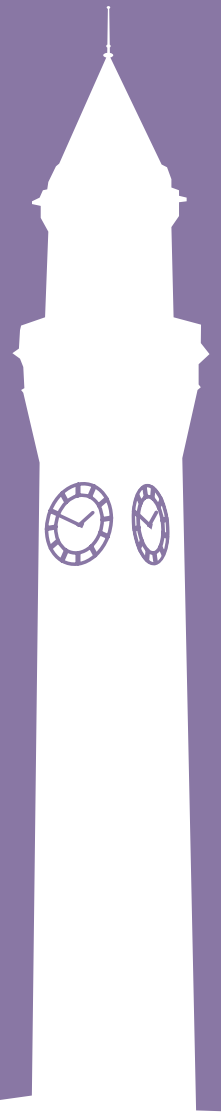




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UNDERGRADUATE OPEN DAYS WHAT TO EXPECT



How to make the most of your day

Information line: 0121 414 3374

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#hellobrum

Welcome to Birmingham!



'Everyone was very polite and helpful. Nothing was too much trouble and the lecturers were really good and kept me interested.'



FACT

There are 11 Nobel Prize winners among our alumni and staff.

FACT

'A well organised day with good facilities and a friendly and helpful atmosphere. We got a good feel for the campus, intended subject of study and the accommodation.'



CONTACT US

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Web: www.birmingham.ac.uk/opendays



Follow us on Twitter and Facebook

Look out for our open day event page on Facebook for news, advice and photos and make sure you connect with us on Twitter and Instagram with the hashtag #hellobrum





'As a Student Ambassador at the University of Birmingham I'm here to help you get the most from your visit to our open days.'



'Having gone through the application process myself, I can appreciate you've probably got loads of questions running through your mind about the University and what it's like to live and study here. Myself and my fellow student ambassadors will be at open day to help you make the most of your day. We'll be there to welcome and help you with check-in, point you in the right direction of your activity, show you around the campus and accommodation and chat to you about why we chose Birmingham and our experiences of student life and study.'

Joe, Student Ambassador

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me

This guide has been produced to provide information about our open days to help you plan and prepare for your visit.

The official programme will be available to download from our website and will tell you everything you need to know about our open day; including subject talks, campus tours and other activities that run on the day.

We run a number of the talks more than once to help you research different subjects and receive as much general information as possible.



VISITING TIMES

Visiting times for open days are between 9.00am and 4.00pm; however you can arrive when you like and will be able to use the open day programme, scheduler and mobile app to plan your visit around the activities that you would like to incorporate into your day.

Preparing for your visit

To help you plan your visit to our open day we will send you further information prior to your arrival. This will include:

- ❑ An email to let you know when the programme is available to download
- ❑ Final information about the day including travel tips and any updates to the programme
- ❑ An email during the week of the open day which will include your QR code to enable you to check-in on the day

Plan your travel to open day

Making your travel plans early often allows you to access discounts on tickets for public transport.

At open day, we often welcome over 20,000 visitors to our campus; as a result, the adjacent roads and University car parks fill up very quickly. Parking on campus is currently very limited due to several major building projects that are taking place as part of our £600 million campus redevelopment so we cannot guarantee a parking space will be available. Therefore we strongly recommend, where possible, for visitors to use public transport.

Travel by rail

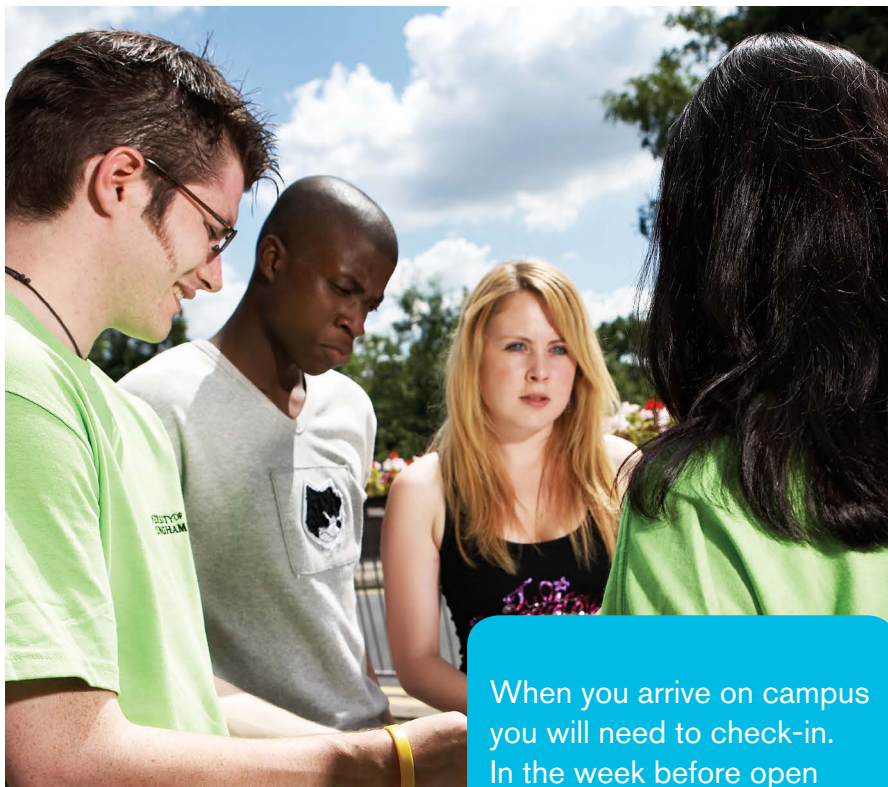
Being the only university in mainland UK with its own station, the easiest way to reach the University is by train. Most cross-country services to Birmingham arrive at Birmingham New Street station and up to six trains an hour depart for the University on the cross-city line (final destination Longbridge or Redditch).

The journey time usually takes less than ten minutes, while the centre of the main campus is a five-minute walk from University station. Student ambassadors (wearing lime green shirts) will be present at Birmingham New Street station to direct you.

For further information about travelling to the University and the onsite train station please visit www.birmingham.ac.uk/opendays/travel

Maps

Maps with a more detailed index can be found on the University's website at www.birmingham.ac.uk/directions



When you arrive on campus you will need to check-in. In the week before open day, we will send you a QR code event ticket – please print this off and bring it on the day. You can check-in by visiting one of our four check-in points. If you need to rush off to your first talk or activity don't worry, you can check-in later in the day when you have a spare five minutes.

Mobile app

Find your way around the open day by downloading our FREE open day app from the iPhone App Store, iTunes or Play store (search UoBopenday), or visit www.birmingham.ac.uk/contact/app-store.aspx

You can use the interactive app to:

- ❑ Find your way around campus using the interactive campus map
- ❑ Plan your programme of activities and sessions using your personalised scheduler
- ❑ View the accommodation tour walking map
- ❑ Navigate to information and check-in points on campus
- ❑ Access travel and parking information

Available to download at the beginning of September

Free Wi-Fi

Please log on to the open day wireless network using the password **uniofbham**

USEFUL LINKS

- ❑ Travel information, maps and directions:
www.birmingham.ac.uk/directions
- ❑ National train information:
www.nationalrail.co.uk

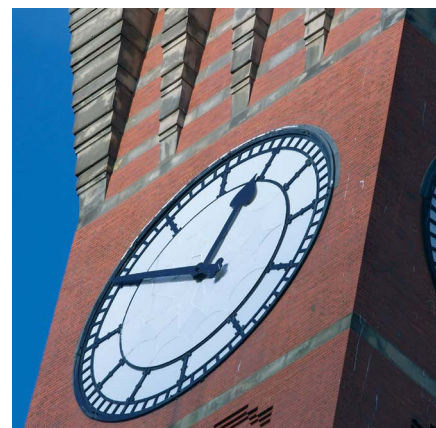


How to make the most of your day



With so much activity to choose from, our visitors tend to make a day out of their open day experience. We've included an example programme to give you an idea of how you can make the most of your open day.

Time	Talk/activity	Description
9.45am	Talk – Welcome and tips for your day	Activity is available between 9.00am and 4.00pm, however you can arrive whenever you like and use the programme to plan your day. Why not travel by train to our campus train station called 'University'?
10.30am	Talk – Tips for applicants	Talks on a range of general interest topics take place throughout the day and last approximately 30 minutes. Allow 15 minutes to move between talks/activities.
11.15am	Talk – what can civil engineers do?	The open day programme will list all the subject-based talks. Many subjects run sessions more than once to allow you to schedule them into your visit. Many areas will also offer taster sessions/tours/demonstrations.
11.45am	Display and information desk – civil engineering	All subject areas will be represented at the subject fair for informal one-to-one chats.
11.55am	Display and information desk – services	Have questions about areas such as accommodation/ careers/student support? Visit the relevant stand at the subject fair.
12.00 noon	Lunch	There are lots of places to eat across campus. The traffic light system at the back of the programme should help you to beat the queues.
1.00pm	Campus Tour and City Cube	One of our current students will show you around the campus and tell you more about their student experience. We would recommend finishing your tour at the Birmingham Experience Cube where you will be immersed in exciting locations around the city straight from our campus.
2.00pm	Walk to Accommodation	Pick up a walking map and take the 15-minute walk to Accommodation.
2.15pm	Accommodation viewing	Available to view at your leisure are examples of catered, self-catered, en-suite and shared bathroom accommodation facilities.
3.00pm	Discover student life	Learn about our sporting community at our brand new sports centre, visit the Guild of Students, chat to student ambassadors.



TIP

If you're visiting us for half a day you may like to focus your programme around subject-based activity and then visit us again to explore our campus and accommodation.

'Do I need to book to attend open day talks?'

Places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that although parents and family are welcome to come to the Open Days, we cannot guarantee a place for them in subject talks. When there is a high demand for a particular talk, applicants will be given priority. In the event that parents and other guests are not able to attend a talk there are many other alternative activities listed in the programme.



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