

UCL Sutton Scholars Summer School: London: Past, Present and Future

Monday 11 to Wednesday 13 August 2014

Information for Year 8 Sutton Scholars and their families

What will we be doing?

We are developing an academic programme on the theme 'London: Past, Present and Future'. There will be talks and workshops by UCL academics on a range of subjects, including history, literature, geography and architecture. It will be similar to the interactive, interdisciplinary style of learning you have experienced on the Discovery Days. We will also offer information and advice for you as you start Year 9 and begin to prepare for GCSEs.

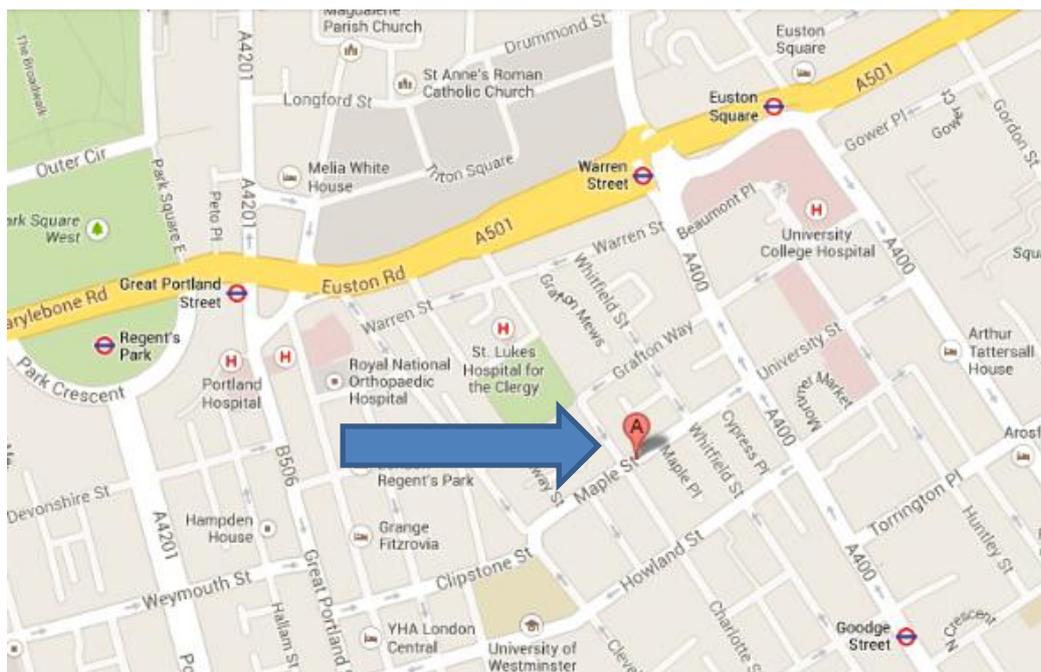
The programme will also include an offsite visit to the Shard, and some evening activities such as a cinema or theatre visit and team games. There is no extra charge for any of these activities: everything on the Summer School including meals and travel is free. The final details of the programme will be confirmed nearer to the time.

We will also ask you to complete some end of programme evaluation testing during the Summer School, and will set a final writing competition on the last day.

Travel cards will be posted to all participants in advance so that you can get to and from UCL. There will also be a celebration ceremony on the Wednesday afternoon, and parents and families are welcome to attend.

Where will I stay?

All Year 8 Sutton Scholars and UCL staff working on the Summer School will be staying in UCL Ramsay Hall on the Monday and Tuesday nights. This is a student hall of residence, on Maple Street, a short walk from UCL's Bloomsbury campus.



The hall has the following facilities:

- Common rooms (computer cluster room, TV room, library, music room, games room)
- Computer data point

Ramsay Hall is a short walk away from Tottenham Court Road, where there is a variety of shops and cafes. There are also some newsagents nearby, as well as several shops and cafes on the UCL campus.

Who will I be living with?

You will have your own single room, and will share a bathroom with other Year 8 students and UCL staff on your corridor. Your corridor will be single-sex (either girls or boys), and there will be UCL staff of the same gender staying on the same corridor to supervise the Year 8 students. You will be supervised by UCL staff during all activities and trips, and there will also be staff near to you during the night in case you need them. Year 8 students will be divided into small groups of five and will have an assigned UCL Sutton Mentor who will look after you all throughout the programme.

Whilst we will keep all of the Sutton Scholars and staff living near to each other, the halls of residence are large so there will be students from other summer schools, UCL students and conference guests living in the same building. We expect you to behave respectfully towards everyone staying in the halls at the same time as you.

Can I stay in a room next to my friend?

If you have a friend on the Summer School and want to be on the same corridor as them, please email us and we will try to accommodate it, although we can't promise that it will be possible.

Can I bring my brother, sister or friend from home?

No, we are afraid that the Summer School is only open to Year 8 pupils who have participated in the UCL Sutton Scholars programme this year.

What will we do in the evenings?

There will be activities planned in the evening for all participants. These may include cinema, theatre visits or team games.

There will be a fixed bedtime for the summer school and we will expect you to respect this. You will be busy during the day so it's important that you get enough sleep at night!

Can I attend the summer school and not stay overnight?

The summer school is a residential and this means that participants will be expected to stay overnight in Ramsay Hall. Once we return to the hall for the night, students must remain in the building until the following morning.

If you want to attend but are unable to stay over or your parents or guardians do not want you to stay, we can arrange for you to register on Monday Tuesday and Wednesday mornings as day visitor. Please email us and we will arrange the details with you individually.

What if I get homesick?

Being away from home can be difficult and it's understandable if you miss friends or family. All the UCL staff and mentors are there to look after you, so please talk to any of us if you have any worries and we will help you. We will do our best to make sure that everyone enjoys the summer school, and there will be lots of activities and events so time will pass very quickly!

What if I want to phone home?

You are welcome to bring your mobile phone with you and call home in the breaks between lessons and in the evening. We can also arrange for you to call home if you do not have a mobile phone – just ask a member of staff and they will let you use the UCL mobile.

Will there be WiFi or internet access?

The rooms in Ramsay Hall do not have WiFi, but there is WiFi in the reception area which you are welcome to use if your laptop or phone is WiFi-enabled. There is also a computer cluster which you will be able to use.

What happens if I am ill?

We will have trained first aiders as part of our staff team. UCL also has an on-campus doctors' surgery, which has a walk-in service that runs all day.

If you feel ill at any point during the summer school, please tell a member of staff straight away so that we can ensure you are looked after and that your parents or guardians are informed. Please also tell us about any health issues you have in the enrolment form.

Will food be provided?

Yes, all meals will be provided by UCL. You will eat breakfast and your evening meal in Ramsay Hall. This will include the option of a full English or continental breakfast in the morning, and a three course dinner in the evening.

Breakfast will be served between 7 - 9 am on each day of the summer school. Dinner will be served at from 5 - 7 pm. At the start of the summer school we will explain exactly how, when and where to meet for meals.

You will have lunch in one of the UCL buildings on campus. This location may change day-to-day, so we will show you where to go. We will also arrange refreshments to accompany the daytime sessions. If you wish to buy extra snacks, there are several shops and cafes on campus which you can access easily and your mentor will escort you there.

What if I have special dietary requirements?

We keep all of your dietary requirements on record in our Sutton Scholars database, so if you have already informed us, you don't need to worry – we will accommodate these and make sure you have something to eat! There will be vegetarian options at every meal.

If you do have dietary requirements and you have not informed us, or if your requirements have changed, please let us know as soon as possible (scholars@ucl.ac.uk) so that we can take this into account.

What will be provided and what do I need to bring with me?

Bedding and a towel will be provided in each of the rooms, and there will be some space to put away your clothes. Each room also has a washbasin.

You should pack:

- Enough clothes for three days – there is no dress code so just bring something suitable and which you feel comfortable in!
- A warm jumper in case it is cold (it might be August, but it's still London!)
- A waterproof coat or rain jacket
- Comfortable shoes as you will be walking around the UCL campus during the day
- Pyjamas
- Toiletries (shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste, toothbrush, hairbrush, deodorant and any other items you may need). You may wish to bring a spare towel or a small one for drying your hair.
- Any regular medication you may take
- Mobile phone, if you wish
- Pen, pencil and notepad
- If you wish, some pocket money to buy snacks or drinks in the on-campus shops

Please remember that UCL cannot take responsibility for any items you bring to the summer school. We encourage you not to bring valuable items or large amounts of money to prevent loss or damage. Whilst the halls of residence are secure, it is still your responsibility to lock the door of your room every time you leave it.