An Invitation to Geometry and Topology via $G_2$

Getting to Imperial

To get around London it is useful to have an Oyster card (5GBP deposit), which can be used on all public transport and is always cheaper than buying individual tickets. Use the Transport for London website for journey planning and for further information: http://www.tfl.gov.uk.

Airports

There are five airports for London.

**Heathrow Airport.** The best option is to take an underground Piccadilly line train to South Kensington Underground Station, then follow the walking directions below. Another (much more expensive and slightly faster) option is to take the Heathrow Express train to Paddington station, then follow the directions below.


**Gatwick Airport.** The best option is to take a Southern train to Victoria station, then follow the directions below. Another (much more expensive but faster) option is to take the Gatwick Express train to Victoria station, then follow the same directions.

Website: http://www.gatwickairport.com/transport/to-london.

**Stansted Airport.** The best option, which you should book in advance, is a National Express coach to Liverpool Street or Victoria train stations, then follow the directions below. Another (much more expensive but faster) option is to take the Stansted Express train to Liverpool Street station then follow the directions below.


**Luton Airport.** The best option, which you should book in advance, is a National Express coach to Victoria train station, then follow the directions below. Another (more expensive but faster) option is to take a train to St. Pancras station then follow the directions below, but be aware that you additionally need to pay for a shuttle bus from the airport to the Luton Airport Parkway train station.

Website: http://www.london-luton.co.uk/en/airport.

**London City Airport.** Take the DLR (Docklands Light Railway) to Canning Town and change to the London Underground Jubilee Line to Westminster station. Then take the London Underground Circle or District Lines to South Kensington station and follow the walking directions below.

Website: http://www.londoncityairport.com/VisitingTheAirport/GettingHere.

Rail/Underground

**Paddington Station.** Take a London Underground Circle Line train to Gloucester Road station, then follow the walking directions below.

**Victoria Station.** Take a London Underground Circle or District Line train to South Kensington station, then follow the walking directions below.

**King’s Cross/St. Pancras Station.** Take a London Underground Piccadilly line train to South Kensington station, then follow the walking directions below.
Liverpool Street Station. Take a London Underground Circle line train to South Kensington station, then follow the walking directions below. It is slightly faster, but more hassle as it involves a change, to take a London Underground Central line train to Holborn station then change to a Piccadilly line train to South Kensington station, then follow the walking directions below.

Walking directions

Gloucester Road Station. Exit left from Gloucester Road tube station towards the main road, Cromwell Road. At the junction of Gloucester Road and Cromwell Road turn right and walk along Cromwell Road to the junction with Queen’s Gate. Turn left and walk up Queen’s Gate. The Maths Department is in the Huxley Building, 180 Queen’s Gate, on the right-hand side of Queen’s Gate. The total journey time should be around 10 minutes.

South Kensington Station. Exit the station towards Pelham Street, turn right down Pelham Street then turn right at the junction with Old Brompton Road. When the road splits, take the left fork to Cromwell Place. At the junction with Cromwell Road turn left and at the junction of Cromwell Road with Queen’s Gate turn right and walk up Queen’s Gate. The Maths Department is in the Huxley Building, 180 Queen’s Gate, on the right-hand side of Queen’s Gate. The total journey time should be around 10 minutes.

Beit Hall. For Beit Hall, continue up Queen’s Gate and turn right at the junction with Prince Consort Road. Beit Hall is on the left-hand side of Prince Consort Road in Beit Quad. The total journey time from the underground station should be around 15 minutes.