

Visiting our libraries

Arranging a visit

We normally require a minimum of a week's notice of a visit to ensure that you'll have everything you need in place before you come.

The maximum number of students per visit is 30. We also request that there is at least one teacher per 10 students.

- [Request a group visit online \(/libraries/fesupport/visitrequestform.aspx\)](/libraries/fesupport/visitrequestform.aspx)

Individual student visits

Individual students are free to visit our libraries up to 10 times in one year. If you'd like to use our libraries to help your studies, please make sure that your teacher/tutor completes the letter below so that you can bring it with you when you visit:

- [Student letter to request individual visit \(/Documents/libraries/uoblibraryvisitstudentletter.doc\)](/Documents/libraries/uoblibraryvisitstudentletter.doc)

When to visit

Year 12 and 13 students may visit our libraries to use the resources any time except the first 6 weeks of the [summer term \(/undergraduate/courses/termdates.aspx\)](/undergraduate/courses/termdates.aspx). It is also advisable to avoid Welcome Week (the week before autumn term starts) and the first week of the [autumn term \(/undergraduate/courses/termdates.aspx\)](/undergraduate/courses/termdates.aspx).

Before your visit

Preparing

Check our [Guide to using the catalogue \(/Documents/libraries/catalogueguide.doc\)](/Documents/libraries/catalogueguide.doc) which is specifically aimed at school and college students. We recommend that students check the [library catalogue \(http://libcat.bham.ac.uk\)](http://libcat.bham.ac.uk) prior to their visit as demand for catalogue PCs can be high.



Getting here

For directions by car, train and bus please visit our [maps and directions \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/contact/directions/index.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/contact/directions/index.aspx) page.

Visitors travelling by car to campus are requested to park in one of the 3 pay & display car parks, these are:

- South Car Park (access via Edgbaston Park Road)
- North Car Park (access via Pritchatts Rd)
- Pritchatts Rd Car Park (at the junction with Vincent Drive)

Available resources

Electronic resources

Off campus - we have a range of free and open access databases, e-journals and e-books that are available from our [eLibrary \(http://www.elibrary.bham.ac.uk\)](http://www.elibrary.bham.ac.uk) using a guest login.

On campus - dedicated terminals may be available in the [Main Library \(https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/libraryservices/library/about/libraries/mainlibrary/index.aspx\)](https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/libraryservices/library/about/libraries/mainlibrary/index.aspx), [Barnes Library \(https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/libraryservices/library/about/libraries/barnes.aspx\)](https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/libraryservices/library/about/libraries/barnes.aspx) and [Orchard Learning Resource Centre \(https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/libraryservices/library/about/libraries/olrc.aspx\)](https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/libraryservices/library/about/libraries/olrc.aspx). Please apply at the Reception and Information Desk on the day of your visit if you would like to use this service.

- [Find out what resources are available \(http://www.jwiu.bham.ac.uk/ukcpstart.htm\)](http://www.jwiu.bham.ac.uk/ukcpstart.htm).

Our library staff will be on hand to help during your visit should you need it.

Please note: we are unable to provide internet access or printing facilities from our dedicated terminals.

Photocopying

Photocopy cards are available at a cost £1.50 each. Each card includes credit for 15 A4 black and white copies. Extra credit can be purchased using machines located in the majority of our libraries. We recommend that students share the cards, as we are unable to give refunds.



Eating and drinking

Although we do not allow eating and drinking in our libraries students are able to make use of the iLounge in our [Main Library \(https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/libraryservices/library/about/libraries/mainlibrary/index.aspx\)](https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/libraryservices/library/about/libraries/mainlibrary/index.aspx). Students are free to use any of the [catering facilities on campus \(/community/university-campus/retail/index.aspx\)](/community/university-campus/retail/index.aspx) and seating areas if they choose to bring their own food.