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Freedom of Information Officer

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Dear Ms Kershaw

Your request for information received on 12 March 2018 has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

I would like to request some information under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please could you tell me if undergraduates at your university are charged, in addition to tuition fees and university accommodation costs, for each of the following things.

In each case, please state yes or no and state whether undergraduates are given discounted/subsidised rates.

:: Printing and photocopying. Please give average rates for each.

:: Course specific equipment. Please give average costs, if possible and give examples of the items students are asked to pay for, such as laboratory equipment or art supplies.

:: Field trips.

:: Wifi – please state where, for example in the university's libraries, or university-owned halls of residences, and give rates.

:: Use of university gym. Please give standard rates and any subsidised rate for undergraduates.

:: Exam resits. Please give details of average charges.

:: Membership of specialist associations and Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks. Please give average costs, if possible, and examples of the types of fees students may have to pay in the case of association membership.

:: Parking. Please state what the standard rate is and any subsidised rate for undergraduates.

Please could I have the information in the form of a table, such as the example below:

	Printing & photocopying	Equipment	Field trips	Wifi	Gym use	Exam resits	Association membership & DBS checks	Parking
Yes/No								
Avg cost/rates								
Further info/examples								

### University Response

	Printing & photocopying	Equipment	Field trips	Wifi	Gym use	Exam resits	Association membership & DBS checks	Parking
Yes/No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Avg cost/rates								
Further info/examples		See below	See below		See below		See below	See below

### **Equipment/Field trips/Associated Memberships Programmes within London Institute of Sport**

Students may face additional costs of up to £750 over a 3 year programme for equipment, field trips or associated memberships depending on the specific programme of study they are enrolled on.

Costs may include:

- First Aid training (£40)
- London Sport Institute Sports Kit (£80)
- Reps level 2 and 3 (£50 each)
- RFU Pre Hospital Immediate Care in Sport Level 2 (£250) (for students studying Sports Rehabilitation)
- Sports Massage Association student membership – Optional to gain accreditation (£25)
- One residential trip over the 3 years (up to £200)- Optional though virtually all students do participate
- Up to one course related day trip (up to £100)- Optional though virtually all students do participate.

These costs are all stated to students in the relevant programme handbook for each academic year.

### **Programmes within Department of Natural Sciences**

BSc Healthcare Science programmes and BSc Applied Biomedical Science: these programmes include placements for students within NHS Hospital Trusts. Where students are placed in trusts within London zone 1-9 they are expected to cover their own travel costs. Where students are

placed outside zone 9 of the London travel zones the University covers the cost of transport and accommodation at the hospital if required.

**Programmes within the Faculty of Arts and Creative Industries**

Essential course-specific equipment is provided by the university. Basic consumables (e.g. textiles, art supplies, SD cards) are also provided, although students may choose to supplement these further; average additional spend (where relevant) is approximately £100-£200 per annum. Whilst we cannot limit what students choose to spend, academic staff ensure through careful design of programme learning outcomes and assessment criteria that there are no (dis)advantages to students relating to the amount spent on materials.

**Gym Membership** - Student gym membership for 2017/18 is £20 per month on a Direct Debit, or £200 for an annual (12 month membership).

**Parking** - Students who are registered disabled and hold a current blue badge may park on site free of charge. Students without a blue badge may apply for a parking permit on medical grounds. Each request is assessed by the Disability & Dyslexia Service on a case by case basis and if authorised the student is charged £50 for an annual permit.

I trust this satisfies your request sufficiently. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, you have the right to complain about the University's response to your request for information. If you have such a complaint, you may contact Mrs Teresa Kelly, Clerk to the Board of Governors, Middlesex University, Hendon campus, London NW4 4BT, tel: 020 8411 6018, [t.kelly@mdx.ac.uk](mailto:t.kelly@mdx.ac.uk) within 40 days of the date of this letter for a review of the University's decision. If you remain unsatisfied with the outcome of that complaint, you may seek further recourse by lodging an appeal with the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

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