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FRESHERS' EVENTS

Look out for these upcoming freshers events to kick off your UCL experience.

Fresher's Volunteering

Give back in our freshers' volunteering session. After, meet your fellow volunteers and UCL freshers at our social event.



21st Aug, 4pm



Kowloon Community Centre

London 4U ft. QM Induction

Get to know other freshers from UCL and other London universities. We will also be sharing useful tips for studying in London.



2nd Sept, 2-5pm



The Wave, Kwun Tong

London Foodie Tour

Walk around the area and we'll



2nd Sept, 2-5pm



The Wave, Kwun Tong

UCL Fresher's Fair

Walk around and find out about the over 250 clubs and societies at UCL, the interests you can explore, and how to get involved.



30th Sept - 1 Oct
10am - 4:30pm



UCL Main Quad

CiPS

Join our mentorship scheme for the support and guidance of an upper year student in your adjustment to university life.



5th Oct, 7pm



TBA



BANKING

You can set up a bank account in Hong Kong or when you arrive in London.

RECOMMENDED BANKS:



ALL THE ABOVE PROVIDE:

FREE BASIC ACCOUNT + DEBIT CARD + ONLINE BANKING

FOR CROSS BORDER TRANSACTIONS - can be set up in Hong Kong or the UK

HSBC PREMIER ACCOUNT

- Maintain a minimum balance of HKD1,000,000

BEA SUPREME GOLD ACCOUNT

- Average daily relationship balance of HKD500,000 or above
- Average daily investment balance of HKD300,000 or above

TO SET UP IN LONDON

HSBC

BASIC ACCOUNT

Proof of Identity

- E.g. current passport + visa, valid identity card

Proof of Address

- Letter from university
- UK Correspondence Address

STUDENT ACCOUNT

Eligibility

- Aged 18 or above
- UK resident for at least the last 3 years
- No student account elsewhere
- Full time qualifying course at a UK university

Proof of College Acceptance

- Proof of unconditional acceptance
- E.g. UCAS letter or letter from your university

Proof of Identity + Address

- E.g. current passport + visa, valid identity card
- Letter from university
- UK Correspondence Address

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1 | 2 | 3 STUDENT ACCOUNT

Proof of Identity

- Current passport with visa (if needed)

Proof of Address

- Printout of digital UCAS AS12 letter
- Enrolment letter (preferred)
- Student ID card (preferred)
- A letter of introduction for UK banking facilities from the university

BARCLAYS

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ACCOUNT

Eligibility

- Aged 18 or above
- Studying in the UK for 2+ years

Proof of Address

- UK bank statement
- Utility bill
- Proof of student status

Proof of Identity (any one)

- Full and current passport
- Current photocard driving licence
- A non-UK national photo ID card



NATWEST

STANDARD CURRENT ACCOUNT

Proof of Identity

- Current passport with visa (if needed)

Proof of Address

- UK bank statement
- Utility bill
- Proof of student status



LLOYDS

CLASSIC ACCOUNT

Eligibility

- Aged 18 or above

Documents Required

- Current passport and visa (if needed)
- Enrolment letter

STUDENT ACCOUNT

Eligibility

- Aged 17 or above
- UK resident for at least 3 years
- Full time qualifying course at a UK university

APPLYING FOR A VISA

The earliest you can apply for a visa is **three months** before the start of your course. It costs **£335** to apply for a visa outside the UK.

DOCUMENTS YOU MUST PROVIDE:

- a current passport or other valid travel documentation
- proof that you can support yourself and pay for your course - this will vary depending on your circumstances
- proof of parental or legal guardian consent if you're under 18
- proof of your relationship with your parent or guardian
- your tuberculosis test results if you're from a country where you have to take the test

APPLYING OUTSIDE THE UK:

- Apply online: Tier 4 (General) student visa
- Visit the visa application centre to have your fingerprints and photo taken
- Receive your documents by collection or post, visa application processing usually takes within 10 days
- Check if 'Pol Reg' appears on your visa, if it does, you will have to register with the police within seven days of entering the UK
- Collect your Biometric Residences Permit at the place you selected, which for most of you would be UCL

TUBERCULOSIS TEST:

- Make an appointment in one of the approved test clinics
- Make sure you bring:
 - proof of identification, which contains your photograph, such as your passport
 - the tuberculosis test fee
 - details of your previous screening and, if possible, your medical notes and x-ray results only if you have had tuberculosis in the past or have any other lung disease

REGISTERING WITH THE POLICE

If you need to register, you must go to the police within **7 days** of arriving in the UK.

1

COMPLETE THE OCR REGISTRATION PROFORMA FOUND ONLINE.

2

VISIT THE OVERSEAS VISITORS RECORD OFFICE.

Submit the following documents and pay the **£34 registration fee**:

- 2 recent passport size colour photographs
- Your passport
- Your visa 'vignette' (sticker in your passport), if you applied outside the UK
- The letter you got from the Home Office when your application was approved, if you applied inside the UK
- Your Biometric Residences Permit

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AFTER YOU REGISTER: KEEP THE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WHILE YOUR VISA LASTS.

Keep the registration certificate so you can:

- Prove that you've registered with the police
- Tell the police if your details have changed
- Return to the UK if you travel
- Apply for a longer stay in the UK

ACCOMMODATION - PLAN B

Whether you missed the deadline or UCL rejected your first round application, here are some other accommodation options.

Option 1

INTERCOLLEGIATE HALLS WAITING LIST

Opens **1st Sept, 12pm**

Apply as soon as the system opens because there is high demand for intercollegiate halls.

Rooms are offered based on availability and student preferences.

Option 2

PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION

Independent organizations offer accommodation for students.

Recommended for students who would like to secure a place earlier or as an insurance.

Option 3

UCL HALLS WAITING LIST

Waiting list open date **TBC**

Usually opens during Fresher's Week so it's not recommended to have this as your sole option.

FOR MORE OPTIONS:

University of London Housing Services

<https://housing.london.ac.uk/>

Short Term Accommodation

<http://www.hostelworld.com/hostels/London>

CALM DOWN, YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Many freshers each year are unable to secure housing at this point. Get to know them at upcoming freshers events and help one another by keeping each other updated on applications and house-hunting.

ENROLMENT

Steps on how to pre-enrol, enrol and pay for tuition.

Pre-Enrolment

- UCL will send an invitation to pre-enrol within six weeks of the start of term.
- **Step 1:** Online user registration to obtain your UCL user ID and set up your password.
- **Step 2:** Pre-enrolment task on Portico

Enrolment

- After pre-enrolling, you will be sent an email telling you where and when to enrol.
- **Important documents:**
 - Copy of your offer letter
 - Photographic identification
 - Visa (if necessary)
 - Biometric Residences Permit (if necessary)
 - ATAS Certificate (if your course requires it)
- You must also know or have access to your Student Number.

PAYING TUITION FEES £££



PayOnline

Quickest and easiest way to pay



Bank Transfer

Instruct your bank or pay via online banking, bank details on the UCL website



Cheque

Payable to 'University College London', posted to UCL student fees or in person to Student Centre 2



Cash

Can be paid directly to Barclays Bank, accompanied by an invoice

MOBILE

There are many mobile telephone networks and plans you can use: 3, giffgaff, O2, Vodafone etc. Here are the plans for two of the networks.



PAY AS YOU GO

£25 per month: unlimited data + 500 mins
£20 per month: 12GB data + 300 mins
£10 per month: 1GB4 data + 100 mins

PAY PER MONTH - 12 month contract

£19 per month: 30GB data + 600 mins
£15 per month: 8GB data + 600 mins
£12 per month: 4GB data + all-you-can-eat minutes

"Feel at Home" feature means you can use your SIM card in 60 destinations to call and text the UK and use data at no extra cost.



PAY AS YOU GO

£20 per month: 6GB data + unlimited mins
£18 per month: 6GB data + 2000 mins
£15 per month: 5GB data + 1000 mins

As a giffgaff member, you enjoy free giffgaff calls and texts. This means you can call, text, or video call for free to anyone with a giffgaff number!

HOW MUCH WIFI DO YOU NEED?



A free wireless service called eduroam is available throughout UCL Campus and Halls. So unless you're interested in data heavy services, you don't need that much data!

HEALTHCARE

It is important to register with your doctor as soon as possible after arrival to have quick access when needed.

REGISTER FOR YOUR GP AT:

Ridgmount Practice

8 Ridgmount Street London, WC1E 7AA

Opening Times

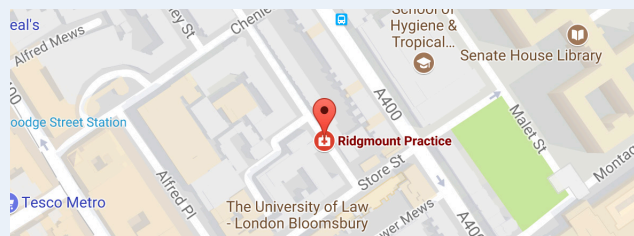
Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 5:30pm

HOW TO REGISTER



If you are a UCL student and live in a Hall of Residence you must complete the online registration form found on the website.

<http://www.gowerplacepractice.nhs.uk/>



ELIGIBLE POSTCODES

UCL students living in the following postcodes may register with the practice:

- EC1 EC2 EC3 EC4
- N1 N4 N5 N6 N7 N8 N10 N11* N13 N15 N16 N17 N19 N22
- NW1 NW3* NW5 NW6* NW8
- SW1 SW3 SW5 SW7
- WC1 WC2
- W1 W2 W8* W9* W10* W11*

Not all streets in postcodes marked with * are eligible for registration

TRANSPORT

Getting around London and beyond with maximum convenience and the best bargains.

STATIONS AROUND UCL

Tube Stations

- Euston Square: 3 mins
- Warren Street: 5 mins
- Goodge Street: 8 mins
- Euston: 9 mins
- Russell Square: 11 mins
- Tottenham Court Road: 15 mins

Bus Stations

- University College Hospital Buses 14, 24, 29, 73, 134, 390, N5, N20, N29, N253, N279
- Torrington Place
- Warren Street

TRAVEL BARGAINS

18+ Student Oyster

£20 application fee

Get 30 per cent off adult-rate Travelcard and Bus & Tram Passes

16-25 Railcard

£30 for one year, £70 for three years

Save 1/3 on rail fares in the UK



TOP TIP: CITYMAPPER



Citymapper is THE app for getting around London, showing you all the possible transport options via tube, bus, bicycle, walking etc. It even includes live disruptions for your utmost convenience.




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TRAVELLING AROUND THE UK:

NATIONAL RAIL SERVICE NATIONAL EXPRESS COACHES

EXPLORING EUROPE:

AIRBNB SKYSCANNER TRIPOMATIC

SUPERMARKETS

Find out where to find your basic necessities, your daily meals and midnight snacks. The map shows some of the popular supermarket chains in the UCL area.



- Biggest chain in the UK
- **Tesco Everyday Value** for the cheapest prices
- **Tesco Express** is the smaller convenience store, open until late



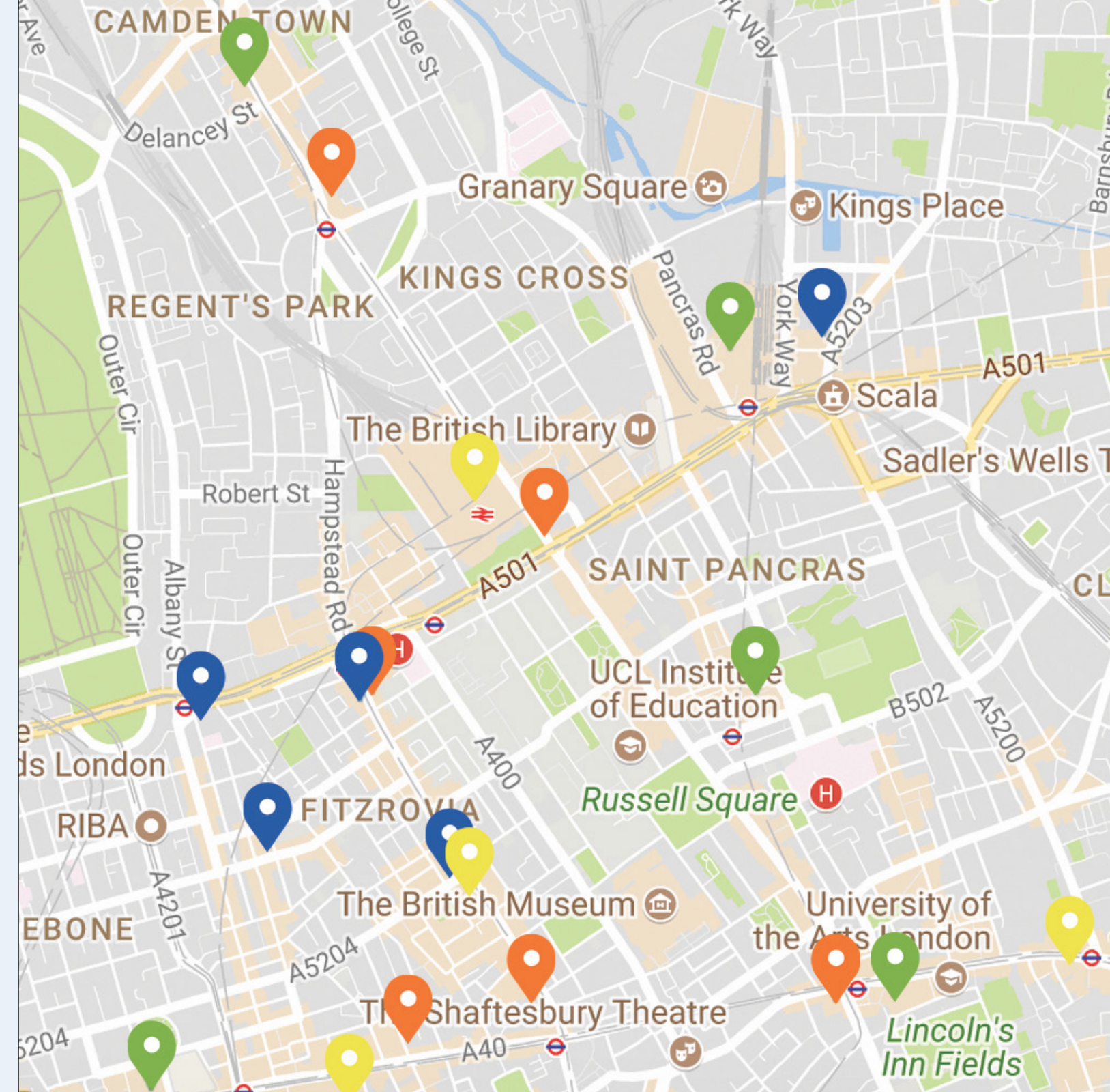
- Second biggest chain in the UK
- **Sainsbury's Basics** for the economic range
- **Sainsbury's Local** is the chain of convenience stores



- Upmarket chain
- High quality food and ready-made meals
- **little Waitrose** is the smaller convenience store



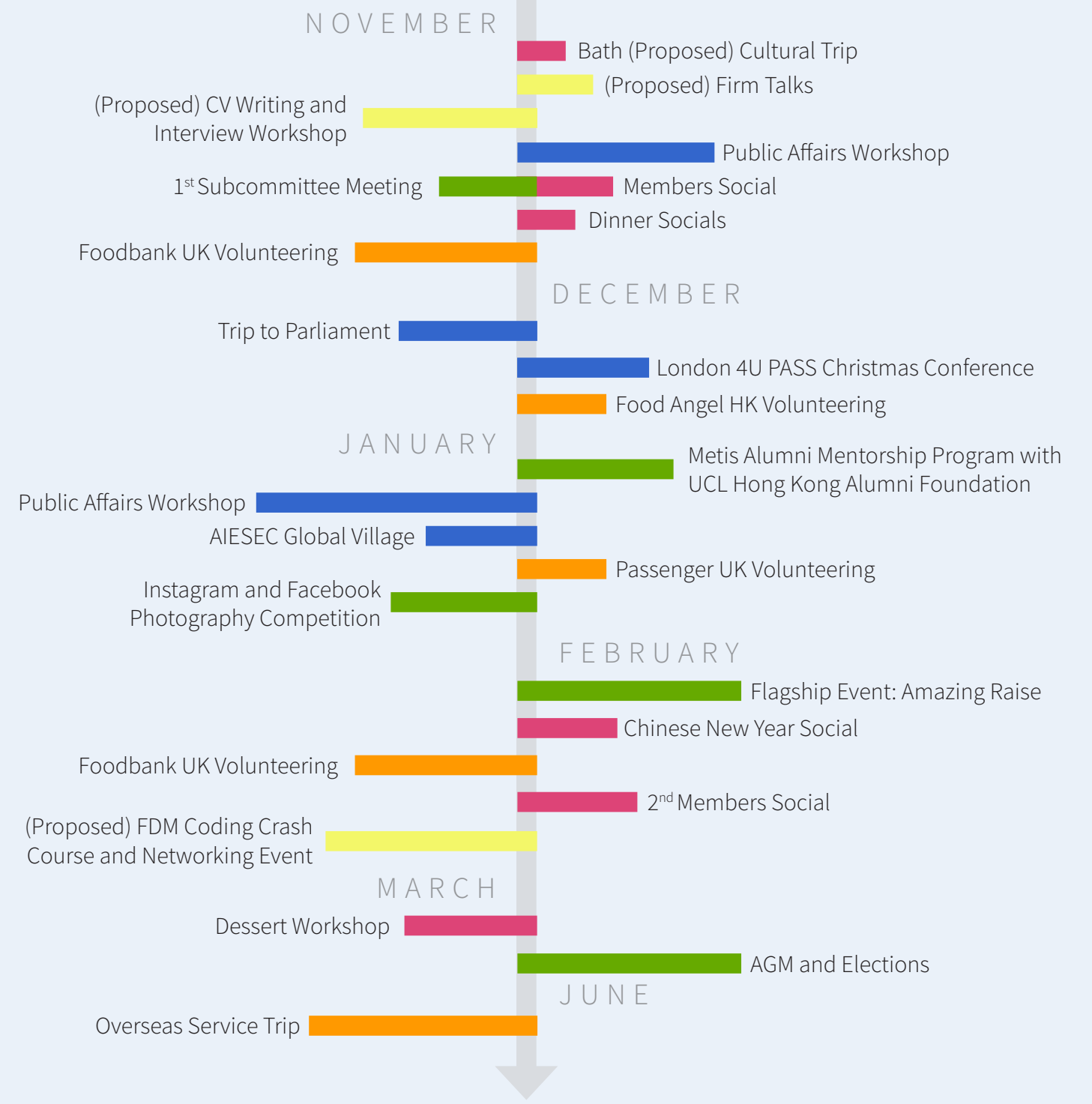
- Pricey option for weekly groceries
- Popular for their ready made meals, cakes and small bites
- Smaller branches are **M&S Simply Food**





UCL PASS CALENDAR

- GENERAL
- PUBLIC AFFAIRS
- SOCIAL SERVICE
- CAREERS
- SOCIALS



UCL PASS COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT

Jeffrey Leung

MBBS
/ Year 2

VICE-PRESIDENT

Celine Tam

MPharm
/ Year 2

TREASURER

Rachelle Tong

UCL-HKU LLB
/ Year 2

SECRETARY

Kelly Chan

MPharm
/ Year 2

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Tillie Ng

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/ Year 2

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Katrina Camacho

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