Welcome to London Road

The University’s ancestral home transformed into a new teaching environment for the twenty-first century.
Introduction to the London Road campus

The London Road campus in central Reading is one of three campuses at the University of Reading and was gifted in 1904 by the local Palmer family, of the famous biscuit manufacturer Huntley & Palmers. London Road also houses the impressive Great Hall where thousands of our students attend their graduation ceremonies every year. The hall also plays host to a number of performances including some by national choirs and various University ensembles.
The Institute of Education at the University of Reading is now returning to this historic facility after over 20 years of celebrating success at Bulmershe Court.

The University has made an investment of £30 million to transform the prestigious London Road campus into a purpose-built place exclusively refurbished to continue its long lasting tradition of delivering exceptional teacher training and programmes of study in the field of Education.

The Institute is the principle occupant of the London Road campus. The cloister buildings have been refurbished to create dedicated spaces for the teaching of subjects such as music, PE, drama, languages, the sciences, ICT, art and also our unique programme in Theatre Arts, Education and Deaf Studies (TAEDS). There is a refurbished social and catering facility for staff and students, administration support, a Resource Centre, and plenty of green space.

The campus is centrally located in the town of Reading being right next to the University’s Museum of English Rural Life (MERL). The Whiteknights campus is a short walk away from the London Road campus which is also close to the railway station, restaurants, pubs, bars, cinema and the popular Oracle Shopping Centre in Reading (www.theoracle.com).
Facilities available

Reception
This is situated in the south end of the campus in Building L016 which is also closest to the Acacia Road car park available to visitors.

Library
Full library services are provided at the University Library, Whiteknights, but you can return loans at London Road via the Book Drop facility in Building L024 foyer. Liaison Librarians Rachel Redrup and Elizabeth Schlackman also hold regular ‘surgeries’ at London Road: see www.reading.ac.uk/library/education for details.

Teaching Resource Base (TRB)
This is situated in the Resources building L024. Also in this building are photocopying facilities for students. Initially there will be three black and white machines available to students using the EMOS card system. Future plans will include upgrading one of these machines to colour.

Teaching Support Unit (TSU)
This is also in the Resources building L024. The facilities on offer include comb binding and laminating services for students and staff. The key contact person for the TSU is Chris Tibbenham c.tibbenham@reading.ac.uk.

ICT labs
These can be found in L033 which is the building for ICT and Modern Foreign Languages (MFL).
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Food and drink

The London Road campus has a bar/cafeteria run by the University called Eat and Drink at London Road. The facility is open to staff, students and members of the public.

What’s on offer:

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Current opening times (subject to change from 2012)

Term time:
Monday to Friday, 10.00 am – 1.15 am
Saturday to Sunday, 12.00 pm – 12.15 am
(Vacation times may vary)

Other local options for purchasing sandwiches and other refreshments include the Murco petrol station right opposite the main entrance on London Road and Tesco Express which is on the corner of London Road and London Street, just a few minutes away from the campus.
Travel and transportation
The London Road campus is easily accessible by public transport and conveniently located close to Reading railway station. The campus is served by many major bus routes. Parking at the London Road campus is extremely limited. Students are encouraged to take public transport where possible, or to car share and use public car parks. Visitors may obtain temporary permits on arrival from Reception.

**London Road campus by road**

*For sat nav please use RG1 5AQ*

If you don’t have a permit to park or are unable to park on campus: The nearest car park to the London Road campus is Queens Road, though the full day rate is expensive. Similarly, you could also park in the The Oracle shopping centre car park. Other slightly cheaper options, but 20–30 minutes walk from campus, include Kings Meadow and Hills Meadow, which will be suitable for those coming from north of Reading. For those coming from Junction 11 of the M4, you can use the Madejski Stadium Park and Ride. From the ‘Butts Centre’ drop-off point it is about 10–15 minutes walk to the campus. There may be some limited on-street parking around but you will need to ensure that you are aware of the parking restrictions in that area.

Staff can also avail of the University’s car sharing facility.

For more information on the rules and eligibility criteria for parking on campus please visit [www.reading.ac.uk/parking](http://www.reading.ac.uk/parking)

**London Road campus by train and bus**

It takes approximately 15 minutes to walk from Reading Railway Station.

If you don’t want to walk from the station, bus routes **20, 20a** and **21** run from near the station to Kendrick Road every 7–8 minutes. Buses also stop on London Road (**9**), Kings Road (**17**), and between London Road and Bulmershe (**no 13**).

The latest bus timetables are available from the Reading Buses website: [www.reading-buses.co.uk](http://www.reading-buses.co.uk)

A special section on the website also includes specific details with regards to travelling around the University, please visit [www.reading-buses.co.uk/getting-to-and-from-the-campus](http://www.reading-buses.co.uk/getting-to-and-from-the-campus) for updates.

• This is being updated to include London Road.

• The fare between Whiteknights and London Road is £1.

• All of this will also be included in a London Road edition of TravelWise to be published shortly by University Campus Services.
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