ACCOMMODATION IN LONDON

The Architectural Association sets up a temporary accommodation office from the beginning of September for three weeks. Current AA students will be available to offer advice regarding prices and the location of accommodation. A wide variety of accommodation will be advertised in the office.

Please bear in mind that the School does not have any arrangement with any residence, agency or hotel, and that we do not have any obligation to provide accommodation to new or existing students.

TYPES OF ACCOMMODATION

1. Halls of Residence
The accommodation in halls of residence varies from shared or private rooms with shared bathrooms, kitchens and other facilities to self contained studio rooms with en-suite bathrooms and in-room kitchenettes. Most halls are self-catering where students buy and prepare their own food, but some will have canteens that can provide three meals a day at additional cost.

2. Independent Halls and Hostels
Hostels are normally owned by charitable organisations. As well as providing accommodation they offer a homely environment, often with social opportunities and events. Like halls of residence, sometimes meals are provided, or sometimes there are cooking facilities. Hostels are very popular and have long waiting lists, so apply with plenty of time.

3. Private Accommodation
This is when you rent from a private landlord/landlady. As you will need to arrange this once you arrive in London, make sure that you have a temporary room booked in a hostel or hotel for when you arrive.

Private accommodation options:
- A room in a private home, sharing facilities with the flatmates.
- A bed-sit is a single room in which you live and sleep, usually with limited cooking facilities. Bathroom facilities are usually shared.
- A studio flat is a single room with self-contained kitchen and bathroom.

One of the cheapest ways of living is to share a flat or house with friends or colleagues from the school. Rent, bills and cleaning can all then be shared.

When arranging long-term accommodation you will usually sign an agreement with your landlord/landlady. When you sign, you will need to pay a deposit, which is returned to you when you leave. However, if you have caused damage to the house, or leave without giving the required notice, the landlord may have the right to keep your deposit.

It is important therefore not to sign any contract or agreement you do not understand. Read all documents carefully before you sign them and keep copies. Always ask for a receipt for each payment. Free advice about your legal rights can be found at your local Citizens Advice Bureau www.nacab.org.uk

Be careful if using an accommodation agency. Many are listed in BT’s ‘Yellow Pages’ and can be good, but others ask for large deposits and rent in advance.

The cost of accommodation varies enormously according to type, quality and location. Do check whether your rent includes gas, electricity, water; it almost certainly will not include the use of telephone.
You may want to start looking for accommodation or getting acquainted to prices and locations before you arrive in London. Private accommodation is advertised in local newspapers, including ‘Evening Standard’, ‘Loot’ [www.loot.com](http://www.loot.com) and ‘Time Out’.

**ACCOMMODATION ADDRESSES**

**HALLS OF RESIDENCE**

**BLOOMSBURY HALL**

[https://www.studentaccommodationlondon.com/](https://www.studentaccommodationlondon.com/)

**Location:** 5 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9SN (Travel to AA: Approx 15 minute walk)

**Tel:** 0044(0)20 7388 8205 / **Email:** info@studentaccommodationlondon.com

**Description:** Bloomsbury Hall provides simple rooms of varying sizes each with a study area. There are shared bathrooms and kitchens with between 6-9 other students in a living quarter. The Central London location is a short walk to Russell Square or Kings Cross stations and nearby to the Brunswick centre with shops, restaurants and a cinema.

**Cost:** £186 - £219 pw

**Contract:** 52 weeks *(rooms are still available but booking up quickly)*

**CRM STUDENTS**

[http://www.crm-students.com](http://www.crm-students.com)

**Tufnell Park** (still available)


**Location:** Tufnell Park Hall, Huddleston Road, London N7 0EG (Travel to AA: 25 minute journey taking the Northern Line from Tufnell Park to Tottenham Court Road)

**Tel:** 0844 371 5675 / **Email:** tufnellpark@crm-limited.co.uk

**Description:** Studio rooms with kitchenette and en-suite rooms as part of shared flats available. The premium rooms are much nicer than the standard rooms and worth the extra £10 a week. Couples welcome but must both be full time students. There is an onsite gym, communal area with Sky TV, laundry room and bike storage. A half an hour tube journey from Central London this residence is situated in a quiet residential area within walking distance of the restaurants and pubs of Kentish Town. Nearby in Tufnell Park are many local grocery shops and cafes.

*Visited by AA Student in July 2014: The newly refurbished premium rooms are nice quality and a good size. Wooden floors make them seem brighter and cleaner. The standard rooms are smaller, with carpeted floors and a less modern and homely feel. Large communal areas make it a sociable place to live. The location is really nice, in a residential neighbourhood, next to a park.*

**Cost:** from £189 pp/pw / **Contract:** 43 or 51 week contracts, may potentially offer semester stays from January

**Aldgate** *(limited availability)*


**Location:** 14 Fieldgate Street, London E1 1ES (Travel to AA: 30 minute journey using the tube and busses)

**Tel:** 08443 715660 / **Email:** curve@crm-limited.co.uk

**Description:** Studio rooms with kitchenette and en-suite rooms as part of shared flats available. Double rooms available but both occupants must be full time students. Free WiFi,
study rooms, games room, free gym, TV lounges, on site laundry, bike storage, cinema room, on site supermarket. Occasional events for residents. It is situated close to Brick Lane and its cafes and shops. Very near to the Whitechapel Art Gallery. Lots of young people and students live in the area. *See CRM Tufnell Park for AA student description of similar residence.

**Holloway**

http://www.crm-students.com/crm-accommodation/london/the-arcade/

Similar accommodation in Holloway, approximately 30 minutes bus journey to the AA.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS HOUSE (ISH)**

www.ish.org.uk

Virtual tour: [http://www.panaround.co.uk/hosting_vt/ISH/](http://www.panaround.co.uk/hosting_vt/ISH/)

Location: 229 Great Portland Street, London W1W 5PN (Travel to AA: Approximately 18 minutes walk)

Tel: 0044(0)20 7631 8310 / Email: accom@ish.org.uk

Description: The ISH provides temporary and longer-term student accommodation all year round, including limited family flats accommodation off site. The simple rooms vary from single occupancy to four people sharing. There is a communal kitchen and additional microwaves and kettles provided on each floor. A canteen provides three meals a day at additional cost, there is a discount for long term residents. There is also a common room, study rooms, a launderette and a bar with weekly events.

*Visited by AA Student in July 2014: The accommodation is more basic than some of the newer and more expensive residences. The rooms are small, as is the one communal living/kitchen area. The bar is really nice and would be a great place to be with friends. There is a very busy program of events and residents are encouraged to get involved and meet each other. It would be a very social place to be.*

Cost: For a 1 term stay prices range from £2,854 (£190 pw) for a single en-suite room to £1,195 (£76.50 pw) for a quad room.

Contract: 6th September to 12th June, can be extended to end of June or longer. Short stay for a maximum of 21 nights available.

**IQ STUDENT ACCOMMODATION**

http://www.iq-student-accommodation.com

**Bloomsbury**

Location: 200 Euston Road, London NW1 2DA (Travel to AA: Less than 15 minute walk)

Tel: 0044(0)20 3740 3503 / Email: bloomsbury@loveiq.co.uk

Description: Studio rooms and rooms as part of shared flats available, all with en-suite shower room. There is a study room and reading room, free WiFi, a social hub and movie zone, 24/7 security, laundry facilities, cycle storage and a program of social events. Excellent transport links, walking distance to the AA and Oxford Street, near the UCL campus so lots of students in the area, museums, restaurants and cafes near-by. *See IQ Shoreditch for AA student description of similar residence.*

Cost: From £280 pw (flats available for 2014-2015 from £365 pw, these flats are suitable to share as part of a couple)

Contract: Opening 27th September (would need temporary accommodation before this) 44, 50 or 57 week contracts starting in September.
Shoreditch

Location: 2 Silicon Way, London N1 6AT (Travel to AA: 30 minute bus journey)
Tel: 0044(0)20 3432 7067 / Email: shoreditch@loveiq.co.uk

Description: Studio rooms with en-suite shower rooms and kitchenettes. There is a gym, common room, games lounge, reading room, TV and movie lounges, study rooms, dining room, art studio and music lounge. Situated in Shoreditch, it is surrounded by restaurants, shops, bars and pubs often with live music and arts events.

*Visited by AA Student in July 2014: High quality accommodation in a large building with many smaller communal areas and outdoor space. The rooms have large windows and are very bright. There is an art room which has big tables for larger scale drawings, often used by other design and fashion students. It has a nice atmosphere, and is in a great part of the city. Only one minute from the tube it is easy to access the rest of London.

Cost: From £270 pw

Contract: 44, 50 or 57 week contracts starting in September. Semester long lets may be available from January.

Hoxton

Location: 67 Kingsland Road, London E2 8AG (Travel to AA: 30 minute journey time)
Tel: 0044(0)20 3468 2365 / Email: hoxton@loveiq.co.uk

Description: Studios with fitted kitchenettes or shared flats with en-suite rooms available. There are shared social spaces including a roof terrace. Free gym. Close to the restaurants, shops, bars, pubs and nightlife of Shoreditch High Street. *See IQ Shoreditch for AA student description of similar residence.

Cost: From £235 pw / Contract: 44, 50 or 57 week contracts starting in September. Couples welcome at no extra cost.

ISTUDENTLIVING
http://istudentliving.co.uk/default.html

Clerkenwell

Location: Hill Studios, 8 Herbal Hill, London EC1R 5EJ (Travel to AA: 20 minutes on a bus)
Tel: 0044(0)20 8731 0646

Description: Single and double self contained studios available with a shared common room with a TV and pool table. A short bus ride to the bars, restaurants and shops of Angel, or to Central London. There are lots of nice restaurants in the area, in particular in near-by Exmouth Market.

Cost: From £230 pw

LIBERTY LIVING
http://www.libertyliving.co.uk/student-accommodation/london

Liberty House (St John Street, Islington)

Location: 218 St John Street, London EC1V 4AT (Travel to AA: 25 minutes bus journey)
Tel: 0044(0)20 3725 3500 / Email: londonsales@libertyliving.co.uk

Description: Studio rooms with en-suite shower rooms and kitchenettes. Free WiFi, gym and a communal living area with TV and pool table.

Cost: from £259 pw

Contract: 51 or 44 week contract starting 6th September 2014
Liberty Hall (Angel)
Similar accommodation available near-by to St John Street, sharing the facilities.

NIDO STUDENT LIVING
http://www.nidostudentliving.com/home.aspx

King Cross
Location: 200 Pentonville Road, London N1 9JP (Travel to the AA: 20 minute journey on busses, or 30 minutes walk to the AA School.)
Tel: 0044(0)20 71000 100
Description: All rooms are studios with en-suite shower rooms and in room kitchenettes. Prices vary depending on room size, floor level and view. There are communal study spaces with Apple Mac computers, a 24/7 gym, games spaces, communal courtyards, events, a screening room, café and vending area and on site laundry and cleaning services. It is located a short walk from the amenities of Kings Cross and within walking distance of Angel and its bars, shops and restaurants.
*Visited by AA Student in July 2014: Very high quality accommodation, smart building and rooms, it all seems quite shiny and new. The rooms have big windows and are very bright. Staffed by young people, has a really nice atmosphere. Privacy in the rooms but nice communal spaces throughout the rest of the building. Everything is there to make life easy, would be a really great place to live.
Cost: From £329 pp/pw / Contract: 51 week contract starting from 13th September 2014

Spitalfields
Location: 9 Frying Pan Alley, London E1 7HS (Travel to the AA: 20 minute journey taking the Central Line from Liverpool Street to Tottenham Court Road)
Tel: 0044(0)20 71000 100
Description: The rooms are either in shared apartments or are studios with prices based on varying room sizes, floor level and view. Apartments have either en-suite or shared bathrooms and a shared kitchen with dining area. Studios are en-suite with an in room kitchenette. There are communal study spaces with free Apple Mac computers, a 24/7 gym, games spaces, communal courtyards, events, a screening room, café and vending area and on site laundry and cleaning services. It is located very close to Liverpool St Station with great transport links and is near to Spitalfields market and the cafes and shops of Brick Lane. *See Nido Kings Cross for AA student description of similar residence.
Cost: from £269 pp/pw / Contract: 51 or 43 week contract starting from 13th September 2014. Semester stays available.

Notting Hill
Similar accommodation also available near Notting Hill, approximately a 40 minute journey from the AA.

SCAPE STUDENT LIVING
http://www.scapeliving.com/home

East (Mile End)
Location: 450 Mile End Road, London E1 4GG (Travel to AA: 20 minute journey to the AA School taking the Central Line from Mile End to Tottenham Court Road.)
Tel: 0044(0)20 7952 2850 / Email: info@scapeliving.com
Description: Studios rooms have integrated storage and work space, fully fitted kitchenette, breakfast bar and en suite. There is a courtyard garden, free gym, TV and games lounge, communal kitchen, study areas and two on-site restaurants. Events are held for residents.

*Visited by AA Student in July 2014: Although Mile End seems further out the Central Line can get you to the AA and central London very quickly. Very nice quality rooms and building. The en-suite shower rooms are bigger in comparison to other residences. Lots of storage space to help keep your room tidy. The on-site restaurants make it easy to grab food if you don't have time to cook.

Cost: From £215 pw / Contract: 51 weeks, shorter term lets available in some instances. Couples welcome at no extra cost.

Greenwich
Location: Bear Point, 2 East Parkside, London SE10 0FQ (Travel to AA: 50 minute journey to the AA School using the DLR and Central Line)
Phone: +44(0)20 7952 6150 / Email: info@scapeliving.com
Cost: From £215 pw / Contract: 51 weeks, shorter term lets available in some instances. Couples welcome at no extra cost.

Shoreditch (opening summer 2015)
Location: Corsham Street, Shoreditch, London N1
Tel: 0044(0)20 7952 2850 / Email: info@scapeliving.com

THE STAY CLUB
http://www.thestayclub.com/

Camden
Location: 34 Chalk Farm Road, London NW1 8AJ (Travel to AA: 18 minutes taking the Northern Line from Camden Town to Tottenham Court Road.)
Tel: 0044(0)20 7267 7774 / Email: camden@thestayclub.com
Description: Studios with private shower, kitchenette and broadband connection. Communal social area with pool table, flat screen TV, Wi-Fi access, outside space and study rooms. Situated just across the road from the world famous Camden Market and Camden Lock, right in the heart of the busy high street, close to the fashion outlets, bars and restaurants.
Cost: from £250 pw for long stay, £350 pw for short stay
Contract: Short or long term stays. Long stays are for a minimum of 6 months.

THE STUDENT HOUSING COMPANY
http://thestudenthousingcompany.com/

Depot Point (Kings Cross)
Location: 15-27 Britannia St, London WC1X 9AH (Travel to the AA: 30 minute walk or bus journey)
Tel: 0044(0)20 7952 6020 / Email: depotpoint@thestudenthousingcompany.com
Description: All rooms are en-suite either as part of a sharing flat or self contained studios with kitchenettes. There is a common room, courtyard, cinema room for socialising. On site laundry facilities and bike store. Very close to the amenities of Kings Cross and situated opposite the Gagosian Gallery.

*Visited by AA Student in July 2014: Spacious rooms, with generous storage and large desk area. In a great area and a nice building. It is brand new, opening September 2014.
Cost: From £295 pw / Contract: 51 Weeks
UNITE STUDENT HOUSING

http://www.unite-students.com/

Woburn Place (limited availability)
http://www.unite-students.com/london/woburn-place

Location: 19-29 Woburn Place, Bloomsbury, London WC1H 0AQ (Travel to AA: 13 minute walk)

Tel: 0800 121 7387 or from abroad +44 (0) 117 302 7497, +44 (0) 207 831 2447 for short stays / Email: salesenquiry@unite-students.com

Description: Studios, one or two bedroom flats and twin rooms available. WiFi, large common room with pool table and TVs, study room, laundry room and bike store. The Central London location is a short walk to Russell Square or Euston stations and nearby to the Brunswick centre with shops, restaurants and a cinema.

Cost: From £299 pw

Contract: 40 or 51 week contracts, short stays and term long stays possible.

Kirby Street (limited availability)
http://www.unite-students.com/london/kirby-street

Location: 36-43 Kirby Street, Farringdon, London, EC1N 8TE (Travel to AA: 25 minute walk or 15 minutes taking the Central Line from Chancery Lane to Tottenham Court Road)

Tel: 121 7387 or from abroad +44 (0) 117 302 7497, +44 (0) 207 831 2447 for short stays / Email: salesenquiry@unite-students.com

Description: Studio rooms with kitchenette and en-suite shower room. WiFi, common room, courtyard, laundry facilities and bike storage. Central London location means close to many cafes, restaurants, supermarkets and 3 minutes from a tube station.

Cost: From £349 pw

Contract: 51 week contracts starting 21st September 2014, short stays available

Pacific Court (Whitechapel)
http://www.unite-students.com/london/pacific-court

Location: 15 Assembly Passage, Whitechapel, London E1 4EY (Travel to AA: 30 minutes journey taking the Central Line from Bethnal Green to Tottenham Court Road)

Tel: 0800 121 7387 or from abroad +44 (0) 117 302 7497, +44 (0) 207 831 2447 for short stays / Email: salesenquiry@unite-students.com

Description: 2-5 bedroom shared flats with private bathroom and shared kitchen or studios with private bathroom and kitchen. WiFi, common room, courtyard, laundry and bike storage. Near to Whitechapel Road with supermarkets and shops. An up and coming area of London, you are within walking distance to brick lane and the Whitechapel Art Gallery. Many students live in the area.

Cost: From £199 pw

Contract: 51 Week Contracts starting 14th September 2014, short stays and term long stays possible.

Other Locations

Unite Student Housing run many residences all over London with varying prices depending on location and quality (starting from £99 pw)
URBANEST

http://uk.urbanest.com

St Pancras

Location: 103B Camley Street, St. Pancras, London N1C 4BN (Travel to AA: 25 minutes on the Northern Line from Mornington Crescent to Tottenham Court Road)

Tel: 0044(0)20 7042 7890 / Email: enquiries@urbanest.co.uk

Description: Accommodation options of rooms within shared apartments with shared kitchens and bathrooms, en-suite rooms within shared apartments and self contained studio rooms with private bathroom and kitchen. Broadband and WiFi, communal relaxing and study areas, laundry room and bike storage.

*Visited by AA Student in July 2014: Very nice rooms with comfy beds and large shower rooms. The kitchen and living areas within the shared apartments are very bright and clean and have a lot of space for eating together or sitting together on the sofas and also have a generous balcony. Location next to the canal is really quiet and gives lovely views.


Kings Cross, Hoxton, Tower Bridge

Similar accommodation available at Kings Cross (30 minute journey, from £259 pw), Hoxton (30 minute journey, £249 pw) and Tower Bridge (25 minute journey, £259 pw)

YARA STUDENTS

http://www.yarastudents.com

Holland Park

Location: 27 St Anns Road, Holland Park, London W11 4ST (Travel to AA: 25 minutes on Central Line from Holland Park to Tottenham Court Road)

Tel: 0044(0)20 7112 5206 / Email: info@yarastudents.com

Description: Studio rooms have large beds, en-suite shower room, study space and fitted kitchens. Some rooms may be suitable for a couple. There is free internet, a laundry room, TV room with a pool table and bike storage. A short walk to Shepherd’s Bush, with Westfield Shopping Centre and lots of local pubs and restaurants. Nearby to the green spaces of Holland Park and the cafes and restaurants along Holland Park Avenue and neighbouring streets. Also walking distance to Notting Hill and Portabello Road.

Cost: From £205 pw (this price is old out for 2014/15, availability from £239 pw)

Contract: Starts 15th September, 42 or 51 week contracts

Kensington

Similar accommodation available in Kensington, a 35 minute journey from the AA.

HOSTELS

THE YOUTH HOSTEL ASSOCIATION (YHA) – for short term stays

www.yha.org.uk

Virtual tours: http://www.yha.org.uk/hostel-virtual-tours

The YHA offer comfortable yet cheap short term accommodation in the centre of London. There are seven hostels located across London, but the Oxford Street and Central London branches are the closest to the AA School.

YHA Oxford Street

http://www.yha.org.uk/hostel/london-oxford-street
Location: 14 Noel Street, London, W1F 8GJ (Travel to AA: 10 minute walk)
Tel: 0845 371 9133 / Email: oxfordst@yha.org.uk
Cost: Beds in dormitories from £32 per night and private rooms from £79 pn
Contract: Can stay for up to 7 nights

London Central
http://www.yha.org.uk/hostel/london-central
Location: 104 Bolsover Street, London, W1W 5NU (Travel to AA: 14 minute walk)
Tel: 0845 371 9154 / Email: londoncentral@yha.org.uk
Description: Choice of single or dormitory rooms. Shared bathrooms.
Cost: Beds in dormitories from £22 per night and private rooms from £62 per night
Contract: Can stay for up to 7 nights

LONDON HOSTELS ASSOCIATION (LHA)
www.london-hostels.co.uk
Many locations spread over London

Holland House
Location: 54 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1PG (Travel to AA: Approximately 30 minutes by tube)
Tel: 0044(0)20 7834 9104 / Email: holland@lhalondon.com
Description: Choice of single or dormitory rooms. Shared bathrooms. Facilities include a large dining room, TV room, Internet access laundry and vending machines.
Cost: Daily rate of £28 for a room in a dormitory or £34 for a single. Weekly rate of £127.50 for a dormitory or £219 for a single room
Contract: Good for short stays ranging from one night to a few weeks

POSTGRADUATE ONLY HOUSING
LONDON GOODENOUGH TRUST FOR OVERSEAS GRADUATES
http://www.goodenough.ac.uk/
Location: Mecklenburgh Square, London WC1N 2AB (Travel to AA: Approximately 20 minutes walk)
Tel: 0044(0)20 7837 8888 / Email: admissions@goodenough.ac.uk
Description: Situated in a historic building on a private square. With library, dining, sports and family facilities. Accommodation consists of single study bedrooms (both en-suite and shared bedrooms), double couples bedrooms, studio flats, one, two and three bedroom flats for families.
Cost: from £176 pw for a small single study room to £457 pw for a three-bedroom flat (for families with three children).
Contract: Usually only consider students applying for at least one year.

PRIVATE RENTAL WEBSITES
www.loot.com; www.spareroom.co.uk; www.gumtree.co.uk; http://flat-club.com/ (for short term private rental)
HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

If you need Hotel accommodation for a short period of time while finding a more definitive place, you are strongly advised to make a reservation before you leave your home country.

The British Council uses an agency to obtain discounted rates for hotel accommodation, and can be contacted by email, fax or telephone:
British Council Hotel Reservation Service
13, Grosvenor Gardens
London SW1W 0BD
Tel: 0800 783 6695 / 0044(0)207 825 1506
Fax: 0044(0)207 828 2881
Email: hotels@britishcouncil.org

Another useful contact if you need where to stay during your first days in London is:

British Tourist Authority (BTA)
Tel: 0044(0)207 604 2777 (fee charged)
www.visitbritain.com

We have a list of economy hotels within the vicinity of the AA if you want to stay close to the school during your first days in London. We do not have any specific arrangement with those hotels and are neither responsible for the quality of the service they offer nor their tariffs.

THE COST OF LIVING IN LONDON

Weekly Expenses

An estimate of £325 living expenses per week includes: accommodation at £150 (low estimate), food £55, travel £30, utilities (gas, electricity, telephone) £20, books and materials £20, entertainment £25, and other expenses (such as snacks, haircuts, postage, newspapers etc) £25 per week. This equates to a yearly expenditure (52 academic weeks) of £16,900 for a 12-month course.

Please note: the list above does not include clothes and incidental expenditure such as contents insurance to cover lap-tops, TV license, laundry, etc. At times of the year (usually once or twice a term) students will have juries and table presentations which may require additional printing expenses.

Please visit the NUS (national union of students) website for further up to date information regarding costs of study and living in London:

Course-related Expenses:

- Minimum of £800 - £1,500 to cover study trip/s.
- As you may know the AA has the below listed facilities. While the use of these facilities is included in your fees ALL MATERIAL expenditure is at the students expense. The cost of materials for each student will vary greatly dependent on their budget.
  - Digital Prototyping Lab
    http://www.aaschool.ac.uk/AALIFE/BEDFORDSQUARE/dpl.php
  - Wood & Metal Workshop
    http://www.aaschool.ac.uk/AALIFE/BEDFORDSQUARE/materials.php
  - Model Workshop
    http://www.aaschool.ac.uk/AALIFE/BEDFORDSQUARE/model.php