

Information to Participants

The Birmingham Classical and Byzantine Greek Summer School 2020

The Centre for Byzantine, Ottoman and Modern Greek Studies and the Department of Classics look forward to welcoming you to Birmingham for the Birmingham Classical and Byzantine Greek Summer School. We have collected some information that you may find helpful prior to your arrival.

Getting to campus

The Summer School will take place on the University of Birmingham's Edgbaston campus which can easily be accessed by public transport or car. Details of how to reach us can be found here: <http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/contact/directions/getting-here-edgbaston.aspx>

Purchasing train tickets

Train tickets, which are cheaper if booked in advance, can be purchased online and collected at any UK train station from <https://www.thetrainline.com> or bought directly from the train companies at the following websites.

From London Euston:

<https://www.virgintrains.co.uk>

<http://www.londonmidland.com>

From London Marylebone:

<https://www.chilternrailways.co.uk>

The University of Birmingham has its own train station known as 'University'. Trains depart every 20 minutes from Birmingham New Street Station (usually from platforms 10b or 11b).

Taxi

If you wish to travel by taxi during your stay, the University of Birmingham recommends using TOA Taxis which can be contacted here: <http://www.toataxis.co.uk/>

TOA Tel: 0121 427 8888

Alternatively, the Castle Cars company, which is recommended by the Guild of Students, can be contacted here: <http://www.castlecars.co.uk/>

[Castle Cars Tel: 0121 472 2222](http://www.castlecars.co.uk/)

If you wish to travel directly to campus by taxi, we recommended that you ask to be dropped off at the *North Gate* on Prichatts Road. This will leave you with the shortest and most direct route to the location of the Summer School. Except in the case of special arrangements for participants with mobility issues, the campus is a traffic-free zone and cars are not permitted to enter.

Parking

University-run Pay and Display parking (charges apply Monday-Friday) for participants to the Summer School is available adjacent to campus, close to the venue of the Summer School, in the North Car Park and Prichatts Road Car Park. Further information on parking and charges can be found here: <http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/contact/directions/getting-here-edgbaston.aspx>

On campus

The Edgbaston campus where the Summer School will be held offers a variety of facilities, including shops, banks and cash points and a number of cafeterias and bars. Please ask a member of the organising committee for further details.

Summer School Venue

The Summer School will be hosted in the Arts Building, located on the north side of the campus near the main library (Building R16). A PDF campus map can be downloaded here: <http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/university/edgbaston-campus-map.pdf>

IPhone/Android

The University of Birmingham hosts a number apps which offer information and services that may be useful to you during your stay. Details of these, and how to download them, can be accessed here: <http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/contact/app-store.aspx>

Disability access

The University of Birmingham is fully compliant with EU regulations for disability access. Further information can be found here: <http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/contact/directions/disability.aspx>

Please do not hesitate to contact us at T.Kampianaki@bham.ac.uk if you require any further information or assistance.

Security

The University of Birmingham is staffed by a 24-hour security team that regularly patrols campus and other sites owned by the university. If you should encounter any problems during your stay, or require further advice, please contact the UB Safe team here: <http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/community/university-campus/security/index.aspx>

Staying in Birmingham

Places to stay

The University of Birmingham has a wide range of accommodation for events which can be reserved through Venue Bham at:

<http://www.venuebirmingham.com/accommodation/>.

Alternatively, the city centre has a numerous hotels and youth hostels which are in easy reach of campus. Further information on visiting Birmingham can be accessed here: <http://visitbirmingham.com/>.

Places to eat

Birmingham city centre has over 300 restaurants and bars to choose from, should you wish to venture out into the city. Details of the best dining spots in the city can be found here: <http://visitbirmingham.com/what-to-do/food-drink/restaurants/>.

Important Contact Details

Medical

The University of Birmingham is close to one of the city's main hospitals (Queen Elizabeth Hospital Selly Oak) which runs a 24-hour accident and emergency service.

Emergency contact numbers 999 or 112.

Should you need to visit a doctor during your stay, details of out of hours and emergency appointments can be found here:

<http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/AboutNHSservices/Emergencyandurgentcareservices/Pages/nhs-out-of-hours-services.aspx>.

Consular assistance

There are a number of consular offices in Birmingham should you require assistance from the authorities. Details may found here: <http://www.embassypages.com/uk>.