Self-guided tour of Whitechapel campus

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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 school as you walk around the Whitechapel campus. All medical and dental related buildings are a short walk from each other 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’.

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 Royal London Dental Hospital

Map reference C

There has been a Dental School at the Royal London since 1911. From the 1960s the Dental hospital was located next to the Students’ Union (Map reference 3), but moved to the new site in 2014.

We have a team approach to teaching, and as a dental student you will be expected to learn and train alongside trainee dental nurses, therapists and technicians. The new hospital boasts state-of-the-art facilities including 72 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 £1 billion. 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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Student residences
Floyer House

Map reference 10

Floyer House is our on-site student residence, 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

Visit residences.qmul.ac.uk/college/qmaccommodation/whitechapel for more information and for virtual tours.

Library and the Royal London Museum

Map reference 2

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.

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

The Royal London Museum is next door to the library and is well worth a look when it is open to the public. It provides an excellent overview of the history of the hospital and healthcare in the East End.

Please see the museum’s website for further information: bartshealth.nhs.uk/rlhmuseum

Whitechapel Library
opening hours:
Monday to Sunday
8.00am-3.00am
**Students’ Union**

Map reference 3

This is the main building for our medical and dental students’ clubs, societies and social facilities and has recently undergone a £1m refurbishment. It contains a bar, café, shop, exercise, social and study spaces and a multi-faith room. The Students’ Union also houses the Barts and The London Student Association officers (president, welfare, entertainments, external relations, etc).

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 Griff Inn at the Students’ Union for a drink or a bite to eat on your visit.

For more information about Barts and The London Students’ Association, see qmsu.org/blsa

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**Blizard Institute**

Map reference 6

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 basement.

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.

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
Queen Mary University of London, Mile End Campus

**Closest Tube Stop:** Mile End  
**Postcode:** E1 4NS

Just a mile up Whitechapel Road, the main campus for Queen Mary 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.

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.

Brick Lane and Spitalfields Market

**Closest Tube Stop:** Aldgate East  
**Postcode:** E1 6QL

A 15 minute walk 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.

The Charterhouse Square and West Smithfield Campus

**Closest Tube Stop:** Barbican  
**Postcode:** EC1M 6BQ

Close to the Barbican in the City of London, is the Charterhouse Square campus, which is home to three of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry’s research institutes:

- Barts Cancer Institute
- William Harvey Research Institute
- The Wolfson Institute of Population Health

As well as research, students can live in Dawson Hall if they would prefer to be closer to central London. Just a few minutes’ walk away is our West Smithfield campus which is home to St Bartholomew’s Hospital which gave Barts and The London the first half of its name.
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 Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, or our programmes:

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