

Living at home FAQs

We know that moving to halls or away from home isn't always an option for all students. Maybe, like some of us, you are a mature student returning to higher education or a first timer wanting to save money – don't worry, you can still make the most of your time at university. We have put together this list of questions we had as new starters about living at home whilst studying at City.

Where and how will I meet new people?

Everyone's experience is different but there are plenty of opportunities to meet people during Welcome Week and beyond.

- On your course

Your course will arrange course specific sessions and activities to help you settle in and meet others on your course. Keep your eye on Moodle and your City emails to find out what is happening.

- During Welcome Week

The University also arranges two weeks of events to help new students mingle and find their feet. You'll get a Welcome Week guide which will give you the full rundown of events.

Consider signing up for a CityBuddy. CityBuddies are current students who dedicate time to helping new students settle in. You'll be matched with someone who is studying the same course as you and will be able to share their experience.

- Get involved

There are plenty of opportunities to get involved in the City community! Head to the [ExperienceCity](#) webpage, which connects you with opportunities to build your skill set, meet new people and give back. You'll find professional mentoring schemes, paid work such as the Widening Participation scheme and much more.

- Join a society

Why not join a society or sports club? There are plenty to choose from. Make sure you head to the Fresher's Fair to meet the students who run the clubs. You can sign up for as many as you like.

I have to commute in. Can I get any travel discounts?

There are a couple of travel discounts available to students studying on a full time course.

- 16-25 Railcard

You can apply for a railcard if you are studying full-time at a college or university for 15 hours or more a week for at least 20 weeks a year. Read the full eligibility criteria [here](#).

- Oyster card discounts

16+ and 18+ discounts are available for full time students. Mature students on a full time course are also eligible for the discount. Head to the [TfL website](#) for more information.

Studying at home is difficult. Where can I study on campus?

There are plenty of study spaces on the different university campuses. [The libraries](#) will have extended opening hours during exam season, so whether you're an early bird or a night owl you'll have a place to study.

There are also numerous open access study spaces with computers dotted around campus including:

- Student Common Room

This space is based in the walkway between College Building and University Building. It is great for group work and has sofas, tables and plenty of plug sockets to keep your devices charged.

- Tait Building

Level 1 in this building has an open access study room with desks great for independent and group working. If you continue into Tait building, just past the vending machines there are computers and printers that you can use at any time.

- Drysdale

Lower Ground and Ground Floor computers and study spaces. These spaces are a relatively new addition to the Northampton Square campus. You'll need your student card to access the space.

I'm a first-year student but didn't get a place in halls where can I find accommodation?

There's lots of private accommodation available in London – have a look at the University's guide for tips and advice on how to search for student housing in the private sector [here](#).