

#### Venue Reading

# **Guest Information**

## **Events in the Great Hall**



#### Dear Guest,

Thank you for booking to attend an event at the University of Reading taking place in our Great Hall.

# **EVENT LOCATION**

#### The Great Hall

The event you are attending is being held in Great Hall which is located on our London Road Campus.

You can take a tour of the Great Hall here: <u>hospitalityuor.co.uk/venue-reading/virtual-tours</u>

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## **GETTING TO THE UNIVERSITY**

We would encourage the use of public transport where possible as the University is very well connected via public transport, and you could lower your carbon footprint. Detailed information about how to get to get to the University of Reading can be found here: <u>reading.ac.uk/findus</u> and information on sustainable travel can be found here: <u>https://sites.reading.ac.uk/sustainability/travel/</u>.

#### By Car:

The London Road campus is just over 2 miles from junction 11 of the M4 motorway. The sat nav postcode for the main White Gates Car Park is RG1 5AG.

## Car Parking:

Car Parking is limited on campus but if you are travelling by car, please use the White Gates Car Park which is accessible from Crown Place which is just off the London Road (A4). The Great Hall has up to 200 parking spaces which are offered on a first come first served basis. There are disabled bays within close proximity to the Great Hall entrance.

If the event is taking place between 9am and 5pm on a weekday, please print off the parking permit you will have been sent by your organiser and display in the window of your vehicle. If the event is taking place during the evening after 5pm or over a weekend you do not need a parking permit.

Failure to display a parking permit can result in a penalty notice being issued via an external company that the University are unable to cancel or refund.

## By Train:

Reading train station is a mainline train station and is easily accessible from most other places in the UK. There are direct rail links from many major cities, including Birmingham, Manchester, Glasgow, Cardiff, Bristol, and Exeter, as well as several routes through London. If you are travelling from or via London, the quickest route to take is from London Paddington station as you can be in Reading within 20 minutes. GWR's range of specialised rates for Group Travel can offer up to 26% in savings and reduce your carbon footprint by over 57% and will always deliver the best value travel for your group. For more information on this, please visit:

Group Train Tickets and Rail Travel | Great Western Railway (gwr.com)

#### By Bus:

You can get on and off the local buses directly outside the main entrance to our London Road campus. Local buses run from outside Reading train station – please see <u>reading-buses.co.uk</u> for current timetables. A single ticket from the town centre to campus is approx. £2, and a return ticket is approx. £4. Please ensure you have the correct fare as the bus driver cannot give change, contactless payment is now available. To plan your journey to campus via bus, please head to:

Plan Your Journey to Campus

#### Cycling to the campus:

The Whiteknights campus offers an ideal green environment for cyclists to explore the natural beauty the campus has to offer. We welcome responsible cyclists who follow our guidelines for sharing the space safely with other cyclists, pedestrians, and drivers. For further information regarding cycling to the campus, please visit <a href="https://sites.reading.ac.uk/sustainability/travel/cycling/">https://sites.reading.ac.uk/sustainability/travel/cycling/</a>.

#### Walking to campus:

The London Road Campus is within walking distance from Reading Station. The below link offers advice on how to reach the London Road campus. <u>https://sites.reading.ac.uk/sustainability/travel/walking-to-the-university/</u>

#### By Taxi:

In partnership with the University of Reading, Yellow Cars offer affordable 24h taxi services. They know the Reading Town centre and London Road Campus well. Prices will depend on the destination and number of passengers. You can see their latest fare prices by heading to <u>https://yellcars.com/fares/</u>. To book a taxi please call 0118 9660 660 or 0118 9666 555. Alternatively, you can book online by heading to <u>https://yellcars.com/.</u>

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

#### Wi-Fi Access:

To access the free Sky Wi-Fi, you should turn on your Wi-Fi and select **'WiFi Guest'** (Not UoR guest) from the available network list. Your web browser should then open, and you will need to accept the terms and once you have clicked to confirm, you will be connected to the network.

Users will be able to charge their vehicles for a maximum of four hours per session, so that we can accommodate as many users as possible each day.

## Campus Café & Bars:

For the latest information on opening times or bars and cafes, please see the below pages of our website. <u>The Dairy Bar</u> is located in close proximity to the Great Hall for pre/post show food or drink.

hospitalityuor.co.uk/bars-and-pubs/

We trust you have all the information you need, and we look forward to welcoming you to the University of Reading. If you have any questions relating to the event you are attending i.e., ticket info, please get in touch with the organiser of the event. Please do not hesitate to contact the Venue Reading team to discuss anything related to the venue.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Great Hall.

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