Welcome to the first issue of Travel Wise, a biannual travel newsletter which we hope you will find useful in planning your journey to or from the University, whether on a daily basis or as a one-off visit.

The University wishes to encourage staff, students and visitors to use sustainable forms of transport and wherever possible to use an alternative to single occupancy cars.

Public transport

A frequent rail service runs to Reading from London Paddington which only takes 23 minutes. Many other direct rail services link Reading to the rest of the country. For more information visit www.nationalrail.co.uk

The Whiteknights and London Road campuses are both accessible by foot, being approximately 1.6 miles (35 minutes) and 0.7 miles (15 minutes) respectively from Reading Station. Alternatively, Reading Buses serve both campuses from Reading Station with three routes running every 10 minutes (9, 20 and 21). Routes 20 and 21 come onto the Whiteknights campus. For London Road campus, routes 20 and 21 stop nearby in Kendrick Road and route 9 in Craven Road.

The Bulmershe Court campus is approximately 1.5 miles from Earley Station and can be reached on foot in around 28 minutes or from Reading Station by routes 63 and 64 (every 20 mins) or 62 (every hour). Visit www.reading-buses.co.uk/university

The Greenlands campus in Henley is served by South West Trains from London Marylebone to High Wycombe and First Great Western from London Paddington to Henley on Thames via Twyford. The easiest way to get to Greenlands from Henley or High Wycombe is by taxi.

Staff and students who travel across two Reading Bus zones are entitled to a discounted travel card. All they have to do is show their University ID card at the time of purchase. Any member of staff who does not have an ID card can obtain one free of charge from Campus Services. Please email csadmin@reading.ac.uk to arrange an appointment.
Cycling

Bicycles are the most energy-efficient form of transport and can be faster and more predictable than a car or bus for short journeys. For example, at a relatively comfortable 10mph, you can cycle from Reading Station to the Whiteknights campus in 15 minutes – burning around 100 calories in the process. Cycling regularly can keep you fit, save you money (no tax, no fuel, no fares) and it’s one of the most environmentally-friendly ways to travel.

The University has over 1,100 cycle racks and there are a number of cycle routes serving the Reading campuses. Campus Services have a number of high visibility jackets and bike locks available for staff and students to purchase.

The University will be launching a new bicycle purchase scheme for members of staff during Green Week in November. Please look out for this exciting new initiative.

For further details of cycling in Reading please visit www.reading.gov.uk/cycling

Cut the queues, travel in twos!

The University has set up a car sharing scheme in a bid to cut traffic congestion on Reading’s roads. If you would also like to save money travelling to and from the University, have someone to travel with, and reduce your carbon footprint then join the University’s car sharing scheme. Register your route on the website and the system will search for a match. The more people who register, the greater the chance of finding a match. If you would like to offer a lift or are looking to obtain a lift, register now at www.rucarsharing.com. The scheme will also match people who wish to travel by taxi, bicycle or walk the same route.

For information on parking at the University please visit www.fmd.reading.ac.uk/For_University_staff/Campus_services/Security/Parking_/}

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Green Week

The University will be holding its first Green Week from 2-6 November where you will be able to find more details on all of the above items. The Environment, Energy and Sustainability Team look forward to seeing you there.

For further information about travel matters please email eest@reading.ac.uk