and orientation, you will need to meet the Erasmus co-ordinator for your subject area. This is your opportunity to talk about your choice of modules and to finalise your learning agreement. Your faculty will contact you to confirm your appointment, which is likely to take place between 16 and 23 September. A list of all faculty meetings will be published on [www.kingston.ac.uk/erasmus](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/erasmus) closer to the time.



Kingston riverside



Relaxing in Richmond Park



The famous Brighton Pier



# Summary of events

Event is only for certain groups of students  For all international students

Airport pick-up service

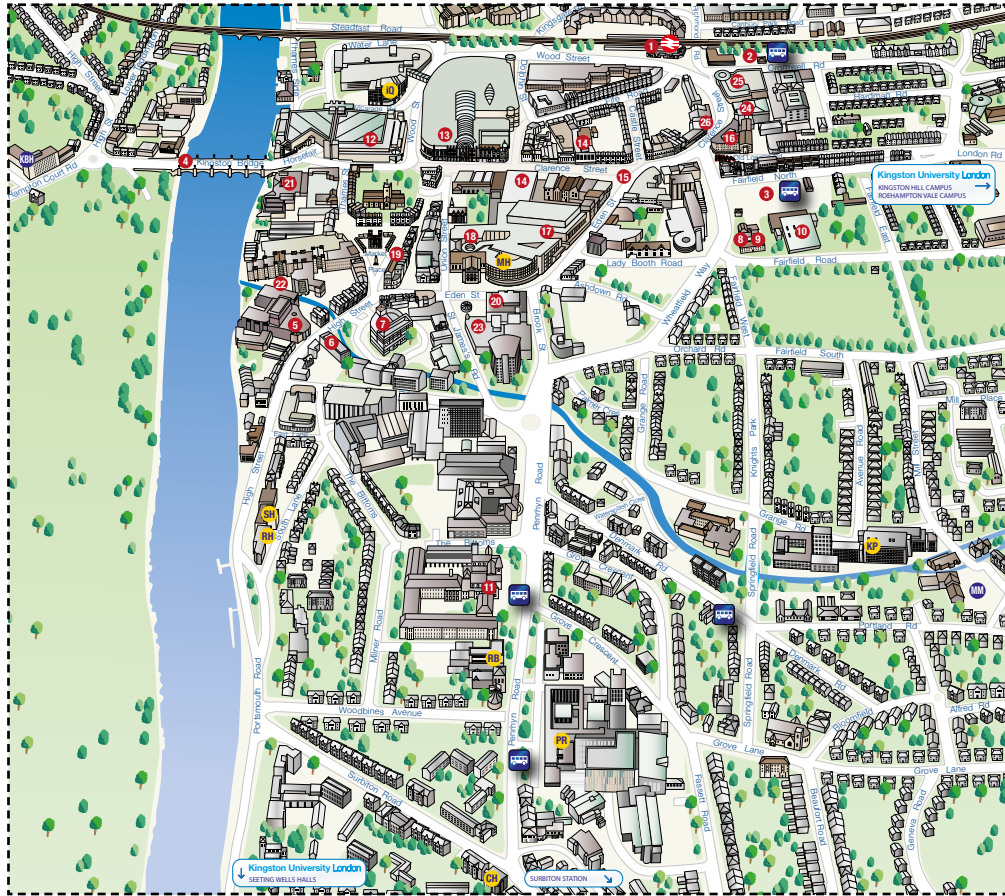
Date	Event	Time	Venue
<b>Tuesday 10 September</b>	Airport pick-up service (see page 2)	24 hours BOOKING REQUIRED	Heathrow and Gatwick airports
	International Welcome Centre (see page 4)	08:00–19:00	Penrhyn Road campus, main building, first floor, Jacqueline Wilson Hall (see map, page 40)
	International enrolment (see page 10)	09:00–18:30	Penrhyn Road campus, John Galsworthy Building, (see map, page 40)
	Enrolment Welcome Centre (see page 10)	09:00–18:30	Penrhyn Road campus, John Galsworthy building, first floor, Enrolment Welcome Centre (see map, page 40)
	Karaoke and DJ night organised by the Students' Union (see page 19)	19:00–late	Penrhyn Road campus, Space Bar (see map, page 40)
<b>Wednesday 11 September</b>	International Welcome Centre (see page 4)	08:00–19:00	Penrhyn Road Campus, main building, first floor, Jacqueline Wilson Hall (see map, page 40)
	International Enrolment (see page 10)	09:00–18:30	Penrhyn Road campus, John Galsworthy building (see map, page 40)
	Enrolment Welcome Centre (see page 10)	09:00–18:30	Penrhyn Road campus, John Galsworthy building, first floor, Welcome Centre (see map, page 40)
	Open a UK bank account (see page 7)	10:00–15:00	Penrhyn Road Campus, main building, first floor, Jacqueline Wilson Hall (see map, page 40)
	Learn about mobile phone options (see page 8)		
	Meet the English Language Development team (see page 7)		
	Escorted supermarket trips (see page 7)	11:00–13:00 14:00–16:00 BOOKING REQUIRED	Meet at the International Welcome Centre: Penrhyn Road campus, main building, first floor, Jacqueline Wilson Hall (see page 40)
	Pyjama Party organised by the Students' Union (see page 19)	19:00–late	Penrhyn Road campus, Space Bar (see map, page 40)

Date	Event	Time	Venue
<b>Thursday 12 September</b>	Essential Welcome and Orientation Day (see page 14)	09:30–17:00 BOOKING IS ADVISED	Meet in Kingston town centre at the Rose Theatre (see map, page 38)
	Seminar: 'Adjusting to Learning and Teaching in the UK' (PG session) (see page 16)	14:00–14:45 BOOKING IS ADVISED	Penrhyn Road campus, main building, ground floor, Clatter Lecture Theatre (see map, page 40)
	Seminar: 'Adjusting to Learning and Teaching in the UK' (UG session) (see page 16)	15:00–15:45 BOOKING ADVISED	Penrhyn Road campus, main building, ground floor, Clatter Lecture Theatre (see map, page 40)
	An introduction to KU Talent (see page 16)	16:00–16:15	Penrhyn Road campus, main building, ground floor, Clatter Lecture Theatre (see map, page 40)
	Realising your Enterprising Potential (see page 16)	16:15–17:00 BOOKING ADVISED	Penrhyn Road campus, main building, ground floor, Clatter Lecture Theatre (see map, page 40)
	Orientation for visiting students (see page 16)	14:00–17:00 COMPULSORY EVENT FOR THESE STUDENTS	Penrhyn Road campus, main building, first floor, Jacqueline Wilson Hall (see map, page 40)
	Welcome reception (see page 19)	18:00–late	Kingston town centre, the Kings Tun Pub (known as Wetherspoons), (see page 38)
<b>Friday 13 September</b>	Walking tour of central London (see page 20)	14:00–16:00 BOOKING REQUIRED	Central London
	DJ / live music night organised by the Students' Union (see page 19)	19:30–late	Penrhyn Road campus, Space Bar (see map, page 40)
<b>Saturday 14 September</b>	Walking tour of central London (see page 20)	14:00–16:00 BOOKING REQUIRED	Central London
<b>Sunday 15 September</b>	Sunday lunch (see page 20)	12:00–15:00 BOOKING REQUIRED	Surbiton town centre, at the Duke of York pub
	Halls welcome event (see page 22)	15:00–18:00	All halls of residence except iQ Wave

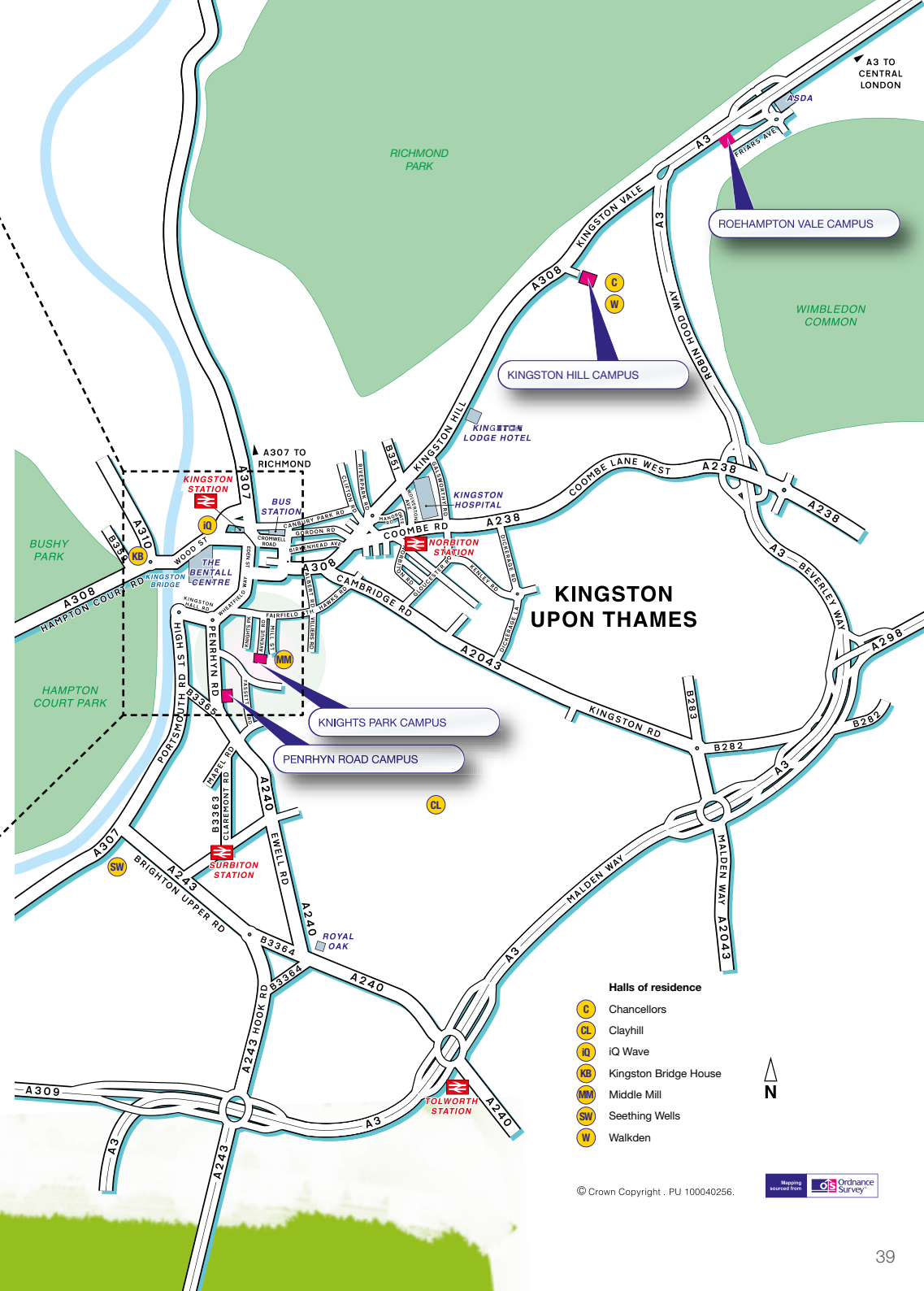
Date	Event	Time	Venue
<b>Monday 16 September</b>	International Cafe (see page 22)	15:00–17:00	Kingston town centre, at the Rose Theatre Culture Cafe (see map, page 38)
Freshers' Week begins, see <a href="http://www.kusu.co.uk">www.kusu.co.uk</a> for details			
<b>Monday 16 to Thursday 19 September</b>	Freshers' Week parties (see page 22)	20:00–late	All Students' Union bars
<b>Tuesday 17 September</b>	Harry Potter walking tour of London (see page 22)	14:00–17:00 BOOKING REQUIRED	Central London
	'Wicked' theatre night (see page 24)	19:30–22:00 BOOKING REQUIRED	Central London
<b>Wednesday 18 September</b>	Study Abroad and international exchange trip to Brighton (see page 32)	09:15–18:30	Meet at Penrhyn Road campus, main reception (see map, page 40)
	'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at the Globe Theatre (see page 24)	19:30–22:30 BOOKING REQUIRED	Central London
<b>Thursday 19 September</b>	Walking tour of central London (see page 20)	14:00–16:00 BOOKING REQUIRED	Central London
	Freshers' Fayre (see page 26)	All day	Marquee outside Penrhyn Road campus
<b>Friday 20 September</b>	Freshers' Fayre (see page 26)	All day	Marquee outside Penrhyn Road campus
	Freshers' Ball (see page 26)	20:00–late BOOKING REQUIRED	Marquee outside Penrhyn Road campus
<b>Saturday 21 September</b>	Boat trip to Greenwich (see page 26)	11:00–18:00 BOOKING REQUIRED	Central London
<b>Sunday 22 September</b>	Photo Frenzy (see page 29)	12:00–14:00	Central London



# Kingston town centre map



# Kingston upon Thames town centre map



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|------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| <b>University Sites</b>      | <b>Kingston Landmarks</b>                    | <b>Shops, banks, post office etc</b> | <b>Entertainment</b>                                      |
| <b>IQ Wave</b>               | <b>1 Kingston train station</b>              | <b>12 John Lewis, and Waitrose</b>   | <b>21 McClusky's</b>                                      |
| <b>Millennium House</b>      | <b>2 Cromwell Road bus station</b>           | <b>13 The Bental Centre</b>          | <b>22 Charter Quay</b>                                    |
| <b>Swan House</b>            | <b>3 Fairfield Road bus station</b>          | <b>14 M&amp;S</b>                    | <b>23 Hippodrome</b>                                      |
| <b>River House</b>           | <b>4 Kingston Bridge</b>                     | <b>15 Main banks</b>                 | <b>24 Oceana</b>  |
| <b>Knights Park campus</b>   | <b>5 The Rose Theatre</b>                    | <b>16 Wilkinson's</b>                | <b>25 The Rotunda (cinema, bowling &amp; restaurants)</b> |
| <b>Reg Bailey building</b>   | <b>6 Police station</b>                      | <b>17 Sainsbury's</b>                | <b>26 The Kings Tun</b>                                   |
| <b>Penrhyn Road campus</b>   | <b>7 Royal Borough of Kingston Guildhall</b> | <b>18 Boots</b>                      |   |
| <b>Cooper House</b>          | <b>8 Kingston Museum</b>                     | <b>19 The Market Place</b>           |   |
| <b>Kingston Bridge House</b> | <b>9 Kingston Public Library</b>             | <b>20 The Post Office</b>            |   |
| <b>Middle Mill</b>           | <b>10 Kingfisher Leisure Centre</b>          |                                      |   |
| <b>University bus stops</b>  | <b>11 Surrey County Council</b>              |                                      |   |

- Halls of residence**
- F** Chancellors
  - CL** Clayhill
  - IQ** iQ Wave
  - KB** Kingston Bridge House
  - MM** Middle Mill
  - SW** Seething Wells
  - W** Walkden

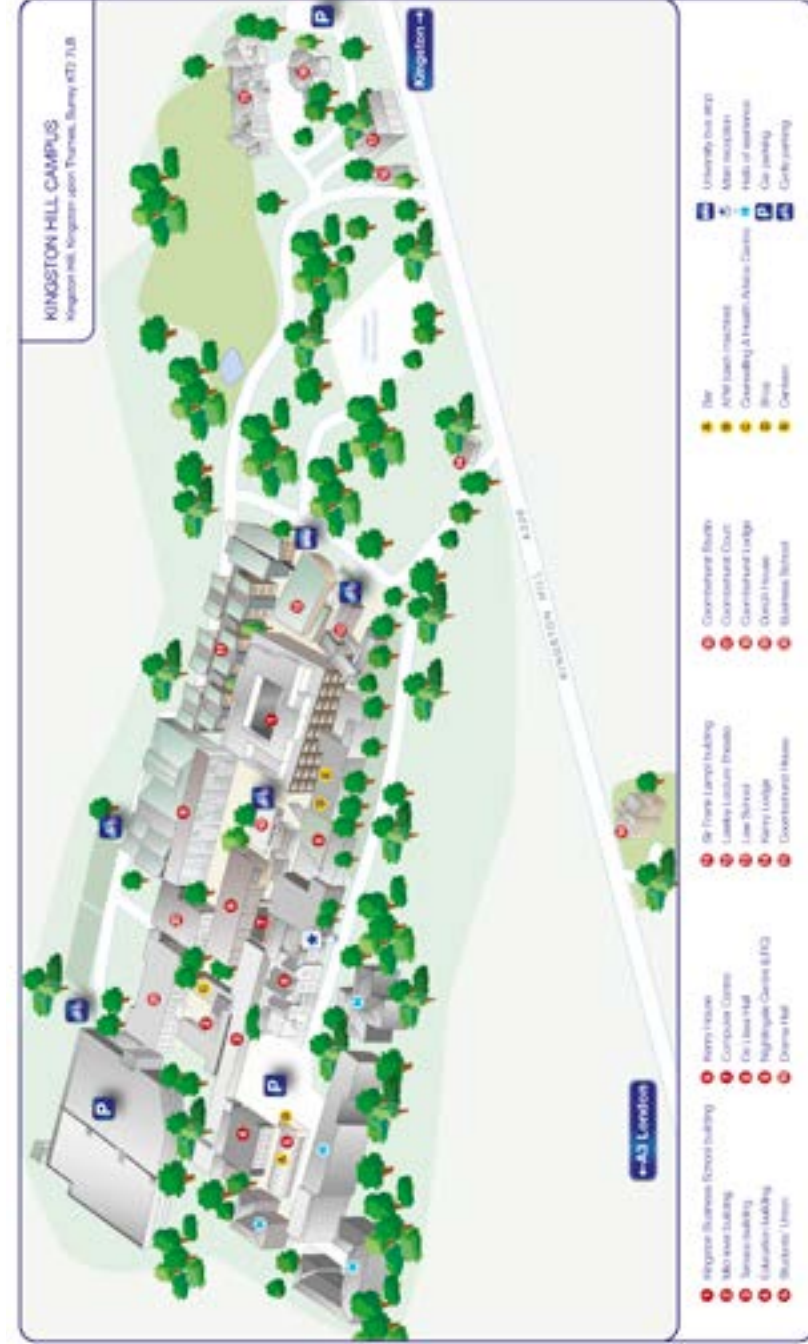


# Kingston University campuses



Penrhyn Road campus

# Kingston University campuses



# Useful terms

## Study Abroad student

A visiting student (including non-European exchange students) who has been accepted onto the Study Abroad programme at Kingston University for a semester or full academic year as part of their home university course.

## Erasmus exchange student

A European exchange student whose home university has an Erasmus exchange agreement with Kingston University. Erasmus exchange students usually receive an Erasmus grant from their home university, and their choice of modules studied at Kingston is subject to a learning agreement.

## International student

A student who comes from a country outside of the European Union. An international student will be completing their full course/degree with Kingston University. This term can also be used to describe all non-UK students.

## European student

A student who comes from a country in the European Union. A European student will be completing their full course/degree with Kingston University.

## Enrolment

Enrolment is when you officially register on your course at Kingston. It is important that you don't miss your enrolment date. For information on international enrolment and enrolment for visiting students (see page 10).

## Faculty

Kingston is made up of five broad subject area divisions called faculties. Each faculty offers undergraduate and postgraduate courses and undertakes research. The five faculties are:

1. The Faculty of Business and Law
2. The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS)
3. The Faculty of Art, Design & Architecture (FADA)
4. The Faculty of Science, Engineering and Computing (SEC)
5. The Faculty of Health, Social Care and Education (HSCE)

## Faculty orientation

Your faculty may organise its own orientation for new students. This event will introduce you to your faculty and its staff, giving you the opportunity to meet other students on your course and to learn about the facilities you will use during your studies. Full details will be sent to you by your faculty.

## Freshers' Week

Organised by the Students' Union, Freshers' Week is filled with fun events where you can socialise with other new students ('freshers') and get to know Kingston. It starts on Monday 16 September, and events include:

- Freshers' Ball (see page 26)
- Freshers' Fayre – one of the biggest information fairs for students, attracting thousands every year. You can meet lots of societies, groups, services, departments and local businesses (see page 26)
- A number of parties/social events (see page 22)

## Orientation

Orientation involves a series of events or activities designed to familiarise you with the different aspects of the University. It is also an opportunity for you to meet staff and other students.

## Students' Union

This is a student organisation that looks after the interests of the students and works closely with the University to improve services and facilities.

## Visiting student

A visiting student refers to a student who is not studying their full course at Kingston University. These students include Study Abroad, Erasmus and international exchange students.



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## 24-Hour Helpline

For the full duration of these events, an international helpline will be available for any queries, concerns or questions you may have. Please call the following number:

**T: 020 8417 3284** When calling from the UK

**T: +44 20 8417 3284** When calling from outside the UK

### Operating hours:

24 hours a day from 9 to 15 September

09:00 to 21:00 from 16 to 22 September