

Imperial College London

Garden & Weeks Hall
10-12 and 16-18 Princes Gardens
London SW7 1NE



Dear GW resident,

The Wardening team would like to congratulate you for joining Imperial College and welcome you to one of the friendliest, social and supportive Halls in the college. This letter introduces Garden & Weeks (GW) hall and the Wardening team and gives important information for your arrival.

GW Hall is run by a Wardening team of four: the warden is Dr João Cabral (lecturer in Chemical Engineering), the assistant warden is Dr Martyn McLachlan (Research Fellow, Materials) and the sub-wardens Eilly Jay (PhD student in Materials) and Marco Visentini Scarzanella (PhD student in Computing) and The hall supervisor is Vladimir Jarina who looks after all facilities. In addition, GW has nine Hall Seniors (second year residents) and a student-elected Hall Committee.

The Wardening team looks after your welfare, organises a busy programme of events, and makes sure everyone respects the (very reasonable) GW rules. You will get to know us well and should feel free to contact us about any concerns or problems, or just to have a chat. A member of the team is available every night from 7pm to 7am during the week and 24hrs during the weekend. We can be contacted by email at 'Garden and Weeks Hall Wardens' gw-wardens@imperial.ac.uk or by telephone on **+44 (0)7740 918619** (the 'duty mobile'), or **40901** from an Imperial phone.

GW houses 145 fresher students in two unique (grade II listed) buildings in South Kensington (SK), minutes from Imperial SK campus and next door to the Sports Centre. Weeks (64 students) is a building from the late 50's while Garden (81 students) is a row of Victorian houses from the 1850's. GW hall has single, double and triple rooms, and seven common rooms, sitting and study areas (equipped with flat screen TVs, two pianos, pool and table tennis), a computer room, even a student run café-bar "Bonkies" and a large back garden. GW has shared kitchens, with lockable cupboard and fridge space, and coin-operated laundries in the basement. Each resident has a telephone extension and internet connection to Imperial's network. Check our website for more information: www.union.ic.ac.uk/halls/gardenweeks (and Facebook link).

The addresses for Garden and Weeks are below:

<i>Your Name</i>	<i>Your Name</i>
Weeks Hall	Garden Hall
16-18 Prince's Gardens	10-12 Prince's Gardens
London	London
SW7 1NE	SW7 1NA

We have planned a fantastic fresher's week to welcome you to GW hall. Please arrive no later than **3pm on Saturday, October 3rd 2009**. You should be aware that parking outside the hall is very limited, and closely patrolled by Westminster Council! As such, you will only be able to park your car to unload (up to 15 min). You will however be issued a parking voucher for 2 hours and there are also paid parking facilities in the area.

You will receive your keys, telephone number and internet setup instructions upon arrival. You may want to bring your own bedding and cooking set or, alternatively (if you come from far away), you can purchase a set prior to your arrival. Please remember that you will only have a limited amount of storage space in your room, so don't bring too much stuff.

GW organises a plethora of events throughout the year from formal dinners, boat parties, paintball, table tennis/table football competitions, international food nights, roller disco to beach, Halloween and pyjama parties – and that's just for starters. We also have very successful hall sports teams, playing football and basketball. Each Sunday, the GW team organise a free breakfast from 11 am and DVD nights (with popcorn and ice cream). More details will be published on the GW hall website. The schedule for GW Fresher's week 2009-2010 is outlined below:

GW FRESHER'S WEEK

Saturday 3rd	Arrival, pizza dinner, Warden's welcome speech, and boat party on the Thames.
Sunday 4th	South Kensington Challenge (explore your new home!) followed by a BBQ in our garden & open air cinema.
Monday 5th (eve)	South Kensington pub crawl – alcoholic drinks optional
Tuesday 6th (eve)	Ice Skating and Bowling at Queensway
Wednesday 7th (eve)	Opening night of Bonkies café (free ice cream!) and evening quiz
Thursday 8th (eve)	Dinner in Chinatown, Clubbing in central London.
Friday 9th (eve)	Student Union trip – see www.union.ic.ac.uk for details
Saturday 10th	Camden market tour. (or relax... phone home!)
Sunday 11th	Deluxe free breakfast (Garden)

During November, we will take a day trip abroad to **Bruges in Belgium**. *Please obtain a travel visa for Belgium if you require one (arrange travel insurance) and contact us if you need a letter of support. More details are available here: www.vfs-be-uk.com*

This year Garden and Weeks hall is offering the block of discounted tickets for all events in advance for a reduced price of £30. Individual events can be booked later but at a higher price. We warmly encourage you to join us for all events and book your tickets in advance by sending us cheque payable to *Imperial College* to Dr J Cabral at the following address: Weeks Hall, 16-18 Princes Gardens, London, SW7 1NE and completing the slip below.

Travelling around London is a lot easier (and cheaper!) with an Oyster student photocard. You can apply online here: www.tfl.gov.uk/oyster

If you require any further information about Garden and Weeks, Fresher's events, or help then please don't hesitate to contact us or come and see us upon your arrival! We will make everything to ensure you will have a great (and academically productive) time in Garden & Weeks. We look forward to seeing you all on the 4th October!



The G&W Wardening team
(Joao, Martyn, Elly & Ross)



Dr **Joao** Cabral
(Warden)



Dr **Martyn** McLachlan
(Assistant Warden)



Elly Jay
(Subwarden)



Marco Visentini Scarzanella
(Subwarden)

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Advance booking form

If you would like to partake of our offer of advanced booking events for freshers' week, then please fill in the following form and send it back to Dr J. Cabral at the above address with a cheque payable to Imperial College (GW hall) Thank you and see you soon!

<i>Please tick</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Cost</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday 3 rd October	Boat Thames cruise party	£30
	Sunday 4 th October	BBQ garden + Open air cinema	
	Tuesday 6 th October	<input type="checkbox"/> Ice skating <i>or</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Bowling	
	Thursday 8 th October	Chinatown dinner	
	Friday 9 th October	Student Union Party (<i>Mingle</i>)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday 14 th November (<i>TBC</i>)	Day trip to Bruges - Includes coach & Ferry	£20

Total: £ _____



Name: _____

Department: _____

Vegetarian: Y / N

Email address for confirmation of receipt: _____