



Got more questions? This page answers some of the questions you may still have regarding our Summer School and your time in London

What is the best way to get from Heathrow Airport to LSE Bankside House?

You have several options to get from Heathrow Airport to LSE Bankside House. One of the most convenient is the public transportation service known as the [Heathrow Express](#). This train will take you directly from the airport to Paddington Station, where you can then take the underground to Southwark, Blackfriars or Borough or Bridge stations close to LSE Bankside House. Another option is to take the Elizabeth line from the airport and change at Bond Street to the Jubilee line, which will take you to London Bridge Station near LSE Bankside House. You can also consider taking a taxi or using transportation services like Uber. Apps like [Citymapper](#) show you the route and the cost of your journey.

What is the best way to get from LSE Bankside House to the London School of Economics?

LSE Bankside House is within walking distance of the London School of Economics (LSE). You can walk to LSE in approximately 25-30 minutes, enjoying the ambience of London along the way. Alternatively, you can use public transportation underground from Blackfriars, Southwark or Borough to Holborn or Temple stations near LSE. Another option is to take the bus, and several bus lines connect the area with LSE. Check specific routes and schedules on the Transport for London website or CityMapper.

What should I pack for my trip to London?

London weather can be unpredictable, but in the last years, in the summer, it has been particularly hot, with summer 2023 reaching temperatures up to 40 degrees centigrade, and 2024 is expected to be hotter. So, [it's a good idea to pack layers and prepare for rain and sunshine](#). Bring comfortable walking shoes, waterproof jackets, or an umbrella, and adapt your clothing to the season. Remember essential items like travel adapters for your electronics.

How can I stay connected to the internet during my stay in London?

There are several options for staying connected to the internet in London. You can use public Wi-Fi in many locations, such as cafes, restaurants, and public spaces, or consider getting a prepaid SIM card or a portable Wi-Fi device to use with your device. LSE campus and Bankside House will have Wi-fi facilities to be used on the premises.

Can I use public transportation to explore attractions outside of London?

Yes, London has an extensive public transportation network, including trains, buses, and coaches, that can take you to attractions outside the city. Options like the [National Rail Service](#) or coaches from [Victoria Coach Station](#) can be used to explore nearby towns and attractions.

Are there any student discounts available for attractions or activities in London?

Yes, many attractions and activities in [London offer discounted](#) rates for students. Bring your student ID card and inquire about student discounts when purchasing tickets or visiting attractions. It's always good to ask and take advantage of any available discounts.

Can I use my credit/debit card?

The local currency in London is the British Pound (GBP). Credit and debit cards are widely accepted in most establishments, including shops, restaurants, and transportation. Travelling throughout London without carrying cash is possible because most vendors accept contactless payments; however, it's advisable to carry some cash for smaller vendors or situations where cards may not be accepted.

Do I need to exchange money at the airport or what is the best way to pay in shops in London?

In London, most shops accept credit and debit cards, so exchanging cash is optional. You can use your card to make payments at stores, restaurants, and other establishments. It is advisable to notify your bank about your trip to avoid any security blocks on your cards when making transactions abroad. However, it is always useful to have cash in British pounds when cards are not accepted or for small payments in smaller establishments. You can exchange money at Heathrow Airport at currency exchange bureaus, at the post office or use ATMs to withdraw cash. The closest Post Office to LSE is 95 Crompton House, Aldwych, London, WC2B 4JF.

How do I use public bicycles in London? How do I use public scooters in London?

In London, the public bicycle system is called "[Santander Cycles](#)." You must first register on the official website or mobile app to use them. Once registered, you can unlock a bicycle at any available docking station using a code or a cycle hire card. Then, follow the instructions to adjust the bicycle to your size and start pedalling. To return the bicycle, you must return it to a docking station and secure it to one of the available docks.

As for public scooters, shared electric scooter rental services have been implemented in London. To use them, you need to download the app of the scooter company operating in the city and register. Once registered, you can see the available scooters in the area and unlock one by scanning the QR code on the scooter with the app. Follow traffic rules and safety guidelines when using these scooters on public roads.

Remember, these FAQs are meant to provide general guidance, and it's important to check specific details and requirements for your individual circumstances.