



2022
Freshers'
Guide
Undergraduate



Welcome

It is a great pleasure to welcome you as a new member of our College.



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Founder and Principal of New College of
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The moment you enrol you become a member for life; this is your College, where you are among friends, for it is as friends and colleagues that we share together the adventure of advanced education.

College life is both intellectual and social; it is a fundamental feature of the implicit contract between us all that we share this adventure in a spirit of respect, mutual support, acceptance and comradeship. Our ethos matters greatly to us. We are here to learn, enquire, question and challenge; we are here to help one another, sometimes by disagreeing but always by thinking and debating, with the object of deepening our understanding and aiming at truth.

If you don't know something, never be afraid to say you don't know it. Never be afraid to try; never be afraid of making mistakes, because we learn so much from them. Never be afraid to ask for help if you need it; and never be slow to give help when you are able to. And above all never doubt your ability to do well here at NCH; we members of faculty want you here because we believe in your ability, and we see it as our duty to help you make the very best of that ability. And we will learn from you in return.

Welcome! And enjoy your time with us as one of us!

Freshers' Week

Saturday 17th September -
Sunday 25th September

Freshers' Week is your welcome to university week, and attendance is compulsory.

As well as lots of opportunities to have fun and get to know your fellow students and to discover the excitement of living in London, there are important introductory events and information sessions.

Many of our Freshers' Week events will take place on campus in Devon House and the surrounding vibrant marina. You'll have the opportunity to take part in a campus tour of the new building, as well as tours of St Katharine Docks, and the chance to explore London and its many exciting attractions which offer something for everyone.

Our staff and current students are looking forward to welcoming you warmly and helping you to settle into university life.



FRESHERS' WEEK

EVENTS

Saturday 17th

ALL DAY

- Move into accommodation

Sunday 18th

ALL DAY

- Move into accommodation

MORNING

- Local area tour

Tuesday 20th

ALL DAY

- IT/systems first point/ Academic advising*

MORNING

- Freshers Fair*
- Pastries, coffee and tea
- Registration, ID card issue, VISA checks*
- Campus Tours*
- Studying on a Student Visa in the UK*

AFTERNOON

- LUNCH (provided)
- Health and Safety*
- Introduction to study platforms, including Celcat timetabling, Canvas course management, and Library resources*
- Student Support and Development*
- Student Life and D&I introduction*
- Welcome tea with NCH and the SU

EVENING

- Freshers Quiz

Wednesday 21st

ALL DAY

- IT/systems first point/ Academic advising*

MORNING

- Mathematics Induction part one (Economics major)*

AFTERNOON

- Student Support and Development*
- Student Life and D&I introduction*
- LAUNCH Induction*
- Student Voice Introduction*

EVENING

- Theatre trip (Wicked)
- Silent Disco Bar night

Thursday 22nd

ALL DAY

- IT/systems first point/ Academic advising*

MORNING

- Mathematics Induction part two (Economics major)*

AFTERNOON

- Year 1 major faculty introductions*
- Faculty led Subject Socials

EVENING

- Bar Kick – bar night

Friday 23rd

ALL DAY

- IT/systems first point*

MORNING

- Year one minor faculty introductions*
- Mathematics Induction part three (Economics major)*

AFTERNOON & EVENING

- SU Sports Tournament and BBQ

Saturday 24th

EVENING

- Freshers' Ball
- Club night

Sunday 25th

AFTERNOON

- Survivors' Brunch

Wednesday 28th

AFTERNOON

- Day trip to Greenwich

*Compulsory Events

This schedule is provisional, some events and timings may change.

FRESHERS' WEEK

EVENTS

Saturday 17th September –
Wednesday 28th September

NCHSU

The NCH Student Union (NCHSU) is a student-led organisation at the heart of the NCH student experience.

The NCHSU exists to promote the interests of the student body as well as planning social and extracurricular activities and providing support to student clubs and societies.

This union has three aims:

- Representing every student's needs
- Leading students to a greater university experience
- Building a strong community in college

Upon joining NCH you will automatically be enrolled in the NCHSU and able to take advantage of the benefits that this entails.

Any student can join or begin a society. The NCHSU actively supports new ideas and opportunities to start additional clubs and societies.

The NCH London campus community includes study abroad students from Northeastern University, creating a larger body of students with a wide variety of interests, eager to get involved in student clubs and societies.

Find out more at nchsu.org.



NCHSU Societies

Amnesty International Society

Art Appreciation Society



Atheist, Secularist and Humanist Society

Bedfellows Drama Society



Bound by Stories

Debate Society



Feminist Society

FilmSoc



Finance Society

Hispanic Appreciation Society



History Society

Labour Society

Law Society



LGBTQ+ Society

Literature Society

Music Society



NCHCA (Conservative Society)

Parliament and Prosecco



Philosophy Society

Shakespeare Society



South Asian Society

Sustainability Society



Taylor Swift Society

TeaSoc

The MOOTing Society

The Postgraduate Society

The Secret History

Vegan and Vegetarian Society



A very warm welcome to New College of the Humanities from your Student Union President!

Your new community at NCH is excited to welcome and meet you this September! Until then, I hope you enjoy seeing all we have planned for your Freshers' Week. From the Freshers' Ball to our Sports Tournament, there will be something for everyone to get involved in.

Throughout Freshers' Week you will get to meet your cohort, current students, and all of your faculty and staff. You will get to explore our fantastic campus, complete with a brand new second-floor, as well as have introductory lectures and spend time in the wonderful St Katharine Docks area.

The SU will be present at every Freshers' Week event to help you adjust to university life and living in London. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask the

SU or any fellow students. NCH is a rich community, full of a unique and diverse mix of people, but we all share a welcoming and kind attitude.

You'll have the chance to join societies and clubs at the Freshers' Fair; there is plenty to choose from, from Debate to Taylor Swift to Labour Society to The Secret History. Though, as part of our inclusive and community-based attitude, any student at NCH is welcome to start their own society. So, if this interests you please get in touch with our Societies Officer, Lilli or Sports Officer, Chris!

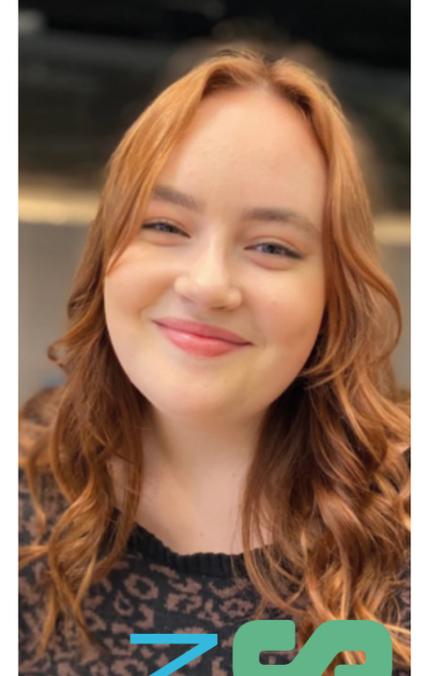
To keep up with the SU over summer follow us on Instagram @nch_su and check out our website nchsu.org

I'm excited to meet you and get to know each of you. It's going to be such a fun week welcoming you to the NCH community in the best way possible!

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and we'll see you soon!

Saxony Anders
NCHSU President

PS if you have any questions about NCH, Freshers, or just want a chat, feel free to contact me at any time at president@nchsu.org



SAXONY
NCHSU President

NCHSU Committee Elections

The Student Union is a body of elected student representatives and exists to support students.

We welcome interest from all students who would like to seek election to represent the student body on the NCHSU committee.

Elections are held during Michaelmas. There's a wide range of roles to get involved with, and you can find out more about the positions and the current committee at nchsu.org

The Student Union hosts an information event before the elections explaining each office role.

All students will be notified about the information event, and we strongly recommend that you attend this session if you're thinking about running for election.

SSLC, Student Reps, Academic Board

The student voice is a key priority within the College.

Your opinions have a crucial role in informing the development and enhancement of study programmes and courses as well as shaping all aspects of the NCH learning experience.

There will be many opportunities to share your views and tell the College what you think, including:

- Course and Programme Satisfaction Survey
- Student-Staff Liaison Committee (via student representatives)
- Faculty Meetings (via student representatives)
- The Office of Academic Affairs (Student Union), sit on College committees, including but not limited to Academic Board
- Informal feedback during scheduled sessions
- Taking part in programme development/periodic review panels/teams
- Elections will be held during Michaelmas to vote for student representatives for each degree subject. There are also elections for NCH Diploma representatives.



Student-Staff Liaison Committee

The elected student representatives for the degree subjects sit on this committee which meets once a term. The Student-Staff Liaison Committee aims to provide constructive feedback, identify areas of concern and suggestions relating to students' experience.



Sports Clubs, Gym & Leisure Facilities

Devon House, is situated right in the heart of vibrant St Katharine Docks, surrounded by lively bars and restaurants, and just a few minutes' walk from the City.

There are also plenty of options for keeping fit and exercising!

Anytime Fitness Aldgate

Student Membership from £35 per month

- Open 24/7 – train whenever you like, 365 days a year
- High-spec equipment – a wide variety of quality cardio equipment, weights and functional training space
- Full timetable of classes– from Dance Fit, Circuit Training and Yoga, to HIIT, Boxing and Xtreme Burn HIIT
- Worldwide access – keyfob grants you access to over 175 UK and Ireland clubs, along with 4,500+ worldwide

Fitness First Wapping

Annual membership is from £58 per month

- Seven-minute walk from Devon House
- Fitness facilities including a cardio theatre, spin studio, sauna, freestyle floor, swimming pool, hair salon, beauty rooms, members' lounge as well as free Wi-Fi
- Daily schedule of group exercise classes, including aqua fit, Zumba, yoga, spin, boxing, pilates, Swiss ball, boot camp and Body Pump, personal training sessions are available too

John Orwell Sports Centre

Membership from £38 per month

- Fully equipped, air-conditioned gym offers a range of fitness equipment, from cardiovascular machines such as treadmills and rowers, to resistance equipment, free weights, dedicated stretching areas and fitness aids such as TRX and Swiss balls.
- Studio with a full weekly programme of a range of Fitness Classes to vary your workout
- Newly refurbished Outdoor Astro Turf pitch available for:
 - Quarter Pitch 5-a-side hire
 - Half Pitch 9-a-side hire
 - Full Pitch Hockey hire

Chapter Lewisham Student Accommodation

Our recommended accommodation provider, Chapter Lewisham, offers a free onsite gym for residents.

Team Sports

London offers a host of opportunities to get involved in team sports at every level!

From football, hockey, and tennis to ultimate frisbee, softball, and tag-rugby, you'll be spoilt for choice, whether you want to take part in friendly knockabouts in London's beautiful parks, or serious national league competitions.

Devon House

Our brand new campus is positioned at the centre of historic St Katharine Docks, just a few minutes' walk from the historic Tower of London, and iconic Tower Bridge.

The campus enjoys stunning river views with terraces and open areas, and is surrounded by dozens of restaurants, cafes, bars, and a leisure marina, and is part of a dynamic and vibrant waterside community.

Devon House is situated just minutes from the City, London's largest financial and commercial hub, where modern corporate skyscrapers tower above medieval alleyways below. Our campus is a global community of students through our partnership with Boston based Northeastern University.

Devon House is the focal point for our stimulating and diverse international community of over 1000 students, with NCH and Northeastern University students sharing facilities and social opportunities.

There's plenty to do right on the doorstep of Devon House and many of the local businesses offer generous discounts to our students!

Discounts @SKD

THE MELUSINE

10% OFF TOTAL BILL

URBAN BARISTAS

25% OFF COFFEE

BROMPTON BIKE HIRE

BORROW A BIKE

F45

FIRST SESSION FOR £10

EMILIA'S CRAFTED PASTA

10% OFF FOOD & DRINK

TRADERS WINE BAR

10% OFF DINE IN FOOD BILL

CÔTE BRASSERIE

COMPLIMENTARY GLASS OF WINE

KILIKYAS

20% OFF A LA CARTE MENU

JOHN HARDING SALON

20% OFF ALL HAIR AND BEAUTY TREATMENTS

ST. KATHARINE DOCKS CAFE

10% OFF FOOD AND DRINK

LAGOON DRY CLEANERS

5% OFF

THE DICKENS INN

20% OFF FOOD

NOXY BROTHERS

15% OFF FOOD AND DRINK

PING PONG

15% OFF FOOD AND DRINK

ZIZZI

20% OFF A LA CARTE MENU

VICINITY AT THE TOWER HOTEL

20% OFF FOOD

THE XI BAR AT THE TOWER HOTEL

20% OFF IN THE XI BAR

CAFÉ ROUGE

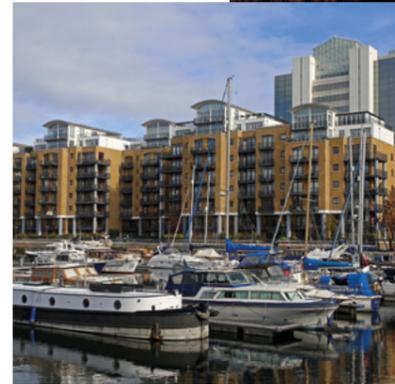
25% OFF MAIN COURSES

SLUG & LETTUCE

10% OFF FOOD & DRINK

MUSTO

20% OFF FULL-PRICE



Exploring London

Studying at NCH London presents an enviable opportunity to live and study in London, one of the world's most dynamic cities.



No matter what your interests or what you want to get out of London, there is always something to do or somewhere to be, from art galleries and museums, theatres and historical sites, to clubs, restaurants and bars, vibrant food markets, world-famous shopping streets, spectacular parkland, or even boating on the Thames!

Whether you want to see your favourite band perform, visit a world-famous gallery, or have a great night out, there is always something to do and people to do it with.

Hotel Discounts

If you have family or friends staying, remember NCH students can access the following discounts on hotel rooms. You can contact the hotels direct to request the discount.

Tower Hotel

St Katharine's Way, London E1W 1LD
20% off best available rate.

<https://bit.ly/NCHTowerHotel>

Citizen M Tower of London Hotel

40 Trinity Square, London EC3N 4DJ
15% discount.

<https://bit.ly/NCHcitizenM>

Transport

London is served by buses, tubes (the Underground) and trains as well as trams and a river bus service.

London is divided into Zones spreading outwards from the centre of the city. NCH is in Zone 1. You can find lots of helpful advice and tips about travel around London, including how to save money on tickets, at

<https://bit.ly/studenttraveloyster>

Londoners enjoy the luxury of a night Tube service every Friday and Saturday. The Piccadilly (blue), Central (red), Northern (black) as well as the Jubilee (grey) and the Victoria (light blue) all run 24 hours over the weekend with trains running on average every 8-10 minutes!

London has an excellent night bus service which will allow you to get around easily and safely if you need to travel later at night or very early mornings!

CityMapper is a really handy app that you'll find becomes your essential travel companion. Not only does it provide the best routes and methods of transport, it also gives live updates on prices journey times.

www.citymapper.com



London Living

Cycling

Cycling in London is a great way to save money, keep fit and save the planet. If you choose to use your own bike make sure to get a high-quality lock (Gold Sold Secure standard), otherwise you can be sure that your bike will go missing! Lock the frame and both wheels to a cycle parking stand.



Alternatively, you can get a Santander Cycles membership for £90 a year and use their bikes anytime, 24/7 365 days. Students can access a 25% discount on a Santander Cycles annual membership with UNiDAYS. There is a Santander bike station right next to NCH! If you just fancy a one-off ride, Santander bikes can also be hired on a one-time basis; it costs £2 to access the bikes for 24 hours and make as many journeys as you like within that time.

Bear in mind however that while the first 30 minutes of each trip is included, longer journeys cost £2 for each extra 30 minutes or less.

When cycling in London always remember to wear a helmet, keep safe and cycle carefully. Whether you're an experienced cyclist or a complete beginner, TfL offers free courses for all levels of cyclists at locations across London which you can book online.



Secure Bike Storage at Devon House

Devon House has over 100 free bike parking spaces available to the east side of the building shared by all tenants, and accessible via the rear gate. The bike storage is restricted by locked gates and access control, whilst also being covered by CCTV, despite this we

encourage all members of our community who wish to use the bike storage to purchase a gold standard D lock as these are some of the most secure on the market. Bike thefts are a regular occurrence in London and despite the additional security measures we can not guarantee the security of your bike.

Safety

London is generally a safe city, and it is a great city to live in. As with any large city, it is worthwhile taking precautions when out and about, especially at night.

- Plan ahead. Make sure someone knows where you are going, who you are meeting and when you expect to return.
- If you are out with a group of friends, watch out for each other and make sure everyone stays safe.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of money with you.
- Do not travel unaccompanied at night. Avoid danger spots such as poorly-lit areas, deserted parks, or quiet alleyways.
- Don't leave any drinks unattended as this may increase the possibility of your drink being spiked. Spiking is a term used that refers to when a drug or substance is added to your drink without your knowledge. Anyone can be vulnerable to drink spiking. If you need to move away from your drink, ask your friends to keep an eye on it.
- Avoid accepting drinks from strangers.
- Walk with confidence and purpose, this will make you look less vulnerable.
- Keep your belongings close and keep your bag in front of you, not on your back.
- Always remain alert when using your phone on the street, they can be easily snatched.
- Consider carrying a personal panic alarm.
- Plan your return journey in advance and try to travel back with friends.
- Think about the risks before inviting someone you have just met to your room.

London for Free

Did you know that public museums and galleries are free to visit?

The list of things to do for free, or relatively cheaply in London is truly endless.

Top Tips

Find out more at
studentbeans.com
timeout.com
skintlondon.com

Health

Make sure you register with a local GP and dentist during Freshers' Week!

You can find a GP here;

<https://bit.ly/skdstudentgp>

and a dentist here;

<https://bit.ly/skdstudentdentist>

Please also make sure you inquire with your GP about getting the MenACWY vaccine which is essential for new students (you can speak to the NCH Student Support and Development team).

Hopefully, none of you will ever need to go, but our local hospital is Royal London Hospital on Whitechapel Road

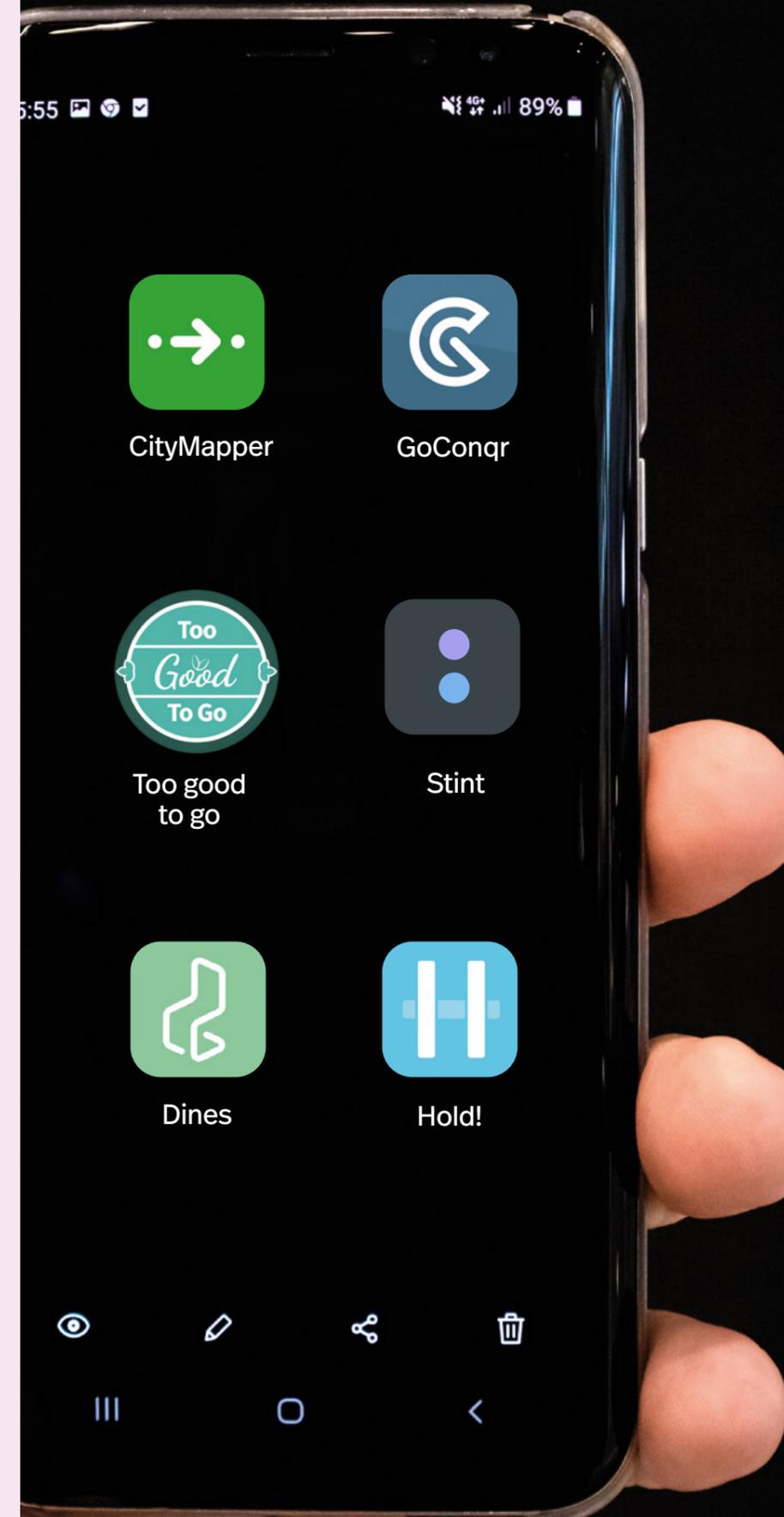
www.bartshealth.nhs.uk/the-royal-london

Student Discounts

As well as the SKD campus discounts, being a student opens up a whole world of national student discounts.

Make sure you check out the free Apps UNiDAYS and StudentBeans. You can also get an NUS-extra card (TOTUM) costing £14.99 annually (£24.99 for 3 years). All of these offer attractive discounts available in-store and online.

With or without these, it's always worth asking at the till if somewhere offers a student discount.



The must-have apps

CityMapper

The ultimate transport guide – this is your go-to travel planner.

GoConqr

Access great learning resources like Mind Maps, Flashcards, Quizzes, Slides and Notes, or use the GoConqr app for social learning and connect and collaborate with friends, classmates and learners in Groups.

Too Good To Go

Get yourself cheap, delicious food every day while combatting food waste!

Stint

Turn your downtime into fast money. Stint lets you sign up for quick shifts at local businesses at convenient times for you. No commitment. No CV. No interview.

Dines

Good deals on food at many local restaurants in Central London, support the community and discover new places to eat cheaply!

Hold!

Want to be rewarded with vouchers for not being on your phone?! Hold! Is for you!

London is one of the best places to study in the world! Here are some of our current students' recommendations for great places to visit.

London by degree

Art History in London

CENTRAL LONDON

National Portrait Gallery, WC2H 0HE

📍 Charing Cross, Leicester Square
The most extensive collection of portraits in the world, from Jane Austen, William Shakespeare and Queen Elizabeth I to contemporary artworks and photography. www.npg.org.uk

National Gallery, WC2N 5DN

📍 Charing Cross, Leicester Square
The National Gallery houses one of the finest collections of paintings in the world. The home of works by Monet, Van Gogh and Renoir. www.nationalgallery.org.uk

Wallace Collection, W1U 3BN

📍 Bond Street, Baker Street, Oxford Circus

The Wallace Collection displays the wonderful works of art collected in the 18th and 19th centuries by the first four Marquesses of Hertford and Sir Richard Wallace, the son of the 4th Marquess. Displayed at Hertford House, one of the family's London properties, the Wallace Collection presents its outstanding collections in a sumptuous but approachable manner which is an essential part of its charm. www.wallacecollection.org

SOUTH WEST LONDON

Natural History Museum, SW7 5BD

📍 South Kensington
Find answers to your big nature questions. Delve into stories about the Museum's collections, scientists and research. Uncover the history of life on Earth, from the smallest insects to the largest mammals. Visit the Life and Earth Galleries, wildlife garden and geological collections. www.nhm.ac.uk

Science Museum, SW7 2DD

📍 South Kensington
Discover award-winning exhibitions, iconic objects and stories of incredible scientific achievements. www.sciencemuseum.org.uk

V&A, SW7 2RL

📍 South Kensington
The world's leading museum of art and design. www.vam.ac.uk

Serpentine Galleries, W2 3XA

📍 Lancaster Gate, Queensway, Marble Arch
Two galleries situated 5 minutes' walk from each other on either side of The Serpentine Bridge in the heart of the Royal Park of Kensington Gardens. Established in 1970, the Serpentine Galleries are a leading arts institution showing emerging and established artists from around the world. www.serpentinegalleries.org

Tate Britain, SW1P 4RG

📍 Pimlico, Vauxhall, Westminster
The home of British art from 1500 to this day. www.tate.org.uk

Saatchi Gallery, SW3 4RY

📍 Sloane Square, Victoria
The Saatchi Gallery aims to provide an innovative forum for contemporary art, presenting work by largely unseen young artists or by international artists whose work has been rarely or never exhibited in the UK. It is known for its collections of photojournalism, pop art and contemporary paintings. www.saatchigallery.com

SOUTH LONDON

Hayward Gallery, SE1 8XX

📍 Waterloo, Embankment, Charing Cross

One of London's most important spaces for displaying contemporary art and garden furniture designs, the Hayward Gallery is housed in an austere 1968 building that is both equally loved and derided by the majority of Londoners. Whichever camp you fall into, you'll agree that it makes an excellent outdoor hanging space for the blockbuster exhibitions it puts on. www.southbankcentre.co.uk

Tate Modern, SE1 9TG

📍 Southwark, Blackfriars, St Paul's
Known for international modern and contemporary art. www.tate.org.uk/visit/tate-modern

Newport Street Gallery, SE11 6AJ

📍 Waterloo, Lambeth North, Vauxhall

Newport Street Gallery presents exhibitions of work drawn from Damien Hirst's art collection. Housed within a renovated Victorian scenery-painting studio in Vauxhall, south London. www.newportstreetgallery.com

Economics in London

The Adam Smith Institute

🚇 St James's Park

One of the world's leading think tanks, recognised as the best domestic and international economic policy think-tank in the UK. The Next Generation (TNG) is the Adam Smith Institute's network for classical liberals and libertarians under the age of 30. It meets in Westminster most months of the year. TNG Members also get invited to many of the Adam Smith Institute's policy forums, lectures and other public events. www.adamsmith.org

Centre for Economic Policy Research

🚇 Farringdon, Barbican

The Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) was founded in 1983 to enhance the quality of economic policy-making within Europe and beyond, by fostering high quality, policy-relevant economic research, and disseminating it widely to decision-makers in the public and private sectors. CEPR Membership offers unique access to cutting-edge research with direct relevance for economic policy issues, and to the leaders shaping Europe's economic, political and financial future. www.cepr.org



Institute of Economic Affairs

🚇 Westminster

The IEA is the UK's original free-market think-tank, founded in 1955. Its mission is to improve understanding of the fundamental institutions of a free society by analysing and expounding the role of markets in solving economic and social problems. www.iea.org.uk

The National Institute of Economic and Social Research

🚇 Pimlico

Britain's longest established independent research institute, founded in 1938. Its mission is to carry out research into the economic and social forces that affect people's lives and to improve the understanding of those forces and the ways in which policy can bring about change. www.niesr.ac.uk

You can visit the former home of **John Maynard Keynes** at 2 Gower Street and the **British Museum Great Reading Room** (used by Marx, Keynes and Galton).

<https://bit.ly/greatreadingroom>

English in London



Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, SE1 9DT

🚇 Black Friars, Mansion House, London Bridge

Today's Globe Theatre is a reconstruction of the first Globe Theatre in which William Shakespeare worked. Located on the bank of the River Thames in Bankside's Cultural Quarter, Shakespeare's Globe welcomes thousands of visitors to experience world renowned productions of Shakespeare, guided tours and workshops, every day. Tours £13.50, performance tickets from £5. www.shakespearesglobe.com

The British Museum, WC1B 3DG

🚇 Tottenham Court Road

The British Museum is dedicated to human history, art and culture. Its permanent collection of some eight million works is among the largest and most comprehensive in existence, having been widely sourced during the era of the British Empire. www.britishmuseum.org

The British Library, NW1 2DB

🚇 King's Cross, St Pancras, Euston

The British Library is the national library of the United Kingdom and the largest national library in the world by number of items catalogued. The British Library's Reading Rooms are calm, inspiring places to work and access the Library's collections. Access is free, but you must first get a readers pass. www.bl.uk/help/how-to-get-a-reader-pass

Southbank Centre, SE1 8XX

🚇 Waterloo, Charing Cross, Embankment

The Southbank Centre is the UK's largest arts centre and one of the UK's top five visitor attractions, occupying a 17-acre site that sits in the midst of London's most vibrant cultural quarter on the South Bank of the Thames. The Southbank Centre houses The Royal Festival Hall, Hayward Gallery, Queen Elizabeth Hall, Purcell Room, and National Poetry Library. www.southbankcentre.co.uk

London's West End Theatreland

London's Theatreland offers around 40 venues with the widest selection of world-class theatre shows and performances. From Shakespeare, musicals, plays, comedy theatre, to ballet and opera and comedy stand up.

www.london-theatreland.co.uk

Platform 9 3/4

🚇 King's Cross

As any fan of J.K. Rowling's bestselling series will know, King's Cross is where students of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry catch the Hogwarts Express.

<https://bit.ly/trainplatform934>

Charles Dickens Museum, WC1N 2LX

🚇 Russell Square, Chancery Lane, Holborn, King's Cross, St Pancras

48 Doughty Street was the London home of Charles Dickens. This is where the author wrote Oliver Twist, The Pickwick Papers and Nicholas Nickleby. It's where he first achieved international fame as one of the world's greatest storytellers. Entry £7.50. www.dickensmuseum.com

History in London

The Tower of London, EC3N 4AB

📍 Tower Hill, Monument

As the most secure castle in the land, the Tower guarded royal possessions and even the royal family in times of war and rebellion, but for 500 years monarchs also used the Tower as a surprisingly luxurious palace. Throughout history, the Tower has also been a visible symbol of awe and fear. Kings and queens imprisoned their rivals and enemies within its walls. The stories of prisoners, rich and poor, still haunt the Tower. Entry: £19.30.

www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london

The National Archives, TW9 4D

📍 Kew Gardens

The collection is one of the largest in the world, containing over 11 million historical government and public records. From Domesday Book to modern government papers and digital files, the archive includes paper and parchment, digital records and websites, photographs, posters, maps, drawings and paintings. The archive offers a range of events, exhibitions and talks, as well as document displays.

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

Westminster Abbey, SW1P 3PA

📍 Westminster, St James's Park

Coronations, royal weddings, kings, queens, statesmen and soldiers; poets, heroes and villains – history happens here and it's all waiting to be discovered. Entry £18.

www.westminster-abbey.org



Hampton Court Palace, KT8 9AU

📍 Hampton Court

Experience the public dramas and private lives of Henry VIII, his wives and children in the world of the Tudor court. Admire Henry's Great Hall, the infamous Haunted Gallery and the Tudor Kitchens. Discover the spectacular baroque palace built for William III and Mary II and explore the magnificent gardens. Entry £17.

www.hrp.org.uk/hampton-court-palace

Imperial War Museum, SE1 6HZ

📍 Lambeth North, Elephant & Castle

IWM was founded in the midst of the First World War with a mission to preserve and tell the stories of all kinds of people, not only from Britain but from the countries of its empire. It continues to do this work right up to present day conflict, covering 100 years of experience throughout the Commonwealth. As well as permanent displays, there is a dynamic programme of temporary exhibitions, events and educational activities to help visitors to get close to the lives of those affected by war and to develop a deeper understanding of its effect on the world. www.iwm.org.uk

Law in London

Central Criminal Court, EC4M 7EH

📍 St Paul's, Mansion House

The Central Criminal Court, or Old Bailey, presides over the City of London and is probably the most famous criminal court anywhere. Behind its dignified façade the Old Bailey is a centre of intense activity with thousands of people entering the building on a daily basis. As well as judges, counsel, jurors, witnesses and defendants, these include the many staff needed to run the courts and the building. The public can view cases on trial.

<https://bit.ly/criminalcourts>

Supreme Court, SW1P 3BD

📍 Westminster

The Supreme Court is where 'cases of the greatest public and constitutional importance' take place. If you want to see justice dished out first-hand, visit the court itself on Parliament Square. Hearings are open to the public Monday 11am to 4pm and Tuesday to Thursday 10.30am to 4pm. You can also take a guided tour (price £5) or a self-guided tour for £1.

www.supremecourt.uk

Royal Courts of Justice, WC2A 2LL

📍 Temple, Holborn, Chancery Lane

The Gothic Revival facade of the Royal Courts of Justice is a staple backdrop of teatime news broadcasts, and must be a jolly unnerving sight for anyone attending a hearing. Inside are three miles of corridors and 88 court rooms; the public are free to roam from 10am to 4.30pm every weekday. High-profile cases take place regularly: the Spice Girls were successfully appealed against by a scooter manufacturer at the court's Chancery Division, the Diana and Dodi inquest was held in Court 73, as was the Hutton enquiry.

www.theroyalcourtsjustice.com

The Court of Appeal

The Court of Appeal is the highest court within the Senior Courts of England and Wales, and deals only with appeals from other courts or tribunals. It is divided into two Divisions, criminal and civil, and is based at the Royal Courts of Justice in London. The judges of the Court of Appeal are the Lord Chief Justice, the Master of the Rolls, the President of the Queen's Bench Division, the President of the Family Division, the Chancellor of the High Court and the Lord or Lady Justices (currently 38 in number).

Philosophy in London

The Mind Association

Various locations

The Association provides funding support c70-80 philosophy conferences annually; offers research funding awards to junior and senior scholars through the Mind Fellowships; and offers an annual Research Studentship award, open to recently awarded or near-completion PhDs. It also co-organises the largest annual philosophical gathering in the UK: The Joint Session of the Mind Association and Aristotelian Society. www.academic.oup.com/mind

The Aristotelian Society

Various locations

The Aristotelian Society was founded in 1880, and meets fortnightly in London to hear and discuss talks given by leading philosophers. www.aristoteliansociety.org.uk

London Aesthetics Forum

📍 Goodge Street

The London Aesthetics Forum (LAF) is a Forum of the Institute of Philosophy at the University of London's School of Advanced Study. With lectures on topics in aesthetics and philosophy of art, LAF aims to stimulate philosophical reflection on art. Events are free and open to all. www.londonaestheticsforum.org

The London Philosophy Club

Various locations

The London Philosophy Club holds free talks from some of the leading contemporary philosophers, including (recently) Robert Skidelsky, John Gray, Galen Strawson, Angie Hobbs and Stephen Cave. The club organises debates, socials, and a regular reading group. Events are

fun, accessible and interactive, and are all guided by the belief that philosophy improves people's lives and should be open to all. www.meetup.com/londonphilosophers

Freud Museum, NW3 5SX

📍 Finchley Road, Hampstead

The Freud Museum was the final home of Sigmund Freud, the founder of psychoanalysis, and his daughter Anna Freud, a pioneering child psychoanalyst. The Freud Museum exists to promote the intellectual and cultural legacies of Sigmund and Anna Freud for the learning and enjoyment of all. Entry £7. www.freud.org.uk

Politics & IR in London

The Palace of Westminster

📍 Westminster

Both the House of Commons and House of Lords have public viewing galleries and entry is free. Arrive at Cromwell Green entrance, off St Margaret Street, about 2pm and queue for a place.

www.parliament.uk/visiting or you can book a tour (entry £21) ukparliament.seetickets.com/content/ticket-options

Political Events and Talks

There are always numerous political events and talks taking place in London. Find the latest listings at www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--london/political/

Chatham House

📍 Piccadilly Circus

A world-leading policy institute marking a century of trusted dialogue, independent analysis and influential ideas. www.chathamhouse.org





Libraries & study spaces

As an NCH student there are a number of world-class libraries in London and online at your disposal.

Northeastern University Library

NCH students have full access to the digital resources available from Northeastern University's Library. Northeastern University is redefining the library service for the 21st century with over 800,000 e-books, 100,000 electronic journals and 100,000 streaming video and audio titles in the collection. It also offers a number of helpful resources including a 24/7 LibChat service, one-to-one assistance from subject specialist librarians and workshops and events throughout the year.

<https://library.northeastern.edu/gateways/london-students>

City of London Libraries

Students have full membership access to the City of London's lending libraries at the Barbican Centre, Shoe Lane and Artizan Street. Facilities offered at these libraries include study space, wifi, printing, book borrowing privileges and access to digital resources. In addition, access can be requested to the CoL research libraries - Guildhall Library and the London Metropolitan Archives.

<https://bit.ly/studentcitylibraries>

Senate House Library

The College can provide students with a membership to Senate House Library, one of the UK's largest academic libraries for arts, humanities & social sciences. Located in central London, it is home to over two million books and over 1800 archives and special collections. Details on how to sign up for membership will be provided during Freshers Week.

www.senatehouselibrary.ac.uk

British Library

London has a superb collection of top-notch libraries, including the renowned British Library. The Library's Reading Rooms are dedicated spaces for quiet study where you can explore any of the 170 million items in the British Library's collection. Access to the Reading Rooms is with a Reader Pass which you can get for free

<https://bit.ly/blreadingrooms>

Westlaw and LexisNexis

Students on the Law course have full access to the most up-to-date law reports, case law, legislation, journal articles and more through the Westlaw and LexisNexis online legal databases.

Part-time work

Finding a part-time job to supplement your student budget will not only give you more cash to play with, but it's great for your CV too.

The most common student jobs tend to be customer service based; becoming a bartender/waiter or working in retail. Look online or just walk around an area in London you would like to work at with a handful of CVs and chat with the staff inside!

Some students are more adventurous and have set themselves up as spin instructors, a bike tour guide, tutors/teachers or freelance journalists. However, we recommend working no more than 15 hours per week, as you don't want your job to interfere with your studying.

You may be offered a zero hours contract. The benefit of going zero hours is that when you've got coursework due in or exams coming up, you can tell your work that you're not available. Of course, the downside is that you might not always get work when you want it!

If you are looking to learn more about marketing, and/or to earn some extra money, Elizabeth and Millie in the marketing team often have one-off jobs and sometimes longer-term roles available.

The Save The Student website has lots of really useful information and advice for students about how to make money, as well as suggestions for the best ways to look for work, and recommendations for how to make sure you get the job!

www.savethestudent.org/make-money

The Stint app lets you sign up for quick shifts at local businesses at convenient times for you. No commitment. No CV. No interview.

- **Most Stints are around 2 to 3 hours long** – perfect to drop in among your other commitments
- **No minimum hours** – if you're busy with other stuff, no worries
- **No commitment** – need to focus on your studies? Heading abroad for a while? No problem. Take as long as you like, there will be Stints for you when you're back

Find out more at <https://stint.co/for-stinters/> or download the app.

A few good places to start when looking for a job

- talk to students in other years who will have some good advice for you
- have a look on studentjob.co.uk to see what's on offer
- print out a few copies of your CV and pop into some local cafes/shops and ask if they're looking to hire anyone.





Would you like to encourage 6th Form students to go to university?
 Become an NCH student ambassador
 £10.75 per hour
 Flexible hours to work around lecture times
 Various roles and responsibilities
 Contact: senior.ambassadors@nchlondon.ac.uk



Things you need to do

before you arrive at NCH

There are a few administrative tasks that you need to action before you join us. You will receive emails with instructions and links for completing the following:

- Please send us a digital photo so that we can prepare your College ID card in advance. Your ID card will then be ready for you when you arrive in College.
- Make sure you apply for Student Finance as soon as possible if you qualify for a tuition fee and/or maintenance loan.
- Apply for a means-tested bursary if you require further financial support.
- If you need a letter confirming your unconditional offer to study with us, please contact us.
- Complete your arrival date, and term time address form.
- Select any optional course options that are required.

If you have any queries please contact us at info@nchlondon.ac.uk

Ways for NCH students to make money*

 £5
 Amazon Voucher if your photo features on our Instagram

 £5
 Amazon Voucher if you review us on Whatuni, The Student Room or Facebook (£5 per review)

 £15
 Amazon Voucher if you send us a blog and it's posted on the NCH website

 £20
 Amazon voucher (for a marketing photoshoot of an hour or more)

Freshers' Week is a great opportunity to take some photos and send them in to the marketing team!

Please send any photos, blogs or questions to marketing.team@nchlondon.ac.uk

*Not available to students on a Tier 4 visa

NCH Enrolment 2022

What is enrolment?

Enrolment is an important procedure where NCH will verify your ID and check your qualifications. You will have the opportunity to disclose any special requirements that you may need while you are studying at NCH.

How and when does enrolment take place?

You will be emailed prior to Freshers' Week with instructions on completing pre-enrolment. You will be asked to upload scanned or digital versions of the required documents (see below and page 33), and this must be completed by Sunday 18th September.

You will then receive an email invitation to enrol in person at Devon House on Monday 19th September. You will need to bring the original of the required documents with you (see below and page 33).

What documents do I need to enrol at NCH?

1. All students need to use a valid passport.
If you do not have a passport you can bring one of the following:
 - UK Drivers Licence (only if it shows that you were born in the UK)
 - A birth certificate or an adoption certificate along with another form of photo ID
2. All of the qualifications that NCH used to confirm your place at the college.
E.g. your International Baccalaureate certificate, A-level certificates, undergraduate degree certificates or transcripts showing that your qualification has been awarded and the date of the award.
3. If English is not your first language we will need to see your proof of meeting the English Language Requirements. This could include your IELTS test or your International GCSE in English certificate.
4. If you are in the UK on a visa you must supply your passport and your Biometric Residence Permit.

What happens if I don't have these documents?

If you do not provide your documents we cannot fully enrol you onto your programme and you will be provisionally enrolled. Students who are provisionally enrolled must provide all required documents by Monday 14th November 2022 or access to lectures, seminars or tutorials, and access to online College resources, such as Canvas and CELCAT will be removed.

I can't find my certificates, what do I do?

You will need to request new certificates from the examining body (e.g. AQA). There are costs linked to these services.

I won't get my official certificates until after the enrolment date, what do I do?

If you received the results of your exams, but have not been sent the official certificates yet you will need to provide your statement of results that have been stamped and signed by your school. You will then be provisionally enrolled.

Once you have received your official qualification certificates you will need to provide them to the College for verification and to complete your enrolment.

My certificates are not in English. Can NCH accept these?

If your certificates are not in English you will have to provide them to us with an English version which has been officially translated by a translation service. The translator will need to include their signature, stamp, and date on the translation document.

Please ensure that you take your documents to be translated well before enrolment to make sure that you can provide the documents by Monday 19th September 2022.

When is the deadline for having all required official documentation to NCH?

Students who are provisionally enrolled at NCH must provide all of their official documentation by Monday 14th November 2022. If you fail to meet this deadline your access to lectures, seminars or tutorials, and access to online College resources, such as Canvas and CELCAT will be removed.



Documents needed

Proof of Identity

- Valid Passport OR
- UK driving licence (showing birth in UK) OR
- Birth certificate or adoption certificate with another form of photo ID.

Proof of Qualifications

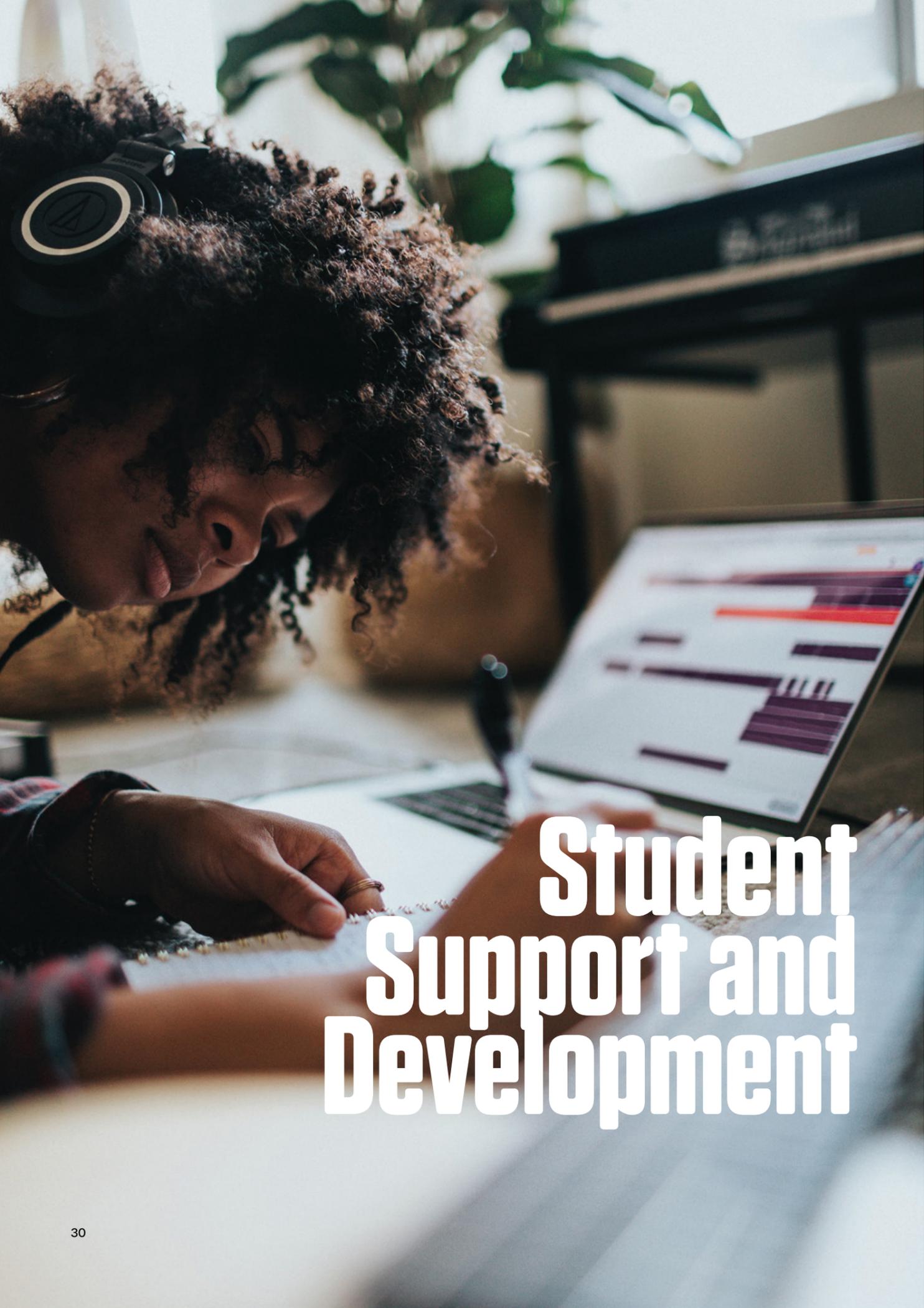
- Your official certificates, i.e. IB certificate, A-level certificates, undergraduate certificates or transcripts.
- If you have not yet received your official A-level certificates please provide your statement of results, signed and stamped by your school.
- Official translation of your certificates if they are not in English.

English Language Requirements

- IELTS test or international GCSE in English certificate, if English is not your first language.

Proof of Visa

- Passport and Biometric Residence Permit if you are in the UK on a visa.



Student Support and Development

Student Support and Development

Starting at university can be both exciting and challenging. Whether you are arriving straight from school or are coming back to education after a break, transitioning to university level study will require you to adapt and stretch your skills.

Most students will encounter the odd bump or two as they start university, this may be practical problems for example issues with student loans or it may be personal issues such as illness or feeling anxious or overwhelmed.

The Student Support and Development team (SSD) can help with any pastoral issue that you might encounter during your time at NCH. We can offer advice and guidance with most student life issues – from student funding, budgeting and unexpected financial hardship to disability and mental health support.

We are also here to offer a safe space for you to talk about anything that may be playing on your mind, whether it is problems on your courses, something in your personal life or if you are worried about a friend or a situation at home. We have a great team of staff in SSD and we can also make referrals to external specialist services such as counselling and disability assessment and support services.

More detailed information about SSD can be found on our website and will also be included in your Student Handbook: nchlondon.ac.uk/student-support

In the meantime, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns about starting your study at NCH. You can email: studentsupport@nchlondon.ac.uk We are looking forward to meeting you during Freshers' Week

NCH Accommodation halls

Moving into student accommodation can feel like a big step into independence and adulthood, here are 5 tips to make the process easier and less stressful:

- Look out for social media groups and accounts for your residence hall, follow and join for an early chance to get to know your new neighbours and community.
- Before moving in become familiar with what is provided by your halls, in particular whether towels & bedding are provided.

- Pack light and try and limit the number of people moving you in, the quickest way to make a room seem small is to fill it with curious family members.
- Making your bed should be your first priority, it could be a long few days at the beginning and you'll need plenty of sleep.
- Leave your door open while you unpack your stuff, other students will often stop and say hello.

Remember, there's no such thing as a stupid question, you can ask us anything about transitioning into student halls at residence.life@nchlondon.ac.uk

An NCH Ambassador's Guide to Starting University

by Hannah Smith (She/her)
President Feminist Society, Senior Student Ambassador

Having been a student at NCH for two years now, I feel I have gathered enough experience to give some advice on the academic and social aspects of being a university student in London. Here are five tips that I've collated to make the most of your university experience!

1. Social media is a fantastic tool:



The beauty of NCH is that we are a small institution, meaning you can start making meaningful connections as soon as you accept your offer. Joining the Freshers' Facebook pages and any associated group chats can be a really great way to make friends and meet your new peers! Several of my closest friends at university were people that I met online in the weeks before term started.

Following NCH on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook will also give you more of an insight into the College, and can put your mind at ease with any anxieties you may have about being a student at NCH. Your NCH Buddy will also be able to give you an insight into university life, so if you haven't already, reach out to them with any questions or concerns, and they'll be more than happy to answer.

2. Lean into your learning style:



Personally I study well in the mornings, and I am a visual learner so I need flowcharts and mind maps to really understand tough topics. Figuring out how you learn and leaning into it will make the transition into university much easier. That's not to say you can't change something if you want to, but don't force yourself to wake up at 5 am every morning if you work best at night! Figuring out how you work and learn best will be infinitely more helpful for you when it comes to revision and exam season.

The workload at university can be a shock to some - I know it definitely was for me - so take a bit of time to go over what you'll be studying. You don't have to read anything in depth, but skimming over your reading list, having a look at the course syllabi and going over your timetable can give you an indication of the workload you'll be dealing with.

3. Freshers' Week:



Freshers' Week is where you will be formally introduced to the College and your peers. As with Tip #1, this is a great way to make friends and meet new people. It can be an overwhelming week, with lots of activities planned for you, but remember you don't have to attend everything if you don't want to! We encourage you to attend as many of the optional sessions as possible, but it's also important to take care of yourself!

Freshers' Week consists of activities ranging from a Freshers' Ball to the Freshers' Fair, and you'll have plenty of opportunities to meet your classmates and second and third year students who will be more than happy to show you around, give you some advice, or just chat to you about the College!

4. Living in London:



If you're not from London, the thought of moving to such a big city can be really scary. I only live about an hour away from London, and yet moving here still felt incredibly alien, and it took some adjusting (especially during the uncertainty of COVID!)

Use the time in your first few weeks to just explore. You could go alone or you could take a friend, and just go for a walk and see what's in the area. The College is based right next door to the Tower of London, and there are so many amazing things to do in the City. Most galleries and museums are free, and my personal favourite has to be Tate Britain. There are also some beautiful views; London at sunset is especially stunning, and there are some wonderful little places you can explore. Be sure to ask other students for their recommendations too, we have lots of great places to tell you about and would be more than happy to share them with you!

5. Student Accommodation:



Moving into Halls can be scary, but it doesn't have to be! Firstly, try to pack light. You can find plenty of packing lists online, but my key advice would be to remember that there isn't a lot of storage space in Student Halls, so if you don't bake cakes every weekend at home, you're unlikely to start baking at university. Bring momentos that make your room feel homely, but you don't need to bring your entire wardrobe, especially if you don't wear half of it!

I also learnt a lot about myself whilst living in Halls. It's really important to remember that you're living with other people, and that you might not always get along. Your flatmates can become your very close friends, but it's also okay if they don't. Living in Halls is a great way to meet people, learn new skills, and prepare you for the world of work - dealing with tough situations (such as asking people to tidy the shared spaces or simply learning how to budget) - it is always valuable to live in shared accommodation.

There are so many ways to get involved in your first few weeks at NCH, and I would always encourage you to make the most out of the opportunities presented to you. Ultimately, have fun, make some new friends, and remember that the three years can go by very quickly, so soak up as much as you can!



Our definitive
guide on

What to take to University

Freshers' Week to do list

- Move in to Accommodation
- Enrol at NCH
- Attend compulsory Freshers' Week events
- Register with a GP
- Register with a Dentist
- Attend as many NCHSU Freshers' Social Events as you like
- Take time to have a coffee with a friend (old or new!)
- Say hello and introduce yourself to staff at College
- Make sure you make notes of any questions that you have
- Take a breath - it's a busy time!

Some quick tips

- Aim to travel light. Most university halls accommodation is compact with limited cupboard space. One large suitcase of clothes, a couple of boxes of other stuff and a bin-liner of bedding is about the right level.
- Don't leave packing to the last minute, give yourself time to prepare.
- You'll find perfectly decent duvet covers, kettles and stationery at the likes of Ikea and Argos, as well as the big supermarkets.
- Make sure you check what your accommodation will be providing. You don't want to turn up with a lot of stuff that's already been laid on (kitchen equipment, desk lamps, etc.).
- Shampoo, shower gels, hair conditioners take up space and add weight, you can get them when you arrive.
- Make digital and paper copies of important documents and keep them together in a secure file.
- Remember, there are plenty of shops in London, so if you do forget anything vital, you can always buy another when you get there.

Important Documents

The following documents will be extremely important for your move to university, especially during your first few weeks.

Make copies (paper and digital) of all of them and keep them together in a secure file to ensure none of them go missing.

- Passport/driving licence or other form of ID
- All official university documents, including your acceptance letter
- All your Student Finance documents
- Accommodation documents
- Your course acceptance letter
- Your bank details and bank card
- Passport photos
- National Insurance card
- NHS number/EU health card/health insurance details



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