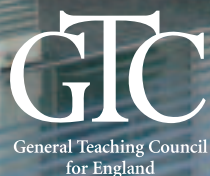


Visiting the General Teaching Council in London



Whittington House, 19-30 Alfred Place, London WC1E 7EA

How to get to Whittington House

Whittington House is in the heart of London, between the West End and the University quarter of Bloomsbury and just off Tottenham Court Road. The GTC office is on the fourth floor.

By rail

Almost all London's main railway stations have a direct tube connection to one of the stations mentioned below. Taxi or bus are alternatives. Euston station is about 15 minutes walk down Gower Street (or two stops on the Northern Line to Goodge Street).

By tube

Goodge Street (Northern Line): two minutes walk. Cross Tottenham Court Road, and walk ahead into Chenies Street. Whittington House is the black-clad office block at the first turning on the right.

Tottenham Court Road (Central and Northern Lines): five minutes walk. Take exit 3, and walk up Tottenham Court Road past the Dominion Theatre. Turn right into Store Street and then left into Alfred Place.

Warren Street (Northern and Victoria Lines): ten minutes walk. Turn right down Tottenham Court Road, and then left into Chenies Street after passing Heal's.

Euston Square (Circle, Hammersmith & City, and Metropolitan Lines): ten minutes walk. Walk down Gower Street, turn right into Chenies Street and then second left into Alfred Place.

By bus

Many bus routes run north up Tottenham Court Road and south down Gower Street. Alight at Goodge Street station (northbound) or Chenies Street (southbound).

More services run along Oxford Street and New Oxford Street. Alight at Tottenham Court Road station or Centrepoint and walk up Tottenham Court Road.

By taxi

Please only use official licensed taxis (black cabs), which can be hailed on the street and outside railway stations. Most cabbies will know how to find Alfred Place. If not, remind them that it is behind the Paperchase store on Tottenham Court Road.

By car

There is a one-way system around Alfred Place. Traffic runs north up Tottenham Court Road and south down Gower Street. Both Store Street and Chenies Street are one way west to east, so the only way to reach the office is from Tottenham Court Road.

There is some metered parking in Alfred Place – but there is no guarantee that spaces will be available! The maximum stay is two hours.

The nearest car park is underneath the YMCA building on the corner of Great Russell Street and Adeline Place, about five minutes walk from Alfred Place. Great Russell Street is one way west to east, so to reach the car park drive north up Tottenham Court Road and turn right almost immediately into Great Russell Street.

Other nearby car parks are in Bloomsbury Square and Woburn Place (both about ten minutes walk).

Alfred Place is within the congestion charging zone, which operates from 7.00 am to 6.30 pm Mondays to Fridays (except Bank Holidays). Visitors to Whittington House are responsible for paying the congestion charge and car parking costs.

Reception

The office is open between 8.30 am and 5.00 pm.

When you arrive, please report to the Whittington House reception on the ground floor. Staff there will contact the office on the fourth floor, and someone will come to greet you and take you to your meeting.

The lifts in Whittington House are security-coded and cannot be operated without a staff swipe key.

Disabled access

There are three steps and a ramp at the entrance to Whittington House. There are no other steps, either in the ground-floor reception or in the GTC office, which are linked by lifts. Facilities in the office include a disabled toilet.

Visitors with disabilities may be able to park in the basement of Whittington House. Please ask the staff member you are visiting to arrange this in advance. The entrance to the car park is in Chenies Street – keep us informed of your arrival time so that you can be directed to the entrance.

Fire alarm

A continuous bell signifies a fire alarm. Please leave the building immediately without stopping to gather belongings. GTC fire marshals will direct you down the stairs to the gathering area, which is at the north end of the building. Do not use the lifts.

The fire alarm is tested every Tuesday between 9.00 and 10.00 am.

Health and safety

Please pay attention to health and safety notices. Keep all doors and corridors clear of obstructions. Several GTC staff are trained first-aiders.

Local facilities

The office has a small kitchen where tea and coffee can be made. There is no canteen in Whittington House, but there are countless eating places nearby to suit all tastes and pockets. GTC staff will be happy to recommend their favourites!

Many institutions of the University of London are east of Gower Street, and the University's Senate House dominates the skyline from our meeting rooms. As you can see from the back page map, the British Museum is a short stroll away.

Tottenham Court Road is celebrated as the place to buy electronic equipment and home furnishings. Charing Cross Road specialises in books and musical instruments, while Oxford Street is simply one of the world's best-known shopping streets.

Contact details

The national contact number for the GTC is 0870 001 0308. Though your call will be answered in Birmingham, it will be transferred directly to London staff. All London staff have their own telephone extensions.

The fax number for the London office is 020 7023 3909.

The GTC website www.gtce.org.uk lists email contact addresses.

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