

English National Ballet School

Guide to Accommodation 2024-2025



This guide is designed to provide prospective students of English National Ballet School with information on suitable accommodation options available in London. We hope that you will find the information useful.

Whilst securing accommodation is the responsibility of the student, parent, or guardian, we are available to support students settling into their new surroundings.

English National Ballet School provides tuition on a Monday to Saturday basis. Many new students will be under the age of 18 and so we highly recommend that students live in homestays, private halls of residence or hostels in their first year. Please do not hesitate to contact the Student Support and Welfare Officer at the School if you have any questions.

Living in London

English National Ballet School is situated on the border of Chelsea and Fulham and is part of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea in the southwest of London. There are many public transport options in London. Students have the choice to travel by underground, bus, train and of course on foot.

Many students living in hostels and homestays move to private rented accommodation with their friends in their second and third year, once they have become more familiar with London and English National Ballet School. Location and price are deciding factors when choosing accommodation. Accommodation within walking distance of the School can be expensive for many students and so it is normal for students to live a short bus or tube ride away from the School.



Hostels

Hostels are a great option for students to live amongst their peers whilst integrating into the School and their training, but also London life and a new home. Please refer to individual websites for further, more detailed information.

Hostel accommodation is often provided by charitable and not-for-profit organisations. Accommodation usually consists of shared dormitory or twin rooms however some offer private rooms. Bathrooms are normally shared between residents.

Hostels may have their own rules that residents must abide by and certain limitations such as bans on alcohol and some restrictions on visitors. English National Ballet School have established close working relationships with several hostels which is why we have listed them below. Students often benefit from the guidance and support of hostel living whilst also enjoying the social aspect with their peers which forms part of the experience.

We are aware that some students may not be able to return home for the holidays. Please check with hostels whether they stay open through holiday periods as you may need an alternative for that period.

New Orient House approximately 30-minute walk or 15-minute bus

Imperial Road, London, SW6 2EP

020 3978 7882

<https://www.thisisfresh.com/london/new-orient-house>

Age: From 16 years+

Lightfoot Hall approximately 20-minute walk or 10-minute bus

Manresa Road, London SW3 6NA

020 3608 8992

<https://wearehomesforstudents.com/student-accommodation/london/chelsea-lightfoot-hall>

Age: From 16 years+ mixed

Homes for Students also has other locations around London.

William Temple House approximately 20-minute walk or 10-minute bus

29 Trebovir Road, London SW5 9NO

020 7373 6962

www.williamtemplehouse.co.uk

Age: From 18 years+ mixed

Holland House approximately 30-minute bus

53 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1PG

020 7834 9104

www.lhalondon.com

Age: From 16 years+ mixed

New Mansion House approximately 45-minute tube

38 Lancaster Gate, London W2 3NA

020 3911 5648

www.lhalondon.com

Age: From 16 years+ mixed

Institute of St. Marcellina's approximately 30-minute train

Hampstead Tower, 6 Ellerdale Rd, London NW3 6BD

<https://www.stmarcellina.org.uk/>

Age: From 16 years+ female students only

Contact: stmarcellina.london@gmail.com

Homestay Accommodation

Homestay accommodation is a good choice for many students. Some families in London allow students to stay with them in their homes while they study, and this can be a good way to get to know the city while feeling as though you are living 'home from home'. Some good sites to explore are listed below.

<https://www.hosts-international.com/under-18s/>

<http://www.ukquests.co.uk/our-host-families.php>

For details of homestays used by current students please contact enrolment@enbschool.org.uk for more information.

What to do and When

If you are offered a place at English National Ballet School, it is highly advisable to begin to look for appropriate accommodation as soon as possible, as there can be a lot of competition for available spaces in a large cosmopolitan city like London. It is useful to think about factors such as price, location, whether meals are included, laundry, internet, bills, and what sort of atmosphere is preferred. The School is here to help, but it is good to remember that the earlier accommodation is organised the sooner the focus can be on the excitement of joining the School and starting life as a young pre-professional dancer.

A helpful website for travel costs is Transport for London (TFL), which offers information about overland trains, underground and DLR services as well as information on Oyster cards which are the most cost-effective way to travel around London, see: <http://www.tfl.gov.uk/>.

It is good to consider the cost of travel when working out a monthly budget. London is an accessible city with various forms of transport which are a great way to familiarise yourself with the city.