



## Promotional Feature



A rare quiet moment in Kensington Village

Left: The grand Victorian exterior of Beaumont House

# All Eyes on Kensington Village

This creative workplace offers so much more than just an office

There are few places to work that offer the comfortable easy going feel of Kensington Village. With modernised, red brick Victorian offices towering around fresh green lawns, it has the relaxed atmosphere of an Oxbridge campus. Constructed in the 1880s, the location is a key part of West Kensington history. It was originally built for Whiteleys, London's first department store, as furniture depositories, laundries and stables.

Although the estate has since been revamped with a mixture of old and new buildings, Beaumont House retains its original charm. Stucco designs can be found on the arches at the entrance, along with high ceilings and exposed brickwork. Kensington Village now houses some of the UK's top media companies such as Universal Music, Zodiac Rights and Archant Life, and for good reason. The site allows residents to access their creature comforts seconds away from the office.

The Nuffield run Health centre, based inside the gated community, offers free access to their gym for full time staff from 6:30am to 8pm, to help employee's escape sedentary hours at their desks. The gym instructor, Jago Stephens is notoriously friendly, but can still carve out a results-driven programme.

Instead of a soulless canteen, it boasts the social hub that is the Village Fayre. Since 2005, the venue has evolved from coffee shop to Bistro Bar to slick, seated Italian restaurant. During the day, the Fayre is wholly professional. But on Friday night (and indeed, every other night), the bar spills out onto

the patio with hardworking journalists, advertisers and executives networking until the small hours. And once you become a familiar face, you might be welcomed with one of owner Paulo Gouveia's complimentary pizzas. It is the perfect place to entertain clients.

Aside from the thriving social scene, Kensington Village has a number of attractive extras. Less than 8 minutes from Earls Court station, Heathrow airport is easily accessible from the A4 and the Piccadilly line, so residents can catch a flight straight from work. The development also hosts an enormous underground car park.

Kensington Village can be a somewhat closed stylish community, but now, one of the grandest buildings on site, Beaumont House, has offices available to let. A converted warehouse with contemporary glass front, the building is one of the most striking properties in the area. The available accommodation comprises a total of approx 6,000 sq ft on the second floor. With vast open plan spaces and an interior design that invites light into every room, Beaumont House offers a workplace that's aesthetically beautiful, as well as professional. Contact either the buildings' owners Schrodgers, contact Neil Meredith or the agent Mark Hickmott at BNP Paribas Real Estate to arrange a viewing.



Modern interior design has helped create bright, open office spaces

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