

Holbein and Willis Jackson Hall

1. Introduction

Willis Jackson Hall and Holbein Hall are 2 of the 5 halls of residences in Evelyn Gardens. Both Holbein and Willis Jackson halls have been refurbished a few years ago, so facilities are relatively newer compared to that of Fisher hall. Though both halls share the same wardening team, the room prices of Holbein are cheaper than those of Willis Jackson. This is due to the fact that all general facilities, which include the common room, mail room and laundry room, are located in Willis Jackson. This is a major disadvantage for Holbein residents as they will have to do their laundry next door. One thing to note is that Holbein and Willis Jackson are not connected though residents can access the both halls with their swipe cards.

2. Distance from Campus

As all of you might have noticed, the halls in Evelyn Gardens are approximately 15-20 minutes walking distance away from Imperial College unlike those in Princes Gardens. If you are one of those who do not mind waking up a little earlier and walking to school, staying in Evelyn Gardens can be quite enjoyable for its peace.

3. Rooms & Facilities

If you do not mind the hassle of walking out and entering Willis Jackson to do your laundry, Holbein is quite a conducive place to stay in. All rooms are non en-suite but are equipped with washbasins. Bathrooms and kitchens are usually shared between 4 to 5 people and since Holbein has a smaller resident population compared to the other halls, it is less noisy. The hall is also split into separate buildings and as such each floor is only occupied by about 8 people.

If you prefer the convenience of having facilities in your own hall, I suggest taking a more serious look at Willis Jackson. There is a table football table and pool table, which are both free for use, in Willis Jackson. The whole hall is also interconnected and as such each floor houses about 15 people living in one long corridor. This can have perks and drawbacks. You will get to mix around with more residents, but this also means that it can get quite rowdy at times.

4. Warden & Team

The wardening team of Willis Jackson and Holbein is very friendly and frequently organises events for the residents. These include trips to Paris, a Christmas Ball, potlucks and outdoor BBQs, cake baking competitions and outings to catch musicals.