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Open Day travel and parking

We strongly recommend, where possible, for visitors to use public transport to reach the University. Each day we welcome over 15,000 visitors to our Open Days, and as a result the adjacent roads and University car parks get extremely busy. The University has a very limited number of car parking spaces and our car parks can fill up very quickly on Open Days. Therefore, we cannot guarantee a parking space on campus for all visitors.

Travel by train

The easiest way to reach the University is by train. Birmingham is the only University in mainland UK to have its own railway station on campus, known as 'University' station. The journey takes approximately 8 minutes from Birmingham New Street and up to six trains an hour depart for the University on the cross-city line (final destination Longbridge or Redditch). For up to date information on train times and prices, please contact **National Rail Enquiries (http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/)**.

By Coach

There are frequent express coach services to Birmingham from London, Heathrow and Gatwick airports and many other UK cities. The long-distance coach station is in Digbeth in the city centre.

By Bus

The bus service numbers 61, 63, X64, 98 and 99 travel to the University's main Edgbaston campus, the Vale student residences and the Selly Oak Campus. Please visit the **National Express website. (http://nxbus.co.uk/west-midlands)**

Parking on campus

Parking on Open Days is extremely limited and the majority of visitors will be unable to find a space on campus. We therefore recommend that visitors use public transport to reach the University or find alternative parking in and around the city. There are a number of NCP car parks across the city centre along with large shopping centre car parks and there is a direct trainline from Birmingham New Street to the University train station. The journey takes approximately 8 minutes from Birmingham New Street and up to six trains an hour depart for the University on the cross-city line (final destination Longbridge or Redditch).

The University has three main car parks:

- North East Car Park (access via Pritchatts Road) Sat Nav Postcode B15 2SA
- North Car Park (access via Pritchatts Road) Sat Nav Postcode B15 2SB
- Pritchatts Road Car Park (at junction with Vincent Drive) Sat Nav Postcode B15 2QU

(£1 pay and display on week days; parking charges do not apply at weekends). However, please note these are used by staff and students and fill up very quickly, therefore the majority of visitors will be unable to find a space. However, anyone with a blue badge can park in the disabled parking bays on campus.

Further information about travelling to the University and the onsite train station can be found at:

- **Maps and directions - Edgbaston Campus (/contact/directions/edgbaston-directions.aspx)**

Park and ride

In addition to university parking there are two overspill park and ride car parks with some limited parking.

King Edward's school playing fields (access on the Bristol Road) Sat Nav Postcode B5 7SN

Selly Oak Hospital (access on Raddlebarn Road) Sat Nav Postcode B29 6JD

Park and ride will be operating on a first-come, first-served basis. Shuttle buses to and from the University will be running throughout the day, dropping off and picking up from outside University Centre (building R23 on the University map).

The first park and ride will leave King Edward's School playing field and the Selly Oak Hospital site at 8.30am. The last bus will leave University Centre at 4.30pm. There is no charge for the park and ride car park.

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