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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 before your arrival.

Linstead is 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 ensure that Linstead is a safe, equitable and fun place to live, while maintaining a suitable study environment for all residents. The wardening team comprises a warden, 3 subwardens and 4 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. The wardens 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 remain partly restricted in the types of things that we can do socially due to COVID-19 safety, but over the next two weeks we will be coming up with some fun and interesting ways to help you meet each other and socialise in a safe way, to make your time in Linstead memorable, help you make friends and build community. Please stand by for this, we are still in the planning stages as events traditionally begin on the official move-in day, which is Saturday 2nd October this year. Events will be advertised in the WhatsApp and Facebook groups (see below).

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. The Linstead Hall 2021-22 WhatsApp group ([chat.whatsapp.com/C1v8vwbWjVkJp1O0CKV](https://chat.whatsapp.com/C1v8vwbWjVkJp1O0CKV)) and Facebook group ([www.facebook.com/groups/215852863906023/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/215852863906023/)) are often better sources of up-to-date information for students resident in Linstead Hall, particularly regarding social activities and announcements, so please join these groups to meet your hall mates and team, and find out about upcoming events.

- **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 at 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 uploaded photo.
- **eHalls:** In addition to completing the induction via the College's Accommodation Hub, we also require you to register for Linstead in eHalls ([ehalls.halls.imperial.ac.uk](http://ehalls.halls.imperial.ac.uk)), a system that we use locally to prepare for your arrival and make life in halls easier for you. You are also required to upload your photo on eHalls, for identification purposes within the hall. We will email you when the eHalls system is ready for your registration.
- **Smart clothing:** We hope at some point during the year to invite you to some more or less formal events, so smart attire may be useful (but by no means essential) 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 should call if you need us in an emergency (this does not include lockouts, see below). The number is **07590 250565**. Please save this number in your mobile phone now.
- **Lockouts:** We hope that you will quickly learn to keep your College ID card with you at all times, especially when leaving your bedroom, to go to your kitchen and do laundry. Please use the lanyards that are provided with your College ID and keep it around your neck when you leave your room. Please do your utmost to avoid getting locked out of your room. If you do get locked out of your room, please consult the lockout posters that will be located on every level by the lift, or the information on our web site, instructing you on how to gain access to the building and/or your room via the concierge service, hall supervisors or Weeks security (**02075 898720**), depending on the day and time of the lockout.

There will be a **compulsory Welcome Talk** given by the warden. We will email you instructions for attending the talk, or otherwise watching a recording, once these become available.

You will be required to read and accept the Hall Rules as part of your eHalls registration. Please note that for the latest information on Halls policies and procedures regarding COVID-19, visit [www.imperial.ac.uk/study/campus-life/accommodation/covid-19/c19-procedures-for-halls/](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/campus-life/accommodation/covid-19/c19-procedures-for-halls/). Also be sure to follow the guidance listed on posters around the hall. We will be providing you with further hall-specific information over the coming weeks, so please keep an eye on your email, the WhatsApp and Facebook groups and the Linstead website.

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!

Yours faithfully,



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