Areas of London

Please note - we couldn’t list every area as there would be far too much information. What follows is based mainly on LSHTM staff experiences, so bear in mind this is subjective - we strongly advise you to explore the areas in person before you live there.

**North London** including Angel, Arsenal, Bounds Green, Camden, Finsbury Park, Kentish Town, Harlesden/Kensal Rise/Queens Park, Highbury, Holloway, Manor House, Mornington Crescent, Stoke Newington.

North London is a popular choice for students and is handy for transport, as LSHTM is easy to get to from North London. However, it can be a bit more pricey than other parts of London.

**Angel, zone 1, postcode N1**

*Transport links to LSHTM:* very near central London, 73 bus comes direct (allow 25 minutes). Also on the northern line.

**Plus points:** Lots of great shops on Upper Street including choice of 3 supermarkets. 2 cinemas. Many picturesque residential streets with Victorian and Georgian (= older) properties. Regents Canal nearby with footpath.

**Minus points:** The proximity to the centre is reflected in rent prices which tend to be high. Not close to any big open spaces.

**Arsenal, zone 2, postcode N5**

*Transport links to LSHTM:* Good transport links with Arsenal & Finsbury Park stations on the Piccadilly and Victoria lines.

**Plus points:** plenty of residential accommodation in nice, old properties on quiet streets. Near the Emirates Stadium (for Arsenal fans).

**Minus points:** Some congestion during football matches. Not that many local shops. Fairly expensive rent.

**Bounds Green, zone 3, postcode N11**

*Transport links to LSHTM:* Piccadilly Line from Bounds Green tube station direct to Russell Square.

**Plus Points:** good public transport connections (tube, busses, train station Bowes Park); quiet and safe neighbourhood, very suburban (a pro and a con); good for cars (close to North Circular - easy to get out and about).

**Minus Points:** not much going on (only one good pub), very suburban

**Camden, zone 2, postcode NW1**

*Transport links to LSHTM:* Camden Town station is on the Northern Line which stops very near the School (Goodge Street, 3 – 4 stops). Direct bus route (29) stops near School, and Camden is near enough to be viable by bus (allow up to 30 minutes).

**Plus points:** Very trendy area. Lots of bars, restaurants and boutiques. Popular music venues. Huge supermarket for food-shopping (Sainsburys).

**Minus points:** Can be pricey. Camden Market and surrounding streets can get very busy with tourists at weekends.

**Finsbury Park, zone 2, postcode N4**

*Transport links to LSHTM:* Great transport links with both the Piccadilly and Victoria lines which both stop nearby to the school.

**Plus points:** not too far from centre, reasonable value for money, plenty of local shops. Big park. Lots of attractive residential streets with Victorian houses divided into flats. Offers good value for money considering it’s in zone 2.

**Minus points:** Some parts have a slightly run-down feel. Big main roads (e.g. Seven Sisters Road) are not that attractive.
Harlesden/Kensal Green/Queens Park, zones 2/3, postcodes NW10/NW6

Transport links to LSHTM: Overground from Willesden Junction (Zone 2) direct to Euston Station in 20 minutes. Number 18 bus direct to Euston Road (between 40 to 60 minutes). Kensal Green (Overground and Bakerloo Line Zone 2), Kensal Rise (Overground Zone 2), Queen's Park (Bakerloo Line Zone 2). Excellent links to other parts of London.

Plus points: One of the most diverse populations in London with high numbers of residents from Irish, African-Caribbean, African and Brasilian heritage backgrounds. Very diverse local shopping and one train stop from Westfield Shopping Centre. Accommodation tends to be much better value for money. A number of large Victorian parks in the area. NW10 tends to be cheaper than NW6.

Minus points: Harlesden in particular had a very poor reputation in the 1990's and still looks fairly run-down. Can feel threatening at night though crime rates are no higher than anywhere else in London. Lacking in accessible nightlife. No big name shops apart from Argos and Tesco.

Highbury, zone 2, postcode N5

Transport links to LSHTM: Good transport links, quick to get into centre (Highbury & Islington - Victoria Line), also on overground.

Plus points: Pretty residential area. Nice park (Highbury Fields). Upper Street has lots of great shops, restaurants, and bars. 2 cinemas nearby.

Minus points: Expensive to rent. Less local amenities (though some shops around the tube station, and good selection of shops, bars, restaurants around Highbury Barn).

Holloway / Archway, zone 2, postcode N19

Transport links to LSHTM: easy links to the school on either the Piccadilly or Northern lines.

Plus points: Reasonably priced accommodation, not too far from centre. Plenty of cheap shops on Holloway Road, including supermarkets. Lots of nice residential streets. Multi-screen cinema on Holloway Road (Odeon).

Minus points: Holloway Road is one of London's biggest roads, and is not very attractive. Some parts of Holloway can feel a bit run-down.

Kentish Town / Tufnell Park, zone 2, postcodes NW5/N19

Transport links to LSHTM: Kentish Town and Tufnell Park are one and two stops from Camden (Northern Line) respectively.

Plus points: cheaper than Camden, and plenty of nice residential streets.

Minus points: Some points a little run-down.

Manor House, zone 2/3, postcode N4

Transport links to LSHTM: Piccadilly line to Russell Square station which takes about 20 minutes. The 29 bus goes direct to the school.

Plus points: Manor House is just up the road from Finsbury Park so the same points apply. There is generally good-value accommodation, and lots of shops (mainly Cypriot and Turkish) along Green Lanes selling cheap food, as well as a huge Sainsburys (supermarket).

Minus points: Manor House is the more run-down end of Finsbury Park

Mornington Crescent, zone 1, postcode NW1

Transport links to LSHTM: Walkable to LSHTM in about 20 minutes, lots of transport links including tube and buses.

Plus points: Very central location, close to Camden market, close to loads of restaurants/music venues.

Minus points: Very busy roads, so is quite noisy. Expensive due to central location.

Stoke Newington, zone 2, postcode N16

Transport links to LSHTM: 73 bus goes direct (allow up to 45 minutes during rush hour). Within easy cycling distance (about 30 minutes).
**East London** including, Dalston, Hackney/Bethnal Green, Stratford.

East London is generally considered cheaper than North London, East London has a lot to offer but you need to bear in mind the fact that some parts are not accessible by tube, and some parts have a decidedly rough edge! Many parts though are very nice and the 2012 Olympics are taking part in Stratford, East London, which will no doubt improve certain areas.

**Dalston, zone 2, postcodes E8/N16**

*Transport links to LSHTM*: good transport links into central London. Busses 38, 243, 242 stop near LSHTM. Overground from Dalston to Highbury & Islington, then tube (Victoria Line).

*Plus points*: Everything on your doorstep - cinema, big Sainsbury’s, Ridley Road market, bars, cafes, restaurants, clubs, parks. Good community events. Serious regeneration going on. Great Turkish food.

*Minus points*: A bit rough around the edges (although definitely on the up), expensive, busy and loud at the weekend.

**Hackney / Bethnal Green zone 2, postcode E8**

*Transport links to LSHTM*: Direct buses (38 and 8) but allow up to an hour. Central line direct from Bethnal Green to Tottenham Court Road (less than 10 minutes walk to LSHTM).

*Plus points*: Very lively area, only walking distance from nice markets (Brick Lane, Broadway Market) and few parks close by. Close to trendy Shoreditch/Liverpool Street and the City.

*Minus Points*: Not on the tube (but on overground). Although Hackney has changed over the past few years, some areas are still dodgy.

**Stratford, zone 3**

*Transport links to LSHTM*: direct journey on the central line to Tottenham Court Road which takes 20 minutes. It’s then 10 minutes walk to the school. Also on the East London Line so good links to other interesting parts of London.

*Plus points*: This is where the Olympics 2012 are taking place and so there’s been lots of regeneration in the area. Once the Olympics are over, it’s expected that there will be lots of properties available at reasonable rents. Westfield Stratford, the big shopping centre is nearby.

*Minus points*: a bit further out but good links to the centre.

**West London** including Ealing, Notting Hill, Shepherd’s Bush, Putney

We don’t have much information on West London at present, which is not to say it’s not a good place to live.

**Ealing, zone 3, postcode W13**

*Transport links to LSHTM*: Piccadilly line to Russell Square from Northfields or South Ealing takes about an hour. Alternatively the Central line from Ealing Broadway to Tottenham Court Road takes about 40 minutes.

*Plus points*: Close to central London, lots of parks, shopping and restaurants, good quality housing, cosmopolitan.

*Minus points*: Lots of traffic, housing can be expensive, crowded.

Notting Hill, Shepherd’s Bush and Putney are also popular areas to live in West London.
South London includes Bermondsey, Brixton, Clapham/Balham/Tooting, Elephant & Castle, Greenwich, New Cross.

Often thought of by Londoners in the north as a different world! But there are some great areas to explore south of the river, and living south of the river can often mean getting more for your money!

Bermondsey, zone 2, postcode SE16

Transport links to LSHTM: you can get the Jubilee line at Bermondsey/Canada Water, and Overground at Canada Water or Rotherhithe. Need to change once either way to get to LSHTM, but not a long journey.

Plus points: rents possibly a bit cheaper than north of the river; near to South Bank cultural attractions; decent transport links; up and coming area near London Bridge.

Minus points: some rougher areas (as in any part of London); not much in the way of shopping

Brixton, zone 2, postcodes SW2/SW9

Transport links to LSHTM: the Victoria line goes from Brixton to Warren Street which is a 10 minute walk from LSHTM. Regular buses, trains also go from Brixton.

Plus points: reasonable rents, multicultural area, Brixton’s indoor market is currently a hugely popular place to visit with bars and lovely places to eat, lots of places to shop, near to Brockwell Park and the quieter area of Herne Hill.

Minus points: Brixton doesn’t have a great reputation and like all parts of London, some areas are run-down and feel less safe. Also it’s very busy but it’s worth visiting to see how you feel about the place.

Clapham/Balham/Tooting, zones 2/3, postcodes SW4/SW12/SW17

Transport links to LSHTM: All of these areas are on the northern line which goes to Goodege Street station.

Plus points: nice areas with lots of amenities nearby, lively centres with quieter residential streets, rents are reasonable and get cheaper as you go further out from Clapham to Balham to Tooting. Clapham Common and Wandsworth Common are both lovely parks. Clapham Junction and Battersea are also lovely areas but transport is not as straightforward.

Minus points: the northern line can get very busy at peak times.

Elephant & Castle, zone 1/2, SE11

Transport Links to LSHTM: Excellent transport links into Central London on the northern line or by bus. Quick but not a direct journey to LSHTM.

Plus points: A popular area for students as it is nearby other London universities. Cheap shopping options nearby.

Minus points: Quite a run-down area but is expected to benefit from the regeneration going on around London Bridge.

Greenwich, zone 2, postcode SE10

Transport links to LSHTM: you can get the DLR (Docklands Light Railway) and change at Bank station onto the central line, or the train to central London and change onto the northern line. Both journeys take up to one hour.

Plus points: a lovely part of London which has the feel of a small town, beautiful park. museums nearby and a beautiful view of the Thames river.

Minus points: travelling around London from Greenwich can take a while.

New Cross, zone 2, postcode SE8

Transport links to LSHTM: you can get the train to central London and change onto the northern line, or the East London overground line to Whitechapel and travel on the Hammersmith line to Euston Square station.

Plus points: Popular with students as it is nearby another university, the area is up and coming with lots of new pubs and places to eat, large supermarkets, cheaper rents.

Minus points: further from the school than other areas in zone 2.