
Your Open Day Guide

Saturday, 9 November 2024





Welcome to Aberystwyth University

We're so pleased you're joining us at our Open Day. Aberystwyth really is a wonderful University, and I'm sure the Open Day will give you an opportunity to see why. You'll get to meet our students and staff, ask plenty of questions and learn more about the opportunities available to you as a student at Aberystwyth.

You'll spend time in our academic departments, learning about the course(s) you're interested in, our modules, our teaching staff, and where your studies could take you after graduation. Take a look at our facilities, and learn more about the ground-breaking research stemming from our laboratories, seminar rooms and lecture theatres.

You'll also get an opportunity to tour our campus and visit our accommodation, library, Sports Centre and Arts Centre. Our Students' Union is at the heart of our campus, with academic departments, accommodation and our social and study facilities within easy walking distance.

We have a number of information sessions running throughout the day, as well as our Information Fair, where you can learn more about

applying to the University, our study abroad and work experience opportunities, and our commitment to student support.

If you're able to, try also to visit the town itself. Just a short walk from campus, you'll find a vibrant seaside town, with a host of shops, restaurants and cafes. We are also surrounded by countryside and not far from the Cambrian Mountains, making Aberystwyth an excellent choice for students interested in outdoor activities.

More than anything, I hope the Open Day allows you to experience our warm and welcoming community. Our University offers an inclusive environment, where students from across the world are invited to make Aberystwyth their home, are encouraged to be themselves, and are supported to thrive both academically and personally. We really hope you find that Aberystwyth is the place for you.

Professor Jon Timmis
Vice-Chancellor

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: www.aber.ac.uk/od/faq.

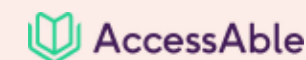
Supporting your Visit

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 openday@aber.ac.uk.

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

For further information visit:

www.accessable.co.uk/aberystwyth-university



Free Bus Service

During the Open 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

For further information please visit:

www.aber.ac.uk/od/faq

Please speak to the welcoming team at the entrance of Penglais Campus if you need assistance on the day.





Your Open Day at Aberystwyth University

Registration & Information Desks

Aberystwyth Arts Centre, Penglais Campus, SY23 3DE

Registration Desks

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



Pick up your voucher from the Information Desks for a **FREE** hot or cold drink and a cake!

Information Desks

Here you can collect programmes, maps and up to the minute information about your departmental schedules.

Departments

Further information about your department's programme during the Open Day can be found on the Academic Departmental Programmes page, www.aber.ac.uk/odprogramme or by scanning this QR code.



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

The information desks in Aberystwyth Arts Centre are open until 16:00 - feel free to call back at any time during your visit!

Information Fair

Hugh Owen Library (Level D) | 9:00 - 16:00

The Information Fair will include:

Accommodation

Staff from the Accommodation Team will be available to answer queries in relation to living in residences or in Private Sector Accommodation. For details of accommodation viewings during the day please see page 5.

Undergraduate and Postgraduate Admissions

Representatives from the Admissions Office will be available to provide advice on our admissions policies, entry criteria and application routes.

Scholarships and Financial Awards

Come and find out about the generous package of scholarships and bursaries we offer, and how much cash you could receive to help with your living costs.

Global Opportunities

Find out what study abroad opportunities are waiting for you at Aberystwyth University!

Accessibility Support

Our Accessibility Advisers will offer advice to those who may require additional support in accessing learning because of a disability, learning difference or a long-standing physical or mental health condition.

Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol - Aberystwyth Branch

Discover more about Welsh medium and bilingual courses and modules; financial support; plus the opportunity to ask questions about any aspect of studying or enjoying social activities through the medium of Welsh.

Your University Careers Service

Come and speak to one of our dedicated careers professionals about any careers related subject, including subject related career prospects and the wide range of work-related development opportunities we have on offer.

Student Fees

Staff from the University's Advice, Information and Money team and Student Fees Office will be available to provide financial advice and guidance and to discuss available payment options.

Support for International Students

Discover more about life as an international student at Aberystwyth. From queries regarding visa requirements, through to practical hints and tips on what to prepare, our team look forward to meeting you.

Undeb Aber

The voice of students and the home of student life at Aberystwyth. Discover the variety of clubs, societies and volunteering opportunities on offer.

Central Talks, Tours and Viewings

Talks

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



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.

Sports Centre Tours

Tour of the sporting facilities available on campus at 14:45-15:15. Meet outside the Sports Centre.

Penglais Campus Tours

Student-led Campus Tours (available through the medium of English or Welsh) lasting approximately 40 minutes. Tours include a visit to Hugh Owen Library, Students' Union and Sports Centre. Tours start from the piazza in front of the Arts Centre at 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 13:00, 14:00 and 15:00.

Coach Tours of Aberystwyth

Coach tours of the town depart from Penglais Campus bus stop at 13:00 and 15:00 and last for approximately 30-40 minutes.




Accommodation

Open House Viewings

A selection of residences are available to view today between 9:30 - 16:00. Please make your way to the meeting points noted below for directions to the show flat or house. Representatives from the Accommodation team will be available to answer any queries which may arise during your viewing.

Fferm Penglais


To visit this self-catered, en suite residence please report to Y Sgubor, Fferm Penglais.

 You can walk to Fferm Penglais from Penglais Campus along the marked footpath over the footbridge. Alternatively a shuttle bus service runs frequently throughout the day from Penglais Campus bus stop. The shuttle bus will drop you at Y Sgubor in Fferm Penglais.

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 Pengalis Campus

Pentre Jane Morgan

To visit this self-catered, shared facilities residence, meet near House 24.

 You can walk to Pentre Jane Morgan from Penglais Campus along the marked footpath over the footbridge. Alternatively a shuttle bus service runs frequently throughout the day from Penglais Campus bus stop. The shuttle bus will drop you at Y Sgubor in Fferm Penglais, a short walk from Pentre Jane Morgan.

Further details can be obtained from the Accommodation Desk in the Information Fair in the Hugh Owen Library.



Living and Studying in Welsh

14:45 – 15:15 – Aber y Gymraeg a Ti (Welsh Medium Reception) – Neuadd Pantycelyn

Here at Aberystwyth University, we are home to a lively, diverse and bilingual academic community, and our Welsh-medium provision is amongst the most extensive in Wales.

We offer opportunities for students who are fluent in Welsh, in addition to those who are less confident or may wish to learn the language. Our range of courses includes those that offer a few modules in Welsh, whilst others can be followed entirely through the medium of Welsh. You can also study modules in Welsh even if you are undertaking your course mainly in English.

As a Welsh-speaking student, you are invited to join the [Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol](#). You can become a member of the Coleg even before starting at the University. One advantage of doing this is you will be allocated a membership number which you will need if applying for one of the Coleg's [scholarships](#).

If you wish to live and study through the medium of Welsh at Aberystwyth, joining [Undeb Myfyrwyr Cymraeg Aberystwyth \(UMCA\)](#) is the best way to experience the close-knit Welsh-speaking community that we have here. UMCA is the first Union of its kind in Wales and has a rich history of community, representation and culture that spans 50 years.

[Neuadd Pantycelyn](#) offers accommodation for up to 200 students who wish to live through the medium of Welsh. A five-minute walk from the Penglais campus and town, Pantycelyn is the beating heart of Aberystwyth University's vibrant Welsh-speaking community, open to Welsh-speaking students and those who are looking to learn the Welsh language. Pantycelyn is open to view during the Open Day, with visitors welcome to call in between 9:30 – 16:00.

Meals and Refreshments

The Food Hall and Starbucks

Situated at the entrance to the Penglais Campus

Open 8:00-16:00

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.
- Hot food 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.

CAFFIbarch

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 9:30-17:00

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

Cashless Campus

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



Starbucks

The Students' Union

Open 8:30-20:00

Starbucks coffee featuring a full range of barista coffees and selection of teas Jacket potatoes and hot snacks Paninis together with sandwiches and baguette.

Students' Union Shop

The Students' Union

Open 8:30 – 15:00

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

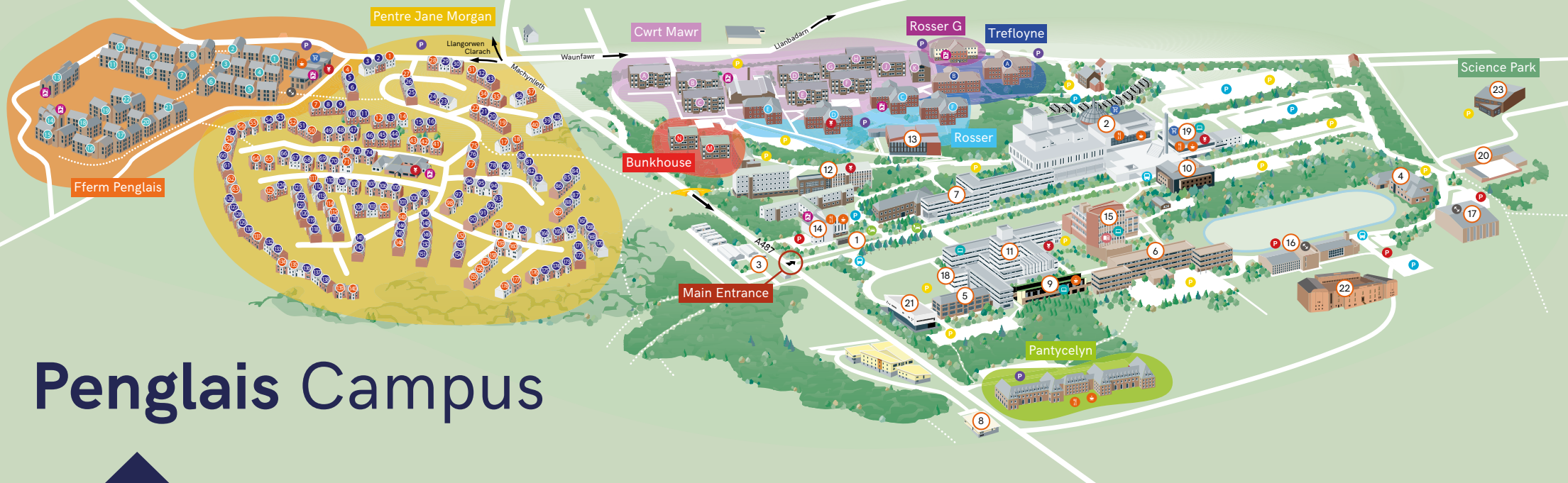
Arts Centre Café

Arts Centre Building, 1st Floor

Open 8:30 – 20:30













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

- ① **University Reception**
SY23 3FL

Campus Buildings

- ② **Aberystwyth Arts Centre**
- ③ **Botany Garden Glasshouses**
• Department of Life Sciences
- ④ **Carwyn James Building**
• Sport and Exercise Science (Department of Life Sciences)
• VetHub1
- ⑤ **Cledwyn Building**
• Academic Registry
• Development and Alumni Relations
• Global Marketing and Student Recruitment
• Graduate School
• Health & Safety
• Lifelong Learning
• Planning

- ⑥ **Edward Llwyd Building**
• Department of Life Sciences
- ⑦ **Hugh Owen Building**
• Aberystwyth Business School
• Careers Service
• English and Creative Writing
• Law and Criminology
• Library and Information Services
• Modern Languages
- ⑧ **Healthcare Education Centre**
- ⑨ **The Gwendolen Rees Building**
• Department of Life Sciences
• CAFFibach
- ⑩ **International Politics Building**
• History and Welsh History
• International Politics






- ⑪ **Llandinam Building**
• Careers Service
• Computer Sciences
• Geography and Earth Sciences
• International English Centre
• Postgraduate Study Centre
- ⑫ **P5**
• Information Studies
• Psychology
• School of Education
- ⑬ **Parry-Williams Building**
• Theatre, Film and Television Studies
• Welsh and Celtic Studies
- ⑭ **Penbryn**
• Conference Office
• Food Hall
• Hospitality
• Medrus Suites
• Welsh Language Services
- ⑮ **Physical Sciences Building**
• Mathematics
• Physics
• Physical Sciences Library

- ⑯ **Sports Centre**
- ⑰ **Sports Cage**
- ⑱ **Student Welcome Centre**
• Communications and Public Affairs
• Student Support
- ⑲ **Students' Union**
- ⑳ **Veterinary Education Centre**
• School of Veterinary Science
- ㉑ **Visualisation Centre**
• Dialogue Centre
• Governance
• Human Resources
• Vice-Chancellor's Office
- ㉒ **National Library of Wales**

Science Park

- ㉓ **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



Free Wi-Fi

Free Wi-Fi on campus during the Open Day.

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.

Safety

In the interests of safety, please do not touch any materials or apparatus unless specifically asked to do so by a member of staff.

Frequently Asked Questions

Useful information to help you plan your visit can be found on our Open Day FAQ webpage: www.aber.ac.uk/od/faq

Cashless Campus

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This programme is also available in Welsh
/ Mae'r rhaglen hon hefyd ar gael yn Gymraeg.



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