
Your Applicant Visiting Day Guide



Welcome to Aberystwyth University

I'm delighted to welcome you to our campus and hope your visit today confirms why you should choose to study at Aberystwyth University. I hope you get a sense of how much value we place on creating a friendly and supportive academic community and a clear idea of what to expect should you decide to study here.

We strive to offer an outstanding education alongside an exceptional student experience. The University has an excellent reputation for both, and consistently ranks among the top universities in official league tables. This year, we're proud to be recognised as the best in England and Wales for student experience by The Times and Sunday Times' Good University Guide 2025.

Our campus offers a close-knit community where everything you need is within easy reach. I hope, because of this, a friendly face is never far away. This is a place where students are always encouraged to be themselves and are supported to thrive both academically and personally.

As a graduate of Aberystwyth, I can attest to the University's unique ability to inspire, captivate and challenge, all the while making you feel right at home. The town, along with the surrounding area,

will undoubtedly broaden your horizons, and offer opportunities to make lifelong friends and create memories that will last a lifetime.

I hope today allows you to explore your chosen course(s) and have a conversation with lecturers about what you're looking for. One thing central to our teaching approach is employability, and we aim to provide you with the academic, personal, and professional experiences that will help you build the career you want after graduation. Many courses offer a year in industry, and you can also study or work abroad. Our Careers Service will be available throughout your time here, and after you graduate, to help you identify opportunities, develop your skills, and secure the job you want.

Above all, today is your chance to get a feel of student life here at Aberystwyth, whether that's by visiting our academic facilities, comparing accommodation, chatting with current students, or exploring the town. Most importantly, I hope today gives you a sense of the warm and welcoming community that awaits every student who chooses to study at Aberystwyth.

Professor Jon Timmis
Vice-Chancellor

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Your Visit

We look forward to welcoming you to the Applicant Visiting Day. To make things a little easier, we will contribute towards your expenses when you visit.

By way of a reminder, each applicant:

- will be provided with a lunch voucher during the Visiting Day;
- can claim a contribution towards visiting expenses, up to a maximum of £65 (based on the distance of a one way journey between the applicant's home postcode and a specified University postcode):

Less than 75 miles	£15.00
75 - 174 miles	£35.00
Over 175 miles	£65.00

Further information on how to claim for Applicant Visiting Day expenses will be sent to you via email following the event. Information on the contribution rates can be found online at: aber.ac.uk/avd/support



Thank you for visiting

We hope that you enjoy your time with us and find your visit useful and informative.

Win a £100 Amazon voucher

Let us know what you thought of our Applicant Visiting Day.

We will contact you via email after your visit to ask for your feedback - complete our online survey for a chance to win.

An electronic copy of this guide and your departmental programme can be found at: aber.ac.uk/avd/programme or by scanning this QR code:



Travel, Arriving and Parking

Penglais Campus SY23 3BY

Coming by car

Please arrive at the main entrance of Penglais Campus to be directed to available car parks.

All parking is free.

Coming by train

Buses will meet trains arriving at Aberystwyth Station, and will take visitors to the station at the end of their visit. Please visit our FAQ pages for further information: aber.ac.uk/avd/faq.

Coming by coach

The National Express service to Aberystwyth stops on the campus, the stop is called Aberystwyth University. Upon arrival visitors are welcome to make use of the [Free Applicant Visiting Day Bus Service](#) between town and campus during the Applicant Visiting Day.

Free Bus Service

During the Applicant Visiting Day a free shuttle service runs between the town and Penglais campus (9.00 - 16.30).

Please call into the welcome desk at the University's Workstation (next to Aberystwyth train station) to request a bus.

The service will set down and pick up from the main Penglais Campus bus stop where staff members will be based to assist with queries.

A shuttle service is also provided between the main Penglais Campus and the School of Art. Please refer to the School of Art programme for building opening times and activities.

Charging Points for Electric Vehicles

Please visit our FAQ pages for further information: aber.ac.uk/avd/faq

The School of Art SY23 1NG

There is free car parking available at the School of Art. The School of Art is a short five minute walk from the railway station.

A free bus service also operates from Penglais Campus Bus Stop (in the layby just below the University Reception near Penglais Campus entrance) to the School of Art, which is located in the town.

Details of this service will be provided on the day to applicants registering with the School of Art and will also be available at the bus stop on Penglais Campus.

Support for Disabled Visitors

If you, or anyone coming with you, has a disability, mobility issue or requires any adjustments to be made please ring +44 (0)1970 622065 or contact applicant@aber.ac.uk.

Access Guides to buildings and routes within Aberystwyth University are available through our partnership with AccessAble.

For further information visit: accessible.co.uk/aberystwyth-university



Your Applicant Visiting Day at Aberystwyth University

Registration Point

Aberystwyth Arts Centre
Penglais Campus, SY23 3DE ②

Please make your way to the Arts Centre where our welcome team will register you, and offer advice on how to make the most out of your visit.

You can register here from 9:00.

Departments

Further information about your department's programme during the Applicant Visiting Day can be found here: aber.ac.uk/avd/programme or by scanning this QR code:



Information Fair

Should you have any queries relating to studying at Aberystwyth, staff will be available in the Information Fair to answer queries relating to: accommodation; your application; student support (including accessibility and finance); fees and funding; student life and global opportunities.

Further information can be found here: aber.ac.uk/avd/programme

Free Wi-Fi

There is Free Wi-Fi on campus during the Applicant Visiting Day.

Our Student Ambassadors in yellow t-shirts are on hand during the day to answer queries and assist with directions.



Central Talks, Tours and Viewings

Penglais Campus Tours

Student-led Campus Tours lasting approximately 40 minutes. Tours include a visit to Hugh Owen Library, Students' Union and Sports Centre.

All academic departments offer tours as part of their programmes.

Talks

Please visit our Online Programme aber.ac.uk/avd/programme or scan this QR code to see our central talks and activities.




Coach Tours of Aberystwyth

A coach tour of the town departs from Penglais Campus bus stop at 14:30 and 15:30, lasting approximately 30 minutes.

Sports Centre Tour

Tour of the sporting facilities available on campus at 14:45, lasting approximately 30 minutes.

Meet outside the Sports Centre. 

Library Tours

Tours of Hugh Owen library lasting, approximately 30 minutes.

Tours depart from Level D Entrance, Hugh Owen Library at 11:30 and 14:15.


Accommodation

Open House Viewings

A selection of residences are available to view today between 9.30 – 16.00. Please visit our Online Programme for the most up to date information about our accommodation viewings: aber.ac.uk/avd/programme

Fferm Penglais


To find out more about this self-catered, en-suite residence please report to Y Sgubor at Fferm Penglais.

 You can catch the Applicant Visiting Day Shuttle Bus to visit Fferm Penglais. This runs throughout the day between the bus stop at Penglais Campus entrance and Y Sgubor in Fferm Penglais (09.30 – 16.00).

Alternatively, you can walk to Fferm Penglais (through Pentre Jane Morgan) from Penglais Campus along the marked footpath over the footbridge.

Pentre Jane Morgan


To visit this self-catered, shared facilities residence, please report to House 24, Pentre Jane Morgan.

 You can catch the Applicant Visiting Day Shuttle Bus to visit Pentre Jane Morgan. This runs throughout the day, between the bus stop at Penglais Campus entrance and Y Sgubor in Fferm Penglais, a short walk from Pentre Jane Morgan (09.30 – 16.00).

Alternatively, you can walk to Pentre Jane Morgan from Penglais Campus along the marked footpath over the footbridge.

Rosser


To visit this self-catered en-suite residence please report to The Lounge @Rosser.


 You can walk to The Lounge @Rosser which is located near to the Parry-Williams Building on Penglais Campus.

Pantycelyn

(Designated Welsh Medium Accommodation)

To visit this catered, en-suite option for students who want to live through the medium of Welsh, please report to the main entrance at Pantycelyn.

 You can walk to Pantycelyn from Penglais Campus, which is located below the Visualisation Centre at the bottom of Penglais Campus

 You may also be interested in attending an Accommodation Talk or discussing your queries at the Accommodation Desk in the Information Fair.

Please visit our Online Programme for further information: aber.ac.uk/avd/programme

Explore Penglais Campus

Sports Centre

aber.ac.uk/sportscentre

Literally the beating heart of campus where our students, sports clubs and Sports Centre Team work closely together with the Students' Union to ensure you receive the very best sport and exercise at Aberystwyth.

The sports dome, opened in January 2024, houses our new fitness centre, featuring the latest in self-charging gym equipment. Kitted out with 130 training stations, including bikes, rowing machines and treadmills, users can monitor their progress on digital screens powered in many cases by the energy they generate as they train. Alongside the dome we have a swimming pool and saunarium; dance studio; spin and combat studio; climbing wall and two multi-purpose sports halls.

Outdoor facilities include a floodlit short-pile 3G competition surface; 400m 2 lane trim-track; 48 acres of sports pitches and specialist facilities for water sports. We offer over 40 fitness classes per week where qualified and experienced instructors offer a range of sessions for all levels. Students living in our University-managed accommodation receive free Platinum gym membership to the University's Sports Centre, with access to all of the facilities, and fitness and wellness classes.

Aberystwyth Arts Centre

aberystwythartscentre.co.uk

The award winning Aberystwyth Arts Centre has facilities unrivalled throughout Wales and much of the UK. It offers a busy, year round programme of live performances, cinema, special events, exhibitions, courses and workshops. Facilities include a concert hall, a theatre, a cinema, contemporary galleries and numerous workshop spaces. The Craft and Design Shop stocks a wide range of jewellery, cards, ceramics and design ware and is the ideal place to find a perfect gift.

Undeb Aber (Students' Union)

abersu.co.uk

Pop in to meet the team between 9:00 – 16:00 to find out what opportunities, representation, and support AberSU has on offer to Aber Students. We want Aber students to love student life and be ready for anything. Led by students and supported by a team of staff, Aber Students' Union works to ensure that Aber students have an epic student journey, are happy, healthy and empowered, with lasting friendships and promising futures.

We provide a variety of services including over 150 clubs and societies, volunteering and leadership opportunities in addition to offering free, friendly and independent advice on a range of areas.

Information Services

aber.ac.uk/en/is

The Hugh Owen Library is the main University Library offering both quiet and group study spaces, books and journals and a wide range of facilities and resources to support your studies. Our IT and Library Enquiry Desk is also based here and the library is open 24/7 during term times. Applicants will be guided through this facility as part of the Campus Tour, conducted by your department, and you're also welcome to visit at your own leisure during the day.

Meals and Refreshments



Cashless Campus

Please note all outlets on campus are cashless – we accept all contactless payments.

The Food Hall and Starbucks

Situated at the entrance to the Penglais Campus

Open 8:00 – 17:00

Join us for Breakfast

Hot breakfast menu served from 8:00-11:00

- Hot food available all day with a full breakfast menu being served until 11:00.
- Hot food counter with a range of local meat, vegetarian, and vegan dishes.
- Food Hall main courses available 12:00 – 14:30, including ramen, hot pastries, and jacket potatoes.
- Starbucks coffee featuring a full range of barista coffees, selection of teas, smoothies, cakes and sandwiches.
- Our menu provides for a range of dietary needs, with vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free catered for.

CAFFIbach

Situated in the Gwendolen Rees Building, Penglais Campus

Open 8:30 – 16:00

- A wide variety of freshly brewed coffee, and selection of teas.
- Smoothies and juices and assorted cold drinks.
- Sandwiches, paninis, cakes and snacks.

Ffreutur, Pantycelyn

Situated in Pantycelyn (behind the Visualisation Centre), Penglais Campus

Open 9:30-18:00

- Coffee shop serving hot and cold drinks and a selection of sandwiches and pastries.

Starbucks

The Students' Union

Open 11:00 – 18:00

- Full range of barista coffees and selection of teas.
- Hot snacks and jacket potatoes.
- Paninis, sandwiches and baguettes.

Cwtch Bar

The Students' Union

Open 11:00 – 20:00

Students' Union Shop

The Students' Union

Open 9:30 – 16:00

On-campus convenience store, offering a range of sandwiches, snacks and drinks.

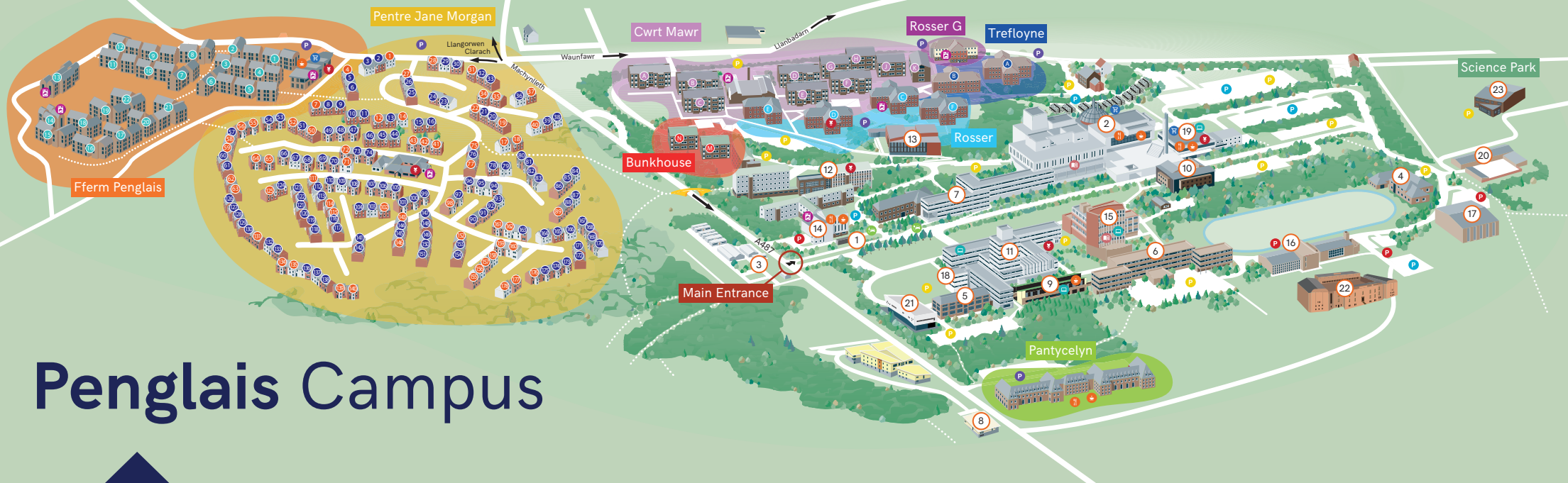
Arts Centre Café

Arts Centre Building 1st Floor

Open 8:30 – 20:00













A range of food and drinks, including filled rolls, sandwiches, salad and cakes. Our menu provides for a range of dietary needs, with vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options available as standard.





Penglais Campus

Key



-  Café
-  Restaurant
-  Student Parking
-  Pay & Display
-  Short-term Parking
-  Staff Parking
-  Library
-  Computer Space
-  Gym Facility
-  Shops
-  Electric Vehicle Charging
-  Study Lounge


Enquiries

-  **University Reception**
SY23 3FL

Campus Buildings

-  **Aberystwyth Arts Centre**
-  **Botany Garden Glasshouses**
• Department of Life Sciences
-  **Carwyn James Building**
• Sport and Exercise Science (Department of Life Sciences)
• VetHub1
-  **Cledwyn Building**
• Academic Registry
• Development and Alumni Relations
• Global Marketing and Student Recruitment
• Graduate School
• Health & Safety
• Lifelong Learning
• Planning

-  **Edward Llwyd Building**
• Department of Life Sciences
-  **Hugh Owen Building**
• Aberystwyth Business School
• Careers Service
• English and Creative Writing
• Law and Criminology
• Library and Information Services
• Modern Languages
-  **Healthcare Education Centre**
-  **The Gwendolen Rees Building**
• Department of Life Sciences
• CAFFibach
-  **International Politics Building**
• History and Welsh History
• International Politics








-  **Llandinam Building**
• Careers Service
• Computer Sciences
• Geography and Earth Sciences
• International English Centre
• Postgraduate Study Centre
-  **P5**
• Information Studies
• Psychology
• School of Education
-  **Parry-Williams Building**
• Theatre, Film and Television Studies
• Welsh and Celtic Studies
-  **Penbryn**
• Conference Office
• Food Hall
• Hospitality
• Medrus Suites
• Welsh Language Services
-  **Physical Sciences Building**
• Mathematics
• Physics
• Physical Sciences Library

-  **Sports Centre**
-  **Sports Cage**
-  **Student Welcome Centre**
• Communications and Public Affairs
• Student Support
-  **Students' Union**
-  **Veterinary Education Centre**
• School of Veterinary Science
-  **Visualisation Centre**
• Dialogue Centre
• Governance
• Human Resources
• Vice-Chancellor's Office
-  **National Library of Wales**

Science Park

-  **Unit 12**
• Finance Office
• Research, Business & Innovation

Accommodation

-  **Cwrt Mawr**
-  **Fferm Penglais**
-  **Pantycelyn**
-  **Pentre Jane Morgan**
-  **Rosser**
-  **Rosser G**
-  **Trefloyne**
-  **Bunkhouse**

Scan the code to
view our online map
on your device



Checklist

During your day, make time to:

- ☐ Register at Aberystwyth Arts Centre, Penglais Campus
- ☐ Call into the Information Fair
- ☐ Attend general talks
- ☐ Visit your academic department
- ☐ Explore the campus and town
- ☐ Discover more about University accommodation

After the event:

- ☐ Complete our survey to be in with a chance of winning a £100 Amazon voucher
- ☐ Check your email for information on how to claim a contribution towards your travelling expenses

In the event of an emergency

Please contact the nearest member of staff immediately.

On hearing the fire alarm

Please vacate the building by the nearest exit, do not use the lifts, and remain outside until informed by a member of University staff that it is safe to re-enter.

If you can see, hear or feel a fire

Operate the nearest alarm and vacate the building as detailed above.

Frequently Asked Questions

Useful information to help you plan your visit can be found on our Applicant Visiting Day FAQ webpage: aber.ac.uk/avd/faq

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For more information about the Applicant Visiting Day please contact:



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