

Bernard Sunley Hall

As one of the smallest halls in Imperial in terms of population, Bernard Sunley Hall is well maintained and very cosy. Walls are painted in warm colours with bright warm lighting all around, making your room feel like home! Most of the rooms here are doubles (that come with sinks in the room for washing up) and are really spacious! The double rooms here are probably the biggest you can find within Imperial accommodation. My room is 5m by 7m and has a high ceiling and is arguably one of the largest double rooms in any hall (i.e. great for stayovers)! We are one of the rare halls where each person has a personal safe (useful for locking up important documents, such as your passport). The kitchens are extremely big with two stoves, giving sufficient space for about 10 people to eat and cook at the same time, with a ratio of about 13 active users to one kitchen. This makes for great socializing and cooking group fun! Each person is given a personal fridge compartment, a freezer cage which can be locked and a spacious 3 tiered cabinet to keep your food and utensils. Residents therefore have had no need to label their food with their names and keep them in plastic bags! All showers and washrooms are shared in a ratio of about 1 to 3 and you probably never ever have to wait for your turn to shower.

The five guys who stayed here this year developed a nearly romantic relationship with the foosball and pool table here (which are both free!). There is also a huge LCD TV in the common room if you are itching to watch movies or play your console games (on someone else's console though!). Washing machines and driers are located in the basement and there's even a bathtub for those who like lazing around on weekends!

The wardening team organizes events all year round and there are weekly free breakfasts on Sundays. These events range from movie nights in the common room, to subsidised musicals and even weekend trips out of London. The events are pretty much the choice of the residents. The wardening team has termly meetings with the residents to gather feedback for events they would like to have. Our warden is an extremely fair and understanding lady, with whom we (Singaporeans) have built a good relationship. This gives us the extra convenience in readily getting permission to have a party over at BSH.

As a bonus, Bernard Sunley Hall houses the Evelyn Gardens Hall Office, which means that you can collect your parcels (from e-Bay, Amazon, etc.) without walking out of the hall! Housekeeping for the Imperial Halls in the area is also based within the hall, and hence the efficient services and amenities. Spoilt heaters/choked toilets (hardly any though) are almost always repaired within a day. Affordable guest rooms are also available should your friends drop by for a visit.

Bernard Sunley Hall is located in Evelyn Gardens, a nice and posh area, just a 15-20 minute walk away from school (depending on where your faculty is). People living within this estate are well-to-do (Ferraris and Porches are commonplace) and it is certainly a very safe and pleasant environment to live in. You will be well connected with Gloucester Road Tube Station - a short 8 minute walk away. It takes 2 minutes to get to the bus stop and the buses here go to Chinatown and Oxford

Street (read: shopping paradise). Local Sainsbury's (UK's version of NTUC express), Marks and Spencers' Food and Cineworld are just a 30 seconds' sprint away! With studentbeans.com's 2-for-1 Cineworld vouchers, living in Evelyn Gardens makes taking advantage of movies (at just £3.35!) so much easier.

To sum it up, you should definitely look out for this hall if you do not mind:

- A double room (trust me, its huge!)
- Paying a little more than Fisher Hall in exchange for excellent living conditions (we pay £102 per week, it's worth it!)
- The short 15-20 min walk to school. (the walk in 10 deg C is much more enjoyable than you think. Two words summarises the morning walk: No Sweat.)

And if you want:

- Huge, comfortable rooms
- Nice kitchens and compartmentalised personal fridges
- FREE foosball and pool
- A great hall!