WELCOME TO YOUR SELF-GUIDED
campus tour

THIS INFORMATION SHEET WILL GUIDE YOU AROUND
OUR STAG HILL CAMPUS IN 45-60 MINUTES

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START FROM STAG HILL RECEPTION (SENATE HOUSE)

Senate House is home to the main administrative departments of the University. Leave Senate House on the ground floor level. Straight in front of you’ll see the lake and landscaped grounds with the iconic ‘golf ball’ geodesic dome and other sculptures. Here, our students are able to study and relax in the open air. There’s also a small stage by the lake where we hold music, theatre and other cultural events. Walk around our beautiful lake. Whatever the weather, we think you will enjoy it. The path which takes you down to the lake starts opposite Senate House. To continue on this tour, walk down the road with the lake on your left and Senate House behind you. As you go down the slope, walk past the Robert Boyle (AZ), Dorothy Hodgkin (AY) and Joseph Lister (AW) buildings. These are home to the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences.

PASS THE DUKE OF KENT BUILDING

Towards the bottom of the road, walk alongside the Duke of Kent Building. If you look across the road, you will see the train-shaped Millennium House, one of our student accommodation options on campus. All our accommodation is self-catering, with a wide range of choices including at Hazel Farm, Belfry Court and our Manor Park student village.

Directly across Millennium House is the Centre for Wellbeing, home to a dedicated team of nurses and counsellors who support and advise students on health and wellbeing.

This road leads towards the edge of campus and towards the train station and town centre. If you have time, it is well worth a trip into Guildford town centre, a short bus journey from the Piazza or a 15-minute walk away. To carry on with your tour walk up the steps on the other side of the Duke of Kent building.

TOWARDS THE STUDENTS’ UNION

Keeping the Duke of Kent Building to your right, make your way towards the Students’ Union building. Please do go inside to have a look around. Here you’ll find the Students’ Union offices, bars and food outlets, the Front Room social space and areas for entertainment. The building is one of the largest student union venues in the country and is home to a weekly fresh produce market. Over 180 clubs and societies are run from the Students’ Union, including sports clubs. The Union also has its own newspaper, called ‘The Stag’, which is produced by and for students.

The road sign from south-west London on the outer wall is a reminder of the origins of the University as Battersea College of Technology, which was founded over 100 years ago before moving to Guildford and becoming University of Surrey in 1966.

CENTRE OF CAMPUS

Continue towards the centre of campus. On your left is Oak House, home of the Hillside Restaurant, and Starbucks. There are just a few of the many places on campus to grab a bite to eat.

AROUND THE CORNER

Continue along the path, passing Starbucks on your left and you will reach the Amphitheatre. At this point, if you look up to the top of the hill on your left, you will see the Cathedral. It was built in the 1950s, before the arrival of the University, and it’s where our graduation ceremonies are held.

On your right is the MySurrey Hive, which provides our students with a location to study, socialise and access support on a range of academic, wellbeing and student life topics. Open 7 days a week, the Hive is a space for all of our students to connect, both with each other and with staff across the University. On your left is the MySurrey Nest, an extension to our already popular Hive. The Nest provides students with further informal meeting, study and relaxation spaces, right in the heart of campus.

Within the Hive is our Employability and Careers team, who can help students with their careers by advising on applications, assessments and interview techniques, and there is a large library of employers’ information. Many of our students take a Professional Training placement as part of their degree course, which gives them valuable and relevant work experience and makes them attractive to potential employers.

TO THE LECTURE THEATRE BLOCK

Walk to the far side of the Amphitheatre, keeping the Hive to your right, and up the stairs or slope to the Lecture Theatre Block. There are several lecture theatres and teaching rooms inside this building, and students from most courses will spend some time in here. Feel free to take a look inside.

LEFT AND UP THE STAIRS

Take the steps to the left of the Lecture Theatre Block. On the left you will see Battersea Court student accommodation. Continue straight on, and the next building on your right is the Library, home to our Academic Skills and Development team, and our Disability and Neurodiversity support team. Feel free to pop-in and have a look around.

Here you will find:
- Laptops you can borrow
- Over 1,200 study spaces
- Wireless internet throughout, with printing and photocopying services
- Audio-visual collections adjacent to viewing and listening facilities
- Specialist language-learning facilities, including computers for languages study
- An informal learning zone for meeting up and quick access to email
- A vast collection of books and journals and access to the electronic collection across campus.

While providing all of our undergraduates and postgraduate taught students with free digital copies of essential textbooks. This is part of our commitment to making university more accessible, enabling you to learn in a more digital environment.

The Library is linked to lively student concourse which includes a shop, bookshop, and a learning café. It is open seven days a week.

PASS THE LIBRARY

Continue past the Library and stop at the roundabout. Across the road diagonally to your left, you will see Cathedral Court student accommodation. Straight ahead is the Teaching Block, which includes more of our teaching rooms. On your left, at the top of the road, is Wates House bar and restaurant.

PASS THE PATS BUILDING AND FIELD

Follow the road down to the right, cross at the Performing Arts Technology Studio (PATS) building and follow the path down to PATS field. On your left, you will also see the Hideout, a café full of comfy sofas.

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5G INNOVATION CENTRE

Continue to walk down the road, with the PATS building on your left. Go past the Hideout coffee shop and then the Innovation for Health Learning Laboratory building on your left. The building behind it is home to BBC Surrey.

On your right is the 5G Innovation Centre, the world’s first research centre dedicated to the next generation of mobile communication technology. Lamp-posts in and around the University campus have been replaced with newer versions that will serve as 5G masts for testing, turning the local area into the world’s first 5G hotspot. 5G will be a flexible infrastructure capable of handling our ever-increasing demand for mobile data and providing connectivity for future technologies.

The next building on the left is the mirror-fronted International House student accommodation, and on the right is the Advanced Technology Institute, dedicated to building the University’s science and engineering infrastructure, training scientists, engineers and cross-disciplinary research.

Further along on the left, just past International House, is the Ivy Arts Centre. It contains a theatre, studios, workshops, dressing rooms, a large wardrobe and a costume-making room and box office.

Opposite the Ivy Arts Centre is the Nodus Building, our creative digital media hub.

At the end of this road is the Guildford School of Acting (GSA), one of the world’s most prestigious centres for acting, musical theatre, theatre production and technical theatre.

HEADING STRAIGHT ON

Along this path you will find the Enterprise and Innovation Cubes and Unitemps.

The Enterprise and Innovation Cubes are a dedicated space for students and graduates to trial their businesses, with access to Student Enterprise staff and the potential to apply for funding opportunities. All of this allows businesses to grow and develop a network which will benefit them in the long term. In addition, working with our partners at SETsquared, we offer the opportunity for these businesses to access their resources, and potentially progress into their business “incubator”.

Next door is Unitemps, our in-house recruitment agency where students can find information about temporary employment opportunities on campus.

Opposite is the Lewis Carroll Building (AC), home to several departments in our Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and next to it is the Frank Whittle Building (AB) housing departments from our Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences.

GUILDFORD SCHOOL OF ACTING

From GSA, return back, making your way past the PATS building. Turn right at the mini-roundabout and then left through the small passage between the back of the library on your right and the Elizabeth Fry Building (AB), housing departments in our Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences on your left.

UNDER THE TUNNEL

Take the steps down to the courtyard and go through the tunnel. On exiting the tunnel, turn right and follow the road along, passing James Joule Building (BC) (housing mechanical engineering and chemical engineering) and Alan Turing Building (BB) (home to electronic engineering and computer science) on your left. On your right is Thomas Telford Building (AA). This is where mathematics and civil engineering are based.

THE SURREY SPACE CENTRE

Opposite Thomas Telford Building is the Surrey Space Centre (BA), a world-leading centre for space engineering, researching low-cost space missions.

There is a mission-control room on-site and you may see the satellite dish on the roof rotating into position.

TO THE PIAZZA

Follow the road between Alan Turing Building (BB) and Surrey Space Centre (BA) and you will pass Austin Pearce Building on your left. Austin Pearce houses most of our computer labs (with 24-hour access) as well as several lecture theatres.

Continue onwards, keeping Austin Pearce Building on your left, and you will reach Rik Medlik Building, which flanks the Piazza. This purpose-built building houses the Surrey Business School as well as shared teaching facilities and our largest lecture theatre. On the ground floor of the building is the Lakeside Restaurant and Coffee Shop, which is teaching restaurant, managed and operated by our students.
DON’T FORGET TO VISIT OUR MANOR PARK CAMPUS

From the Piazza, you can easily visit our Manor Park campus.

If you are leaving us here, you will find the car park directly opposite Lakeside coffee shop and the main reception (where you started) just a short walk away, back towards the Space Centre. This is also the correct direction for Guildford train station and town centre.

Our Manor Park campus is home to a beautiful, dynamic and green student village which boasts an unbeatable community feel. A 20-minute walk or a 5-minute bus ride from Stag Hill campus, Manor Park is home to over 1,800 en-suite rooms and provides easy access to facilities including our School of Veterinary Medicine, (with a coffee shop on the ground floor) School of Health Sciences and Surrey Sports Park.

Surrey Sports Park offers a wide array of classes and courses ranging from water workouts to Zumba. It is also home to the Surrey Storm netball and Surrey Scorchers basketball teams.

Our £36 million Sports Park’s facilities includes:

- A 50-metre, Olympic sized swimming pool
- 8 rugby/football pitches
- A 13m climbing wall and bouldering centre
- A 350-seat café and bar social area
- A 120-station health and fitness centre
- A spinning studio
- An outdoor fitness trail
- A sprint track
- Multiple badminton, basketball, squash, tennis and volleyball courts.

The School of Veterinary Medicine, only the second vet school to open in the UK since 1965, embraces the ‘One Health’ philosophy that human and animal health is intrinsically linked. The custom-built buildings, opened by Her Majesty The Queen in 2015, are integral to the School’s innovative approach to veterinary education, which puts veterinary professionals, government agencies and industry at the heart of its teaching and research.

The School of Health Sciences moved to new premises on our Manor Park campus in Spring 2019, following an investment in interactive teaching and simulation facilities. Activities and talks for prospective midwifery, nursing or paramedic science students take place here during our open days.

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We hope you enjoyed your tour. If you have any further questions, please do get in touch.

Thank you for visiting the University of Surrey.