



Wimbledon School of English London

Joint No.1 English School in the UK





Students in garden

Welcome to Wimbledon School of English

Our brochure is designed to give you an idea of what life is like at WSE and why we are regarded as one of the top English language schools. Our continued success is largely thanks to the talent of our staff, the dedication they devote to our students and the pride they take in the school. For all of us our students come first and we work hard to make sure every part of your learning and living experience is of the highest possible standard. I look forward to welcoming you here very soon.



Jane Dancaster
Jane Dancaster BA MA DTEFLA
Chief Executive



Students in garden

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Students & staff in garden



Who We Are

Wimbledon School of English, established in 1964, has been providing high-quality language education for over 60 years.

Our school, located in the heart of Wimbledon, offers the perfect combination of a peaceful study environment and easy access to the cultural richness of London.

We take pride in offering a wide range of English courses tailored to meet the needs of each student. Our experienced and qualified teachers are dedicated to creating an engaging and supportive classroom atmosphere, where students can build confidence and improve their language skills.

At Wimbledon School of English, we focus not just on grammar and vocabulary, but on developing the communication skills that are essential in real-life situations. Whether you're here for academic, professional, or personal reasons, we are committed to helping you achieve your language goals.

Our mission is to make your learning experience both enjoyable and rewarding. Join us, and take the next step in your English learning journey with a school that values your progress and success.

WSE Timeline

1964	Founded by Marjorie Housden
1970'S	Moved to current premises
1978	Became a Cambridge exam centre
1980	Recognised by the Department of Education & Science (DES)
1983	Sandro Saviolo (Operations Director) joined WSE
1984	First accredited by the British Council
1999	Jane Lancaster (CE) joined WSE for the second time
2001	Fiona Dunlop (Principal) joined WSE
2003	WSE acquires Kings Lodge (first student house)
2008	First named Centre of Excellence
2009	Became an IELTS test centre
2013	Became an OET test centre
2014	Named top performing UK Centre of Excellence
2014	Opened computer-based test centre
2016	Opened first Junior Centre
2020-21	Survived Covid!
2024	Celebrated 60th Anniversary



Front of school

Why choose

Wimbledon School of English?



No.1 UK Centre of
Excellence



Wide range of
English language
courses



Quality
accommodation
close to school



Regular social
activities



Perfect London
location

“This school is my second home”

Martinho – Angola

EL Gazette top performing UK Centre of Excellence*

*Based on British Council Accreditation
Scheme inspection results.

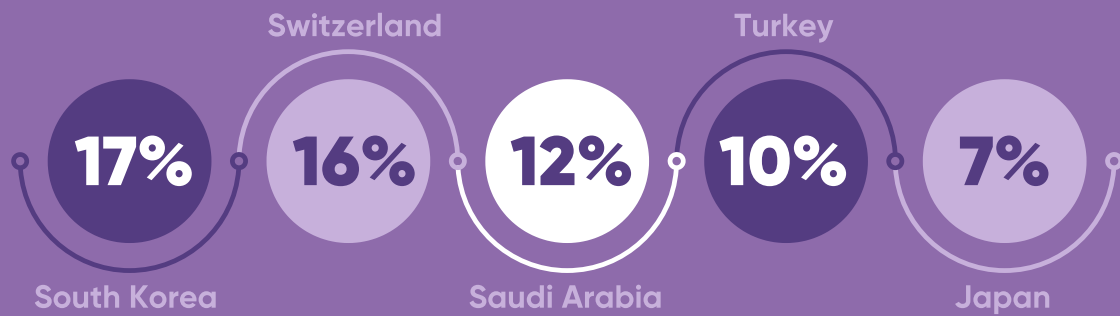
Accreditation UK is a quality assurance
scheme for UK providers of courses in English
as a foreign language (EFL) which the British
Council runs in partnership with English UK.



Students outside school

“ SINCE 1964 OVER
130,000 STUDENTS
FROM MORE THAN **110 NATIONALITIES**
HAVE STUDIED AT WSE ”

TOP 5 NATIONALITIES



Pilar, Chile

"I think the school has very good teachers"



Raul, Spain

"WSE is located in one of the best London neighbourhoods...a great experience in every respect."



Caterina, Italy

"They helped me and my English improve. I liked my host family...my host mum is a very good chef!"



Gabryel, Brazil

"I am immensely grateful for this opportunity...it means the world to me."



Abdullah, Saudi Arabia

"The school's staff were friendly, approachable, and went above and beyond."



Heewon, South Korea

"My experience here was the best. Best teachers, best friends and the best garden!"

OUR NUMBERS AT A GLANCE



1561

STUDENTS

28

COURSES
STUDIED

69

NATIONALITIES

78

OLDEST STUDENT

170

AVERAGE NO. OF
STUDENTS LOW
SEASON

228

AVERAGE NO. OF
STUDENTS PEAK
SEASON

AGE OF STUDENTS:

23%

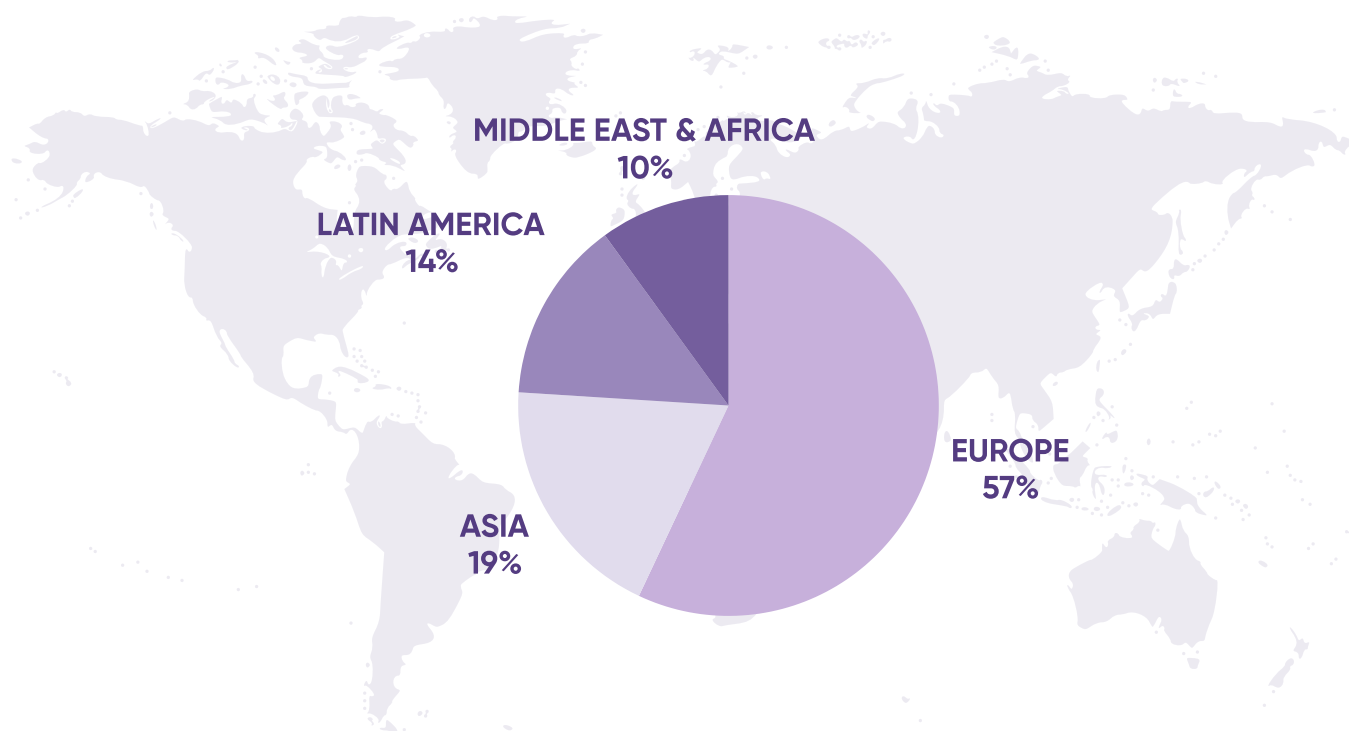
UNDER 18

56%

18-30

21%

30+



ANDRE



Brazil

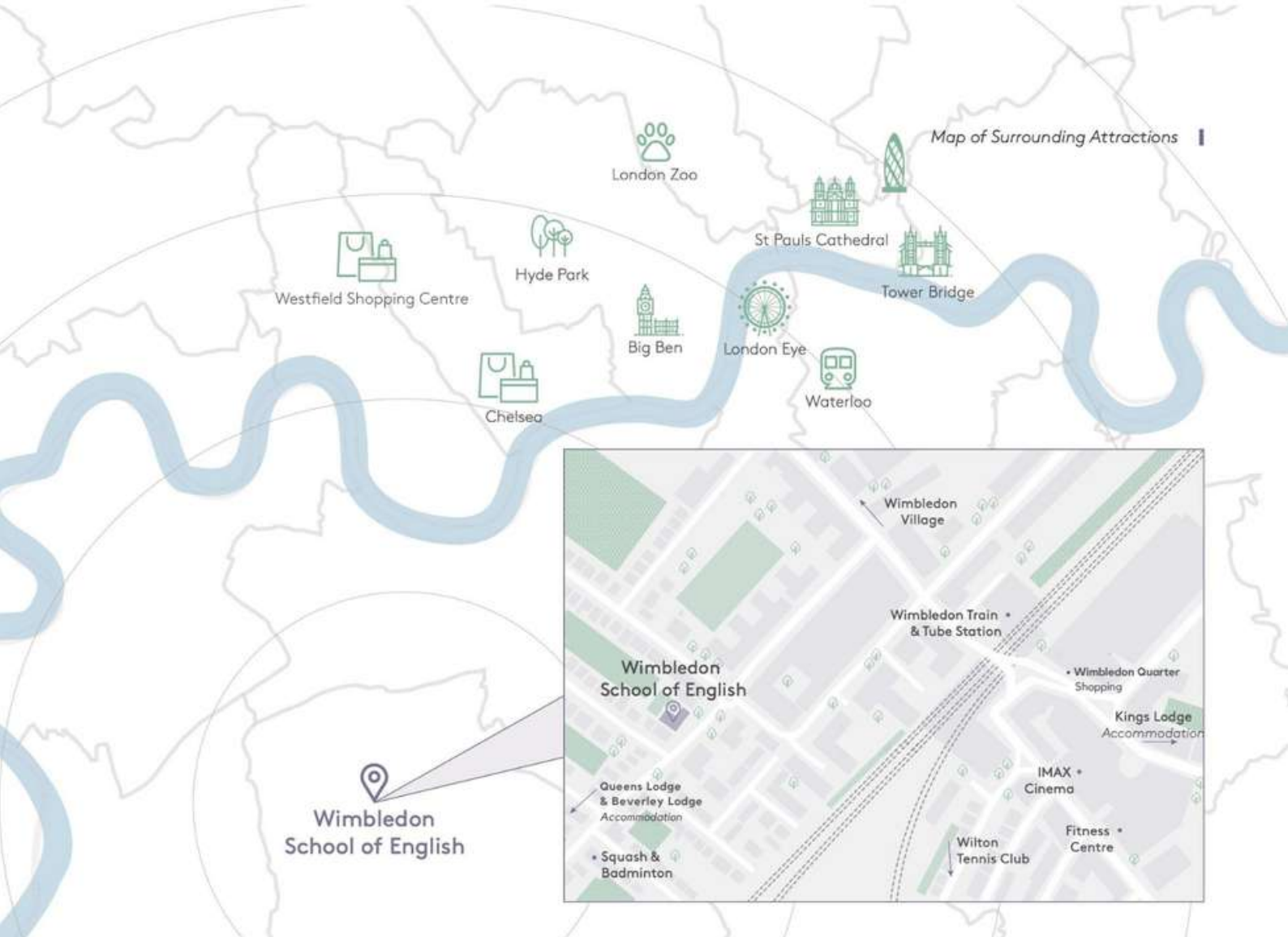


24 weeks



Academic Year Programme

"Four months ago I barely knew how to spell my name, let alone what the verb "to be" was. Today, I can communicate, understand the lessons and even write short texts. This experience is priceless."



25 minutes
Central
London



17 minutes
Waterloo
Station



25 minutes
Oxford
Circus



25 minutes
Notting
Hill



30 minutes
Westminster



50 km
Gatwick
Airport



42 km
Heathrow
Airport

Our School

Located in a beautiful Edwardian building, WSE combines traditional British architecture with modern facilities.

We also have a large garden at the rear of the building, which students can enjoy year round.

Choosing the right English language school can be very difficult but here are just a few reasons why WSE is widely regarded as one of the best English language schools in the UK*

Facilities

Wimbledon School of English



22 permanent classrooms
(extra available off-site during busy periods)



Smart technology throughout



Reading library



Large student lounge



Free magazines



Coffee shop



Student App



Beautiful garden



Microwaves



Piano



Study Centre with computers



Table tennis & table football



Wifi throughout

Students in class





Modern Facilities

We have fully equipped classrooms with advanced technology, ensuring an interactive and engaging learning experience.

Ideal Location

Our school is situated in Wimbledon, a peaceful and safe area of London, with easy access to all the city's attractions, including shops, restaurants, and public transport.



Learning Resources

The school provides different study materials, such as books at different levels and tips for using online resources. These help students learn at their own speed.

Common Areas

The school also provides spacious common areas for students to gather, relax, and interact, promoting a friendly and social atmosphere.





Cosy Coffee Shop



Our school has a friendly coffee shop where you can buy hot drinks, soft drinks, and tasty snacks. You can also make your own coffee using the Nespresso machine in the student common room.

Spacious Garden



We have a beautiful garden on the premises, providing a peaceful outdoor space where students can take breaks and enjoy fresh air in a calming environment.



Qualified Teachers



Our team of talented and dedicated teachers are committed to providing top-quality education, helping students achieve their language goals in a supportive environment.

Social Programme Activities



We offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities, including excursions and social events, that allow students to practise English in real-life situations while exploring British culture.



Our Approach

At WSE we don't only teach English, we prepare you, our students, for life in an international world by helping you to develop your 21st century skills. These skills have been identified as crucial to succeeding in academic study, business and life, and we incorporate these into every part of our programmes.

Our aim is to create a positive learning environment for you and we have a large team of dedicated and professional teachers who are committed to helping you achieve your language learning goals. We want to help you communicate effectively in real life situations, so all of our full-time courses combine on speaking, listening, reading, writing, grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation.

If you do not progress as quickly as you should, we are here to help. Outside the classroom, we offer free academic consultation, guided self-study and learning support. All we ask of you in return is that you attend all classes and complete the homework set by your teachers.

The WSE promise

- To help you make rapid progress
- To help you make the right academic choices for your future
- To ensure you are happy in your accommodation
- To help you enjoy your stay and explore London and the rest of the UK
- To make your experience at WSE one of the best times of your life



Students outside school

How we monitor your progress

- Entrance and exit tests
- Weekly progress tests
- Regular tutorials with your teacher
- End of level exams



Students in class



Common room



Students in garden



Students in garden



Students in common room



Student in class



Students in common room



Students in common room



Virtual Tour

Our Courses

Intensive, Standard & Essential English Courses



Intensive

24.5 hours per week

(Full-time Standard + 1 Option)



Standard

21 hours per week

(Full-time Standard, or Essential + 1 option)



Essential

17.5 hours per week

8

LEVELS: BEGINNER (A1)
TO PROFICIENCY (C2)

8

WEEKS: AVERAGE TIME TO
COMPLETE ONE LEVEL

Intensive course options

Communication Skills

Grammar and Writing

IELTS Exam Preparation (Academic) &
Academic Writing

Cambridge Examination Skills

Employment Skills

One-to-One & Two-to-One

Courses at a glance

Standard

- Beginners
- General English
- Cambridge English Examinations
- Business English & Professional Skills
- IELTS Preparation with Pre-Sessional Academic English
- Academic IELTS Express
- Essential + 1 option

Essential

- General English
- Essential Beginners

Intensive

- OET Preparation
- Standard + 1 option

Options

- Communication Skills
- Employment Skills
- Grammar & Writing
- IELTS Preparation (Academic) & Academic Writing
- Cambridge Examination Skills

Need rapid results?
Take an intensive course



Example Standard Programmes

Standard
General English

or

Essential
General English



Grammar &
Writing

Example Intensive Programmes

Standard
General English



Cambridge
Examination
Skills

or

Business
English



Communication
Skills

21st Century skills

All of our courses integrate 21st century skills development consisting of:



Academic Skills



Learner training



Well-being



Soft skills

Homework is important and will help you progress more quickly. Students should expect up to 2 hours per day.

Full list of English Courses

Beginners English

General English

Business English & Professional Skills

IELTS Preparation with Pre-Sessional
Academic English Preparation

IELTS Express Academic

30+ English for Life and Work

OET Preparation

50+ English & Culture: Experience London

Global Leaders

English for Specific Purposes

We also offer a number of English for Specific Purpose courses for closed groups or as one to one. These courses are tailor-made and available on demand. Areas we offer include:

Aviation

Military

Finance

Teaching

Journalism

Exam Preparation

Oil and Gas



Teacher in class



Teacher in class



Student in class

Exam courses at WSE

Taking an internationally recognised exam is a great way to prove your English language skills. You will study with others who share the same goal as you in an exam focussed group.

Full time exam courses

IELTS preparation

Cambridge English: B2 First (FCE)

Cambridge English: C1 Advanced (CAE)

Cambridge English: C2 Proficiency (CPE)

Occupational English Test (OET)

Proficiency exam classes include some C2 level students not taking the exam. At the end of all of our full-time exam preparation courses the exam can usually be taken in Wimbledon. This means you don't have to travel to an unfamiliar place to take the test.

WSE Supported Self Study*

Linguaskills

Cambridge B1 Preliminary (PET)

Cambridge C2 Proficiency (CPE)

iGSCE

TOLES: Test of Legal English Skills

*For WSE Supported Self Study courses you will receive a personalised study plan and will be expected to complete this in your own time.

Regular academic advice is available by appointment from our academic managers.



Students in Study Centre

WSE Accommodation

Feeling at home in your accommodation is key to your happiness and your academic success. We have a number of different options available, our dedicated accommodation manager works hard to meet your requirements. We manage all of our homestay and student house accommodation ourselves, so you can be assured of high standards at all times.

40%

within walking distance*

20

Minutes: Average journey time**

5

Minutes: Walk closest host**

35

Mins: Maximum journey time**

180

hosts

*average walking pace, up to 25 minutes ** During our peak season some journeys may take longer . We also have some Homestays in Zones 5 & 6, which is up to 45 mins away

YOUR OPTIONS



Homestay



Student house share



Hotel / B&B

Map of local area where homestay providers live



Student in homestay



Students in homestay accommodation



Students in homestay accommodation



HOMESTAY

Why homestay?

- Practise your English in real-life situations
- Experience a new way of life
- Evening meals with your host family if you take the half board option

Our homestay guarantee

- Your host will be welcoming, friendly and happy to talk to you*
- The home will be clean and comfortable and your room will be cleaned weekly
- You will be able to shower every day
- If you take the half-board option, you will be given a varied, balanced diet
- There will be no more than 4 students in the homestay
- Free WiFi will be available
- If you are unhappy with your accommodation, you will be moved as soon as possible
- Maximum journey time is 35 mins by bus or three stops on the underground/train. During our peak season some journeys may take longer or have more stops

*Independent and Breakfast Only options offer you less contact with your host.



Student in her room

Room Types

- + Standard homestay – shared bathroom
- ++ Standard plus – private bathroom
- +++ Superior – private bathroom + walking distance

Board Types



Breakfast & Dinner (16+)



Breakfast Only (18+)



Independent/Self-catering (18+)



Living room in student house share



Student in student house share



Living room in student house share



STUDENT HOUSE SHARE

Why student house share?

- Live with other WSE students
- Self-catering
- More independence
- International experience

Communal facilities

- Well-equipped kitchen
- Television*
- Lounge area
- Garden
- Wifi
- Washing machine / laundry room

Individual bedrooms

Bed, Desk, Chair, Wardrobe, Safety deposit box Private bathroom in some rooms

*Communal television in Superior House Share only



HOTELS AND B&Bs

Many of our executive students prefer to stay in hotel accommodation and there are several options within walking distance.

For a full list of hotels in Wimbledon, please visit:
www.wimbledon-school.ac.uk/accommodation/hotels



Kitchen in student house share

Our Social Programme

We want you to have fun, make friends, practise your English and enjoy all that England has to offer, so we organise an exciting and inclusive social programme.



Check out our Instagram for more photos of life at WSE
@wimbledonschoolofenglish
#MyWSE

SPORTS



Tennis



Football



Volleyball



Running Club



Zumba



Table Tennis

KEY

£ up to £10 ££ £20 to £50 £££ £50+



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Every weekday the school organises at least one social activity. Some are free while others have a cost.

For activities outside Wimbledon students will need to pay full travel costs.

Full day excursions* (weekends only)

- Oxford £££
- Cambridge £££
- Brighton £££
- Bath and Stonehenge £££
- Windsor and Eton £££
- Stratford upon Avon £££
- The Cotswolds £££

*Please note that full day excursions are usually organised by external providers and are not just for WSE students.

Free activities

- London's markets
- Conversation Club at WSE
- International student parties at WSE
- Art galleries
- Walking tours
- Museum Trips
- Quiz nights
- Fancy dress parties at WSE

Paid activities

- Theatre trips ££
- Boat parties
- Madame Tussauds ££
- London Eye ££
- Football matches ££
- River cruises ££
- Buckingham Palace ££
- Tower of London ££
- Tennis £



Students in garden



Students playing football



Students in garden



Students playing table tennis



Students playing tennis

EXAMPLE SOCIAL PROGRAMME

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Afternoon	16:00 Welcome Party	16:00 Afternoon Tea at The Ivy Café	16:00 Museum of London	16:00 5-a-side Football	16:00 Notting Hill Walking Tour	Full day excursion to Cambridge	Free to explore London
Evening				19:00 International Party			



Students in Wimbledon

Wimbledon The Perfect Location

Wimbledon is known throughout the world for the Tennis Championships held every summer, but there is much more to discover in this beautiful part of London.

WIMBLEDON IS KNOWN FOR



Education



Entertainment



Shopping



Green Space



Eating & Drinking



Sports & Fitness



Students at Wimbledon AELTC

Did you know?

- Wimbledon Village has been named as the 3rd best High Street in the country, and the highest rated in London, in a recent study (Wimbledon Village Business website March 2022)
- The Buddhapadipa temple, Wimbledon, was the first Thai temple to be built in the UK
- Wimbledon Common is one of the largest areas of common land in London
- Each year 234,000 meals, 330,000 cups of tea and coffee, 140,000 portions of English strawberries, 10,000 litres of cream and 29,000 bottles of champagne are served at the Wimbledon tennis championships
- The AELTC Wimbledon has its own Hawk called Rufus whose job is to scare away pigeons each morning from the tennis courts

THE BEST EXPERIENCE

WIMBLEDON



HYDE PARK



BUCKINGHAM PALACE



BIG BEN



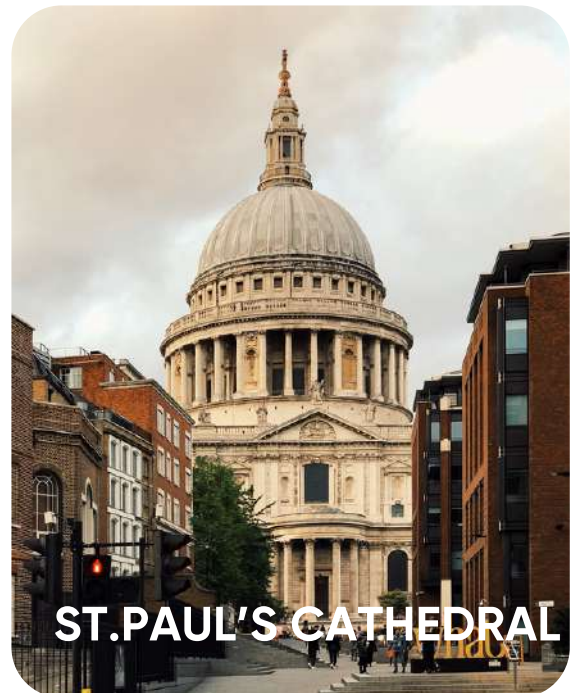
LONDON VIEW



TOWER BRIDGE



ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL



BRITISH MUSEUM





London is, and always will be, one of the most exciting cities in the world. It is a truly global city, which combines fascinating history with modern architecture and design. There is so much to do here, and Wimbledon is a great base for exploring our museums, galleries, monuments, restaurants and shops. With quick connections into the city centre, living in Wimbledon offers you all the advantages of London but none of the stress.



Students in London

Statistics

London



➤ **1000**

Museums and galleries

➤ **11,000**

Restaurants

➤ **17**

Professional football teams

➤ **157,000**

International Students

➤ **3,000 +**

Parks and open places

➤ **85**

Michelin-starred restaurants

➤ **18,500**

Theatre performances
each year



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MyWSE

See what our students
say about WSE



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