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## Welcome to Linstead Hall

Dear Future Resident,

Congratulations on your admission to Imperial College London! On behalf of the entire wardening team, I am writing to welcome you to Linstead Hall and to provide you with some additional information about Linstead Hall before the moving-in day, Saturday 28th September 2019.

Linstead is one of the newest Imperial College halls (part of the Eastside development that opened in 2009), housing 140 students. We are located on the east side of Princes Gardens, very near the South Kensington Campus main entrance. Linstead is also conveniently located diagonally across the gardens from Ethos (the Imperial College sports facility) and near the student union, and is above the Eastside Bar (ground floor of Eastside near the Linstead main entrance). Many other Imperial College halls are within easy walking distance.

An Imperial College wardening team are in residence throughout the year to make sure Linstead is a safe, equitable and fun place to live, while ensuring a suitable study environment for all residents. The wardening team comprises a warden, 3 subwardens and 7 hall seniors (undergraduate students who have been selected to live in halls another year), who assist the wardening team with organising events and social activities as well as welfare and disciplinary matters. We are all either members of academic staff or postgraduate students at Imperial College. The team is here to support the residents, organise social events and other activities, and make sure Linstead and College rules are observed.

We have a full schedule of events planned for the arrivals weekend and the first two weeks of term. When you arrive, these events will be advertised and our Hall Seniors will be on hand to chat with you about what we have planned and give you an opportunity to buy an events pass, which will give you access to the pay events happening during the freshers' fortnight (all proceeds from events pass sales go towards paying for the events themselves). The events pass will also be available for advance purchase via the Union Shop, and we suggest you buy before you arrive; details will be posted in the Facebook group (see below). There are of course many excellent free events as well. We strongly encourage you to attend as many of the events as possible, where you will have your first opportunities to meet other residents and make friends in College! We also run various sports teams and competitions, details of which will be provided when you arrive.

Please note the following:

- **Hall website:** Our web address is [linstead.halls.imperial.ac.uk](http://linstead.halls.imperial.ac.uk). Please bookmark this address now and check back later to receive up-to-date information about the hall. However, the Linstead Hall 2019-20 Facebook page is often a better source of up-to-date information for students resident in Linstead Hall, so please join this group now ([www.facebook.com/groups/482860265870514](https://www.facebook.com/groups/482860265870514)), or search Linstead Hall 2019-20) to find out about the events we have planned for the Freshers Fortnight, and for information on how to buy a pass to the pay events via the Imperial College Union Shop for Linstead.

- **Upload your photo on Student eService:** Please upload your photo via your Student e-Service to complete your registration. You need to do this in order to receive your College ID upon arrival to your hall on move-in day. Your card will be your 'key' in and out of the hall. The College is unable to issue your College ID card without your photo upload.
- **eHalls:** In addition to completing the 'Your Halls' eInduction via the College's Accommodation Hub (AccHub), we also require you to register for Linstead in eHalls, a system that we use locally to prepare for your arrival and make life in halls easier for you - [ehalls.halls.imperial.ac.uk](http://ehalls.halls.imperial.ac.uk). Be sure to print the arrivals document generated by eHalls after you complete the registration, and bring it with you when you arrive to check-in (as well as the Key Collection Pass you will have received after completing the 'Your Halls' eInduction) and receive your keys. You are also required to upload your photo on eHalls as well as on the Student eService, for identification purposes within the hall.
- **Smart clothing:** It is likely that you will be invited to some more or less formal events, so some smart attire may be useful to bring along if you have it!
- **Duty mobile:** From 18:00 on weeknights until 08:00 the following morning, and for the entirety of the weekend (from 18:00 on Friday), a member of the wardening team will carry a mobile phone, which you may call should you need us in an emergency. The number is **07590 250565**.

There will be a **compulsory Welcome Talk** given by the warden the evening of Saturday 28th September, so be sure to enquire about the time and location of the talk on your arrival.

You will be required to read and accept the Hall Rules as part of your eHalls registration. However, in order to maintain a safe and appropriate environment for all residents, please bear in mind the following key rules: (1) ordinarily, anyone in the hall at any time must be either a resident or a resident's guest (residents are responsible for their guests at all times, and should a guest breach hall rules at any time, their resident host may be held responsible); (2) Guests are not allowed to stay overnight without prior registration (which should be done at least two days in advance) of the overnight guest by their resident host via eHalls, and guest registrations are subject to the approval of the Warden; (3) Any deliberate damage to the building or use of dangerous substances (including drugs) may result in removal from the hall, and the possibility of expulsion from College.

I wish you a happy and successful time at Imperial, and an enjoyable time with us in Linstead Hall. We are looking forward to meeting you on 28<sup>th</sup> September!

Yours faithfully,



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