Self-guided tour of our Medicine and Dentistry campuses

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Self-guided tour

In 1995, St Bartholomew’s Hospital Medical College, established in 1843, and The London Hospital Medical College, England’s first medical school, founded in 1785, merged to form Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry. In the same year, this new medical college joined Queen Mary University of London.

This booklet will help you learn more about the faculty as you walk around our campuses. Most medical and dental related buildings are a short walk from each other at our Whitechapel, Charterhouse Square and West Smithfield campuses, which makes studying and living here convenient for all of our students. If you spot any students on your tour, please feel free to ask them any questions you may have. They’re always happy to help.
Established in 1785, The London Hospital Medical College became part of the University of London in 1900.

The motto on the Medical College entrance on the east (hospital) side is ‘Amare Lento Tempora Risu’ which translates as ‘Keep Smiling in Adversity’.

The Garrod Building has recently benefited from a major investment by Queen Mary. This exciting development includes social and study spaces for our students and is the new home of the students’ union in Whitechapel.

Inside there is a small pathology museum, with a collection of Victorian pathological specimens. This is where the remains of Joseph Merrick, known as the Elephant Man (who lived and died at the Royal London in the late 19th century) are kept. The Doniach Gallery is unfortunately not open to members of the public, but as a student here you may have the opportunity to visit.
The Students’ Union and its sub-division, Barts and The London Students’ Association (BLSA) has moved to the Garrod Building. The facilities include a café and bar, study and social space, fitness studio, multi-faith facilities and other activity spaces for medical, dental, and allied health students.

Barts and The London Students’ Association are the undisputed champions of RAG (Raising and Giving) week, raising more money than any other London medical or dental school. We are very proud of the RAG activities of our students who raise considerable amounts of money, which is distributed to local, national and international charities.

Please feel free to pop into the café and bar for a drink or a bite to eat on your visit.

For more information about the Students’ Union please visit qmsu.org/blsa

Blizard Institute

This is the jewel in the crown of the Whitechapel campus and the heart of our research activities. Designed by celebrated architect Will Alsop and completed in 2005, the award-winning Blizard houses the 400-seat Perrin lecture theatre, plus state-of-the-art research and office facilities.

In the basement of the Blizard, there is an area bigger than a football pitch with open lab benches. This open-plan arrangement allows for increased communication between researchers and the sharing of ideas and advice. The only sign of these labs above ground are the circles of small windows on the ground which allow sunlight to access.

The Blizard also houses the Centre of the Cell, a unique, award-winning, education facility, which aims to inspire young people to take an interest in science, to improve their scientific knowledge and to encourage them to consider becoming scientists and healthcare professionals. No other medical or dental school in the world has a facility like this which is open to members of the public. Following a £550,000 refurbishment, the centre recently re-launched with new, state-of-the-art interactive exhibits.

The Centre of the Cell aims to improve the lives of young people, inspire the next generation of scientists and raise educational attainment. With interactive talks like ‘Snot, Sick and Scabs’, which look at how the human body defends itself against unwanted microscopic organisms, young people love it.

We strongly recommend that you try to book a visit via centreofthecell.org
Floyer House is our on-site student residence at Whitechapel, although first year students may also be based in Barbican near the St Bartholomew’s Hospital, or in the Student Village on the Mile End Campus.

Situated within the Whitechapel campus ideally located close to The Royal London Hospital and Dental Hospital, these traditional style halls are excellent value for money whilst offering the following amenities, and many more.

- Utility bills included
- Room size variable to suit all budgets
- Single sex option available
- Communal garden
- All rooms are centrally heated and carpeted
- Internet connection in all rooms
- Washbasins in the majority of rooms
- Shared kitchen and bathrooms
- Cleaning service
- Launderette and ironing rooms
- Security patrols
- Residential Welfare Cover

For more information about our library facilities, visit qmul.ac.uk/library

Whitechapel Library

Previously a church, this impressive building houses the medical and dental library and has beautiful medically related stained glass windows.

The library has a good selection of medical and dental texts, with an extensive collection of journals for the most up-to-the-minute data. As well as books there are computer stations, with free internet and email. Students also have access to the Mile End and West Smithfield library facilities, as well as all libraries connected to the University of London.

You are able to have a look inside the library. Please let the staff on the front desk know that you are on a self-guided tour and would like to have a look. Please remember that this is a working library and you are required to be quiet at all times, so that library users are not disturbed. Thank you for your consideration.

Visit residences.qmul.ac.uk/college/qmaccommodation/whitechapel for more information and for virtual tours.
The Royal London Dental Hospital

Map reference C

There has been a Dental School at the Royal London since 1911. In the Spring of 2014, we moved into the new Dental School and Hospital, which houses some of the most modern and technologically advanced equipment in the UK.

We have a team approach to teaching, and as a dental student you will learn and train alongside trainee dental nurses, therapists and technicians. The new hospital boasts state-of-the-art facilities including haptics dental trainers and phantom heads to practise on. Please note that the Dental Institute is a working hospital (one of the many advantages of being a dental student at Queen Mary!) and you will not have access to many of the areas.

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The Royal London Hospital

Map reference A

The Hospital has undergone major redevelopment to transform the hospital from the original bricked building on Whitechapel Road to the tall blue building you see today. The majority of the work was completed in 2012, but works continues today, making this one of the UK’s most expensive public projects, valued at over £1billion. It is the largest new build hospital in Britain.

The new development has made The Royal London the largest trauma centre in Western Europe. The hospital also boasts the largest children’s hospitals in the UK, one of London’s busiest Accident and Emergency departments, and a whole host of other specialities. Our medical students undertake a large portion of their training here.

We are home to London’s Air Ambulance, the charity that delivers an advanced trauma team to critically injured people in London. The London’s Air Ambulance team regularly features on television.

To find out more about the essential work they do visit: londonsairambulance.org.uk

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Close to the Barbican and St. Paul’s Cathedral in the City of London, is the Charterhouse Square campus, which is home to the medical research facilities for three of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry’s specialist institutes: Barts Cancer Institute, William Harvey Research Institute, and Wolfson Institute of Population Health. The campus also houses teaching and study spaces for undergraduate and postgraduate students, a hall of residence and café, all built around a large, picturesque lawn.

Dawson Hall provides accommodation for more than 200 medicine and dentistry students right in the heart of London. It offers the perfect opportunity to live in central London at a reasonable rate and enjoy all that city life can offer with lots of options for shopping, entertainment and eating on your doorstep. It is also located close to St Bartholomew’s Hospital, where some medical teaching takes place and a short direct tube ride to our Whitechapel campus from nearby Barbican or Farringdon stations.

The Square is based around the Charterhouse, a heritage site with historic buildings dating back to medieval and Tudor times. A former monastery originally built in 1371, the site has served as a private mansion, boys’ school, and almshouse, which it remains to this day. It's possible to visit the Charterhouse museum, chapel and shop or book a guided tour of the buildings.

Visit qmul.ac.uk/residences/college/qmaccommodation/charterhouseq/ for more information and for virtual tour.

Please visit the Charterhouse website for more information: thecharterhouse.org/
West Smithfield campus map

Just a few minutes’ walk away from Charterhouse Square is our West Smithfield campus, home to St. Bartholomew’s Hospital, which gave Barts and The London the first half of its name.

Barts Hospital was founded in 1123 by Rahere and has provided continuous patient care on the same site for longer than any other hospital in England. The medical school has trained students since the eighteenth century and has always been at the forefront of medical education.

Our students’ learning is supported by access to world-class facilities, both for teaching and independent study including lecture theatres, seminar rooms, library and IT lab. This includes a purpose-built Clinical and Communications Skills Centre, which is one of the most advanced of its kind (and the first to be developed in the UK).

The West Smithfield campus is also home to the Pathology Museum. This historic building houses a collection of over 4,000 pathological specimens on display over 3 mezzanine levels of the Victorian museum. It was named one of CNN’s Ten Weirdest Medical Museums in the World due to its quirky, interesting events and desire to bring pathology alive. The museum is only open for special events and by appointment.

The Norman church founded by Rahere, now known as St Bartholomew the Great, and the hospital church, St Bartholomew the Less, are both close by and open to visitors. In addition, the campus is close to many historical sites including St. Paul’s Cathedral, London Wall, and the Guildhall and plenty of places to eat, drink and shop.
Other campuses and points of interest

Now you’ve seen most of what our main medical and dental campuses have to offer, we thought you may like to visit our other facilities, and stop by some local attractions.

Queen Mary University of London, Mile End Campus

Closest Tube Stop: Mile End
Postcode: E1 4NS

Just a mile up the road from our Whitechapel campus, the largest Queen Mary campus sits in the centre of Mile End. Here you will find an onsite gym, more student facilities, and a variety of eateries. As a student here, you would have access to all facilities here, as well as The Turnbull Centre; a fully equipped anatomy and physiology teaching and learning facility where students learn the art of dissection. Some of our postgraduate students are also taught at Mile End.

Lynton House campus

Closest Tube Stop: Ilford
Postcode: IG1 1NY

Opened in 2023, Lynton House in Ilford provides a dedicated space for medical teaching, where medicine students can learn in a classroom and mock ward environment. It features virtual reality simulation teaching, mock wards for practical training, seminar rooms, study and social spaces to enable students to develop essential clinical, communication and collaboration skills.

Watch our video to find out more: youtube.com/watch?v=qdGB0LykEiM

Malta campus

Closest Airport: Malta International

We launched our new medical school on the Maltese island of Gozo with a state-of-the-art campus opened in 2019, situated on the grounds of Gozo General Hospital. It features facilities including a clinical simulation centre, anatomy centre, communication skills suite, teaching rooms, library, study and social spaces.

Brick Lane and Spitalfields Market

Closest Tube Stop: Aldgate East
Postcode: E1 6QL

A 15 minute walk from Whitechapel will find you in the iconic Brick Lane and Spitafields, which epitomises the East End culture. The area is extremely popular with London’s artistic crowd, and is a popular place for our students to visit. There are restaurants, markets and festivals all a stone’s throw away from the Whitechapel campus.

Whitechapel Gallery

Closest Tube Stop: Aldgate East
Postcode: E1 7QX

Whilst you’re in Whitechapel, you may wish to visit Whitechapel Gallery which offers free entry to the public. Founded in 1901, Whitechapel Gallery is internationally renowned for its exhibitions of modern and contemporary art and has exhibited the art from some of the world’s most famous artists.
Thank you for taking the time to visit us. We hope you enjoyed your day. Please do not hesitate to contact us again if you have any questions regarding the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, or our programmes:

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