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YOUR JOINING INSTRUCTIONS

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THE BNU WELCOME

Welcome to Buckinghamshire New University!

We are looking forward to you joining our online-delivery **BA (Hons) 3D Game Art** course in September.

At BNU we pride ourselves on the support we offer our students to succeed in their academic learning and creating graduates ready for employment. This information pack has been created by the BNU Welcome Team and your course leader, **Rob Penhaligon**, to provide you with information that you will need for a successful start at BNU. Please read it carefully before you join us.

THE ESSENTIALS…

WELCOME WEEK AT BNU

BNU Welcome Week will run from **Monday 19th September to Friday 23rd September 2022** at our **High Wycombe Campus** and we are currently putting together a detailed timetable of activity. Students who are studying online are welcome to join us on-campus during Welcome Week and all the information you need will be on the Welcome Page on our website so please check that regularly.

ABOUT YOUR COURSE

From digital sculpting to rigging, you'll learn the ins and outs of Game Art. Throughout the course you'll develop the skills you need to succeed, while building your network of industry contacts.

The course begins with essential CGI skills and the fundamentals of animation. You'll use 3D modelling to create objects and characters and learn about the pipeline of a professional project. Moving on to year two, you'll learn how to integrate your work into games engines, most likely Unreal Engine and build games levels from an artistic perspective. You'll also learn how to build an organic character, from sculpting to hair, to clothes.

By your final year, you'll have found the specialism you want to focus on in the industry. Your group projects are a chance to test your skills in a realistic industry scenario. Take your place in the production pipeline and see what it's like to contribute to a substantial project. You will also have 2 individual projects and creative project where you get to put yourself in the driving seat.

Being a student at Bucks, you'll have committed lecturers, a great support network and one of the country's best Student Unions (NSS 2018). We are also in the top 10 in the country for employability

Some preliminary reading:

- https://infographicworld.com/what-is-3d-animation/
- Jones. P (2021) Game Artist: *The Ultimate Career Guide*, Sonola & Jones Ltd.

Details of your pre-joining project can be found at the end of this pack.

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ENROLMENT

UK Students

You need to enrol online with BNU before you join us. You will receive an email giving you all the information you need, so don't worry. More information can be found on our website and we have included a handy checklist to make sure you cover everything.

International Students

You need to pre-enrol online and show proof of ID in-person to complete your enrolment process. Please see our website for full details.

Photograph

You will need to email us a head and shoulders photograph of yourself before you start at BNU. This photo should be in a JPEG format and sent to students@bucks.ac.uk with the subject line "Student ID." Please include the following information in your email:

- Your student ID (if you know it)
- Your full name (include all forenames and surname)
- Your date of birth
- The name of the course you will be starting

YOUR TEACHING TIMETABLE

Your teaching timetable for your first semester will be available closer to your starting date via MyBNU.

IT SERVICES

When you receive your enrolment email it will include all the information you need to access the digital services at BNU, including setting up your IT account and accessing MyBNU to access all university systems and information. To find out more about the IT services available to you see our quick start guide.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT YOU MAY FIND USEFUL…

ACCOMMODATION

We guarantee accommodation for all new students at BNU who have applied by 31st August 2022 so if you need accommodation check out our website. If you have already applied for accommodation, moving in information will be sent out at the end of August.

BURSARIES

At BNU we offer an impressive package of scholarships and bursaries to make sure that all our students can reach their potential. Please visit our Bursaries and Scholarships page to find out more about additional financial support that you may be entitled to.

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INCLUSION, DIVERSITY AND DISABILITY TEAM

Did you know that the government offers Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs) to help meet the extra costs of studying that some students face as a direct result of a disability? More information about how we can support students with a disability can be found at https://www.bucks.ac.uk/life/student-success-and-support/inclusion-diversity-and-disability.

Please contact the Inclusion, Diversity and Disability team via inclusion@bucks.ac.uk to introduce yourself and make arrangements for a registration appointment.

For more information on DSA or to start your claim, visit: https://www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowance-dsa/how-to-claim.

YOUR STUDENTS' UNION

When you enrol at BNU you will automatically become a member of Bucks Students' Union and will have the opportunity to enrich your student experience by taking part in a diverse and exciting range of activities. Why not explore our website at https://www.bucksstudentsunion.org/ to find out more about what's on offer?

If you have any general questions before you start please contact welcome@bucks.ac.uk or for course specific questions please get in touch with Rob Penhaligon via rob.penhaligon@bucks.ac.uk.

We look forward to welcoming you soon!

The BNU Welcome Team

We will consider any request for accessible formats that may be required. Please send your request to welcome@bucks.ac.uk.

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Pre-joining Project

These projects will introduce you to Autodesk Maya, which is a key piece of software in the game art process. If you have any issues please feel free to contact Rob, the Animation, Visual Effects and Game Art Course Leader, at rob.penhaligon@bucks.ac.uk.

1. If you are currently registered at a college or 6th form you may be entitled a free student licence. Unfortunately, you won't be able to use your BNU ID until you complete your enrolment in September. Begin by going to the Autodesk website and downloading your free student version of Maya here (you will need to register for a free account): https://www.autodesk.com/education/free-software/featured.

   If you aren't at a suitable college you can access Maya's free 30-day trial here: Maya Free Trial

2. Then complete this set of introductory tutorials: Maya 101. If you are already familiar with Maya you can skip this step.

3. Try to model a simple dining chair using pictures as reference.

4. Animate it falling over.

5. Bring your work to your first session.

Additional work if you have time after completing the project…

Animation:

You can also try these introductory animation videos by Sydney Padua, our Senior Lecturer in Animation:

- Animation Tutorials
- You will find the BB8 robot rig here:

Unreal Engine:

- Get it here (free)
- Learn the basics with these tutorials from Epic

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Motion Graphics

Useful in cinematics, you can also try these Cinema 4D videos by our Motion Graphics Lecturer, Miles Skarin:

- Tutorials
- https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLig-_jVtHMiyONFtxrWkDSi92hU8ItI8W

A 14-day trial version of the Maxon App which contains cinema4D and Redshift can be accessed here.

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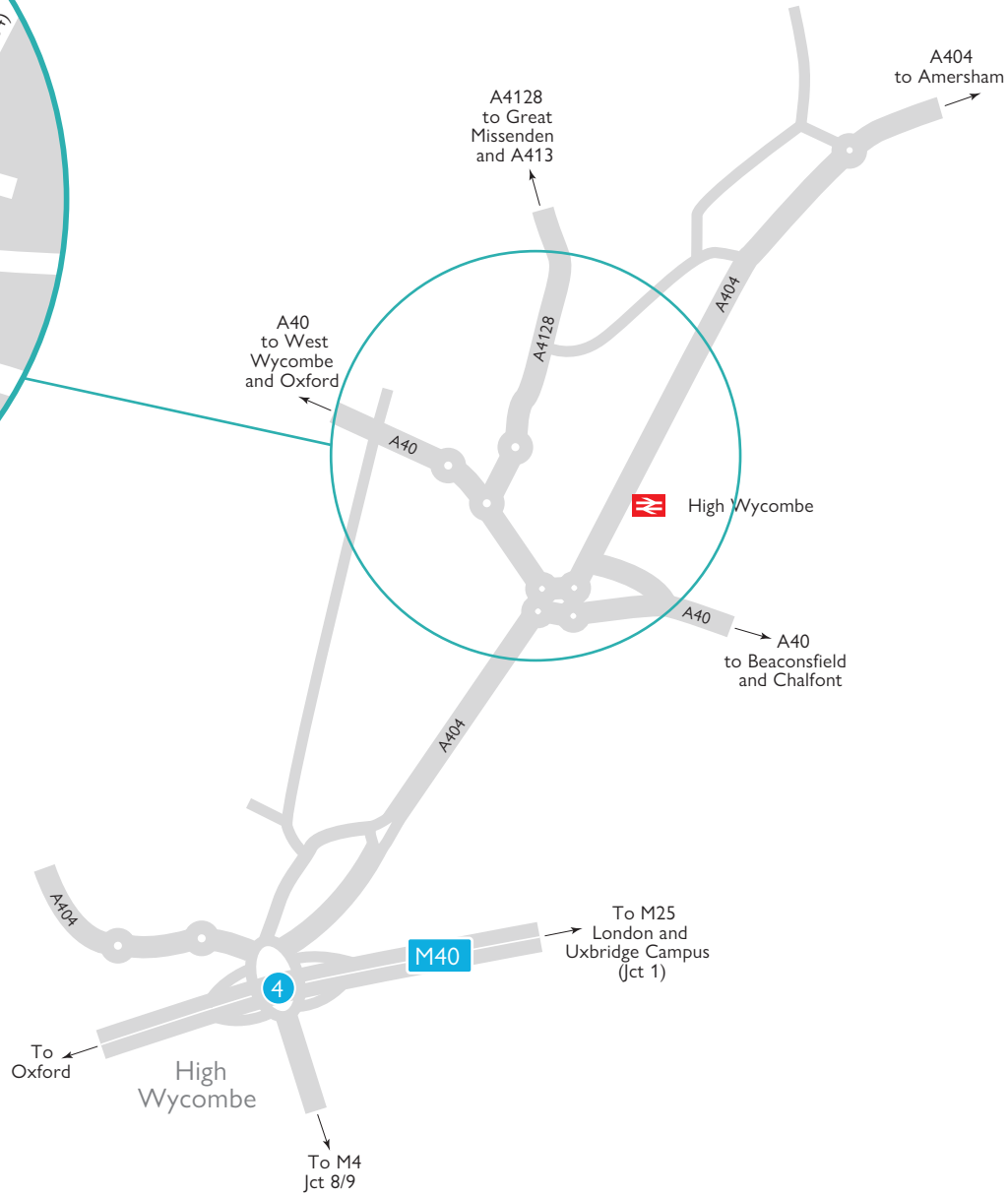

Queen Alexandra Road
High Wycombe
Buckinghamshire HP11 2JZ

By rail
Chiltern Railways from Marylebone to High Wycombe. The campus is approximately a quarter of a mile from the station.

By bus
The campus is a few minutes' walk from the bus station.

More information can be obtained from Traveline on 0871 200 2233

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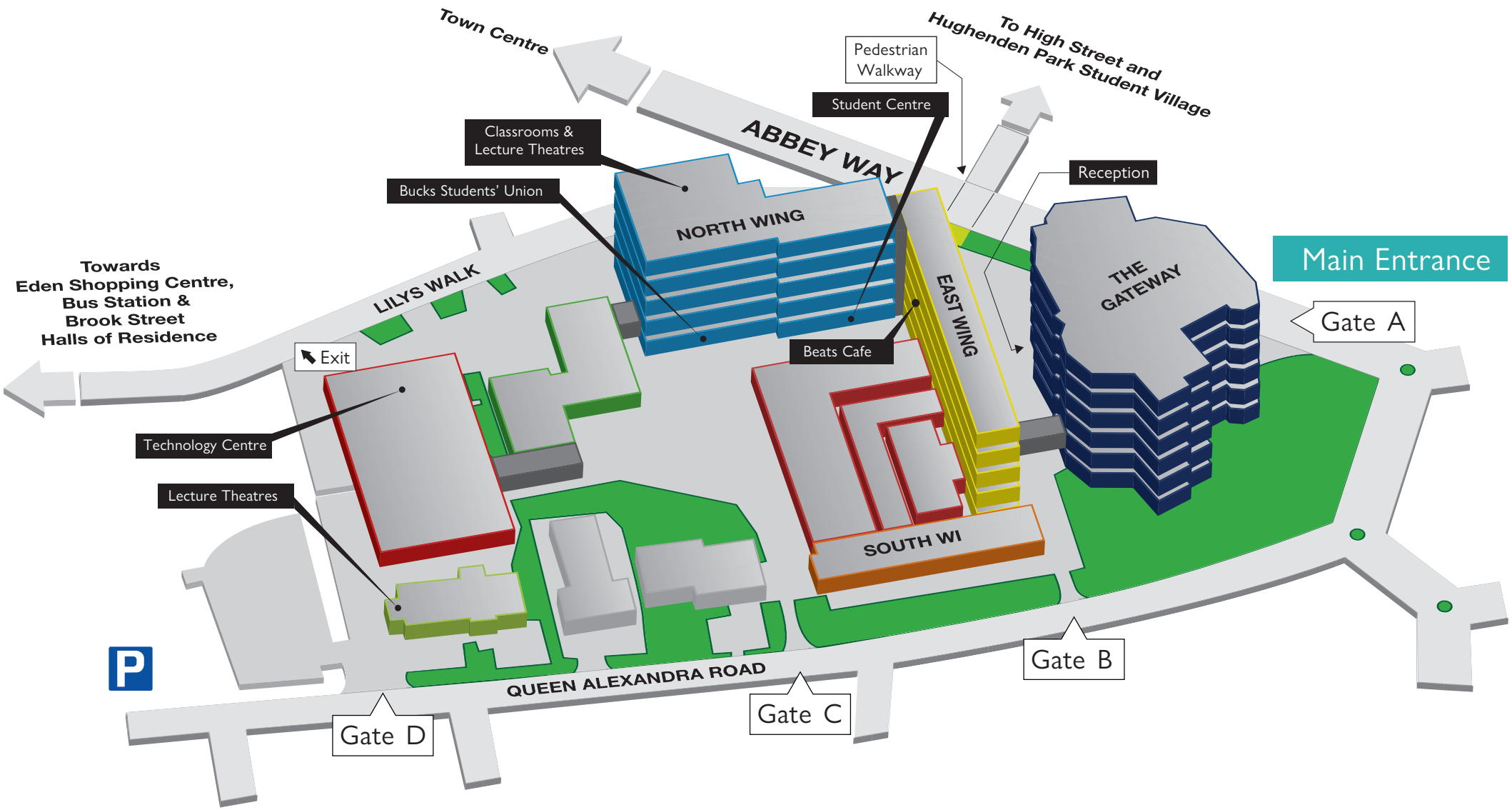

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HIGH WYCOMBE VISITOR INFORMATION

SUPERMARKETS

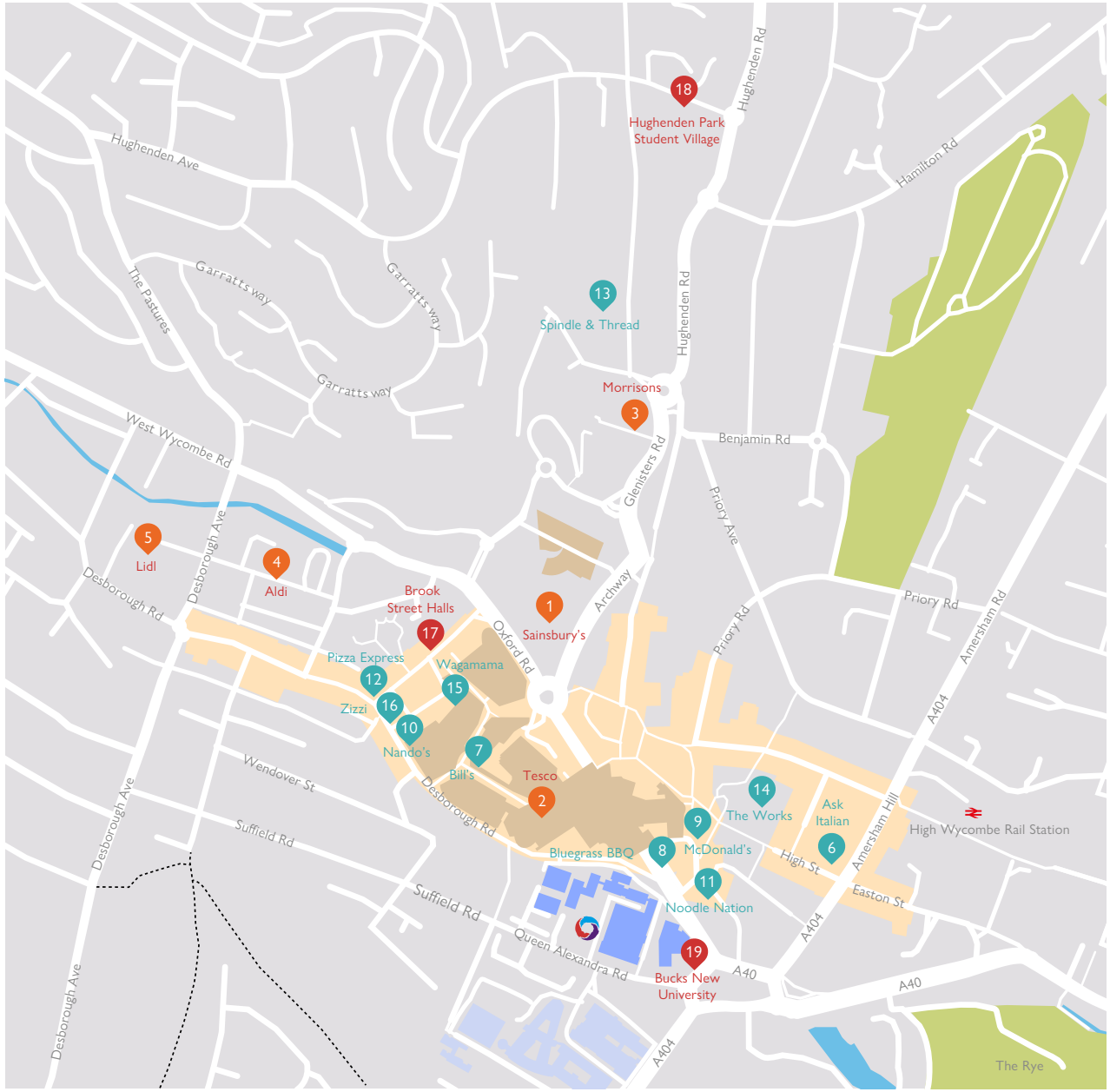
1. Sainsbury's Superstore
2. Tesco Superstore
3. Morrisons
4. Aldi
5. Lidl

RESTAURANTS

6. Ask Italian
7. Bill's
8. Bluegrass BBQ
9. McDonald's
10. Nando's
11. Noodle Nation
12. Pizza Express
13. Spindle & Thread
14. The Works
15. Wagamama
16. Zizzi

UNIVERSITY LOCATIONS

17. Brook Street Halls
18. Hughenden Park Student Village
19. Bucks New University Main Campus



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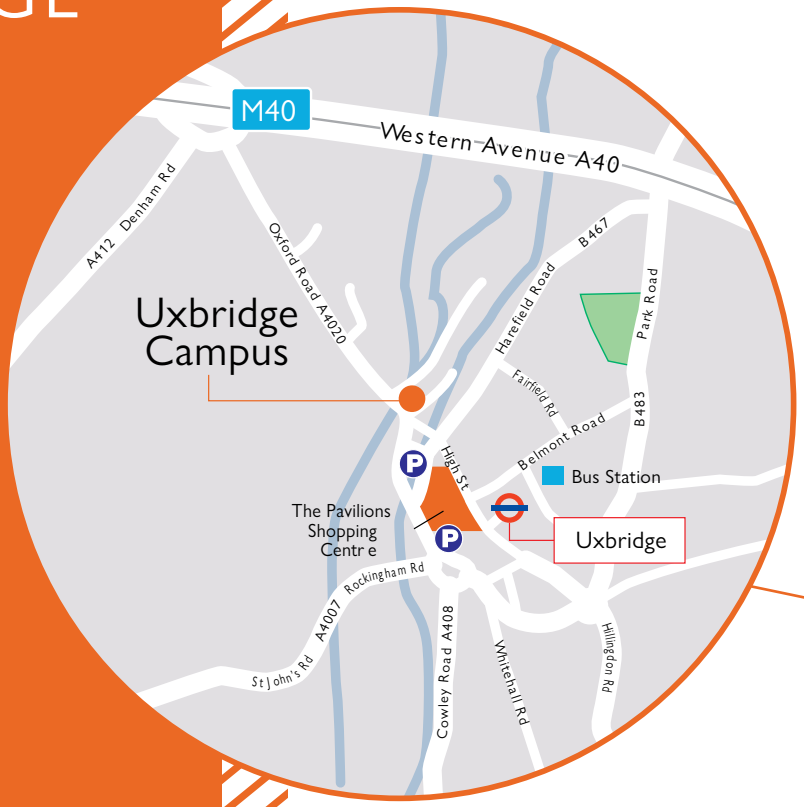

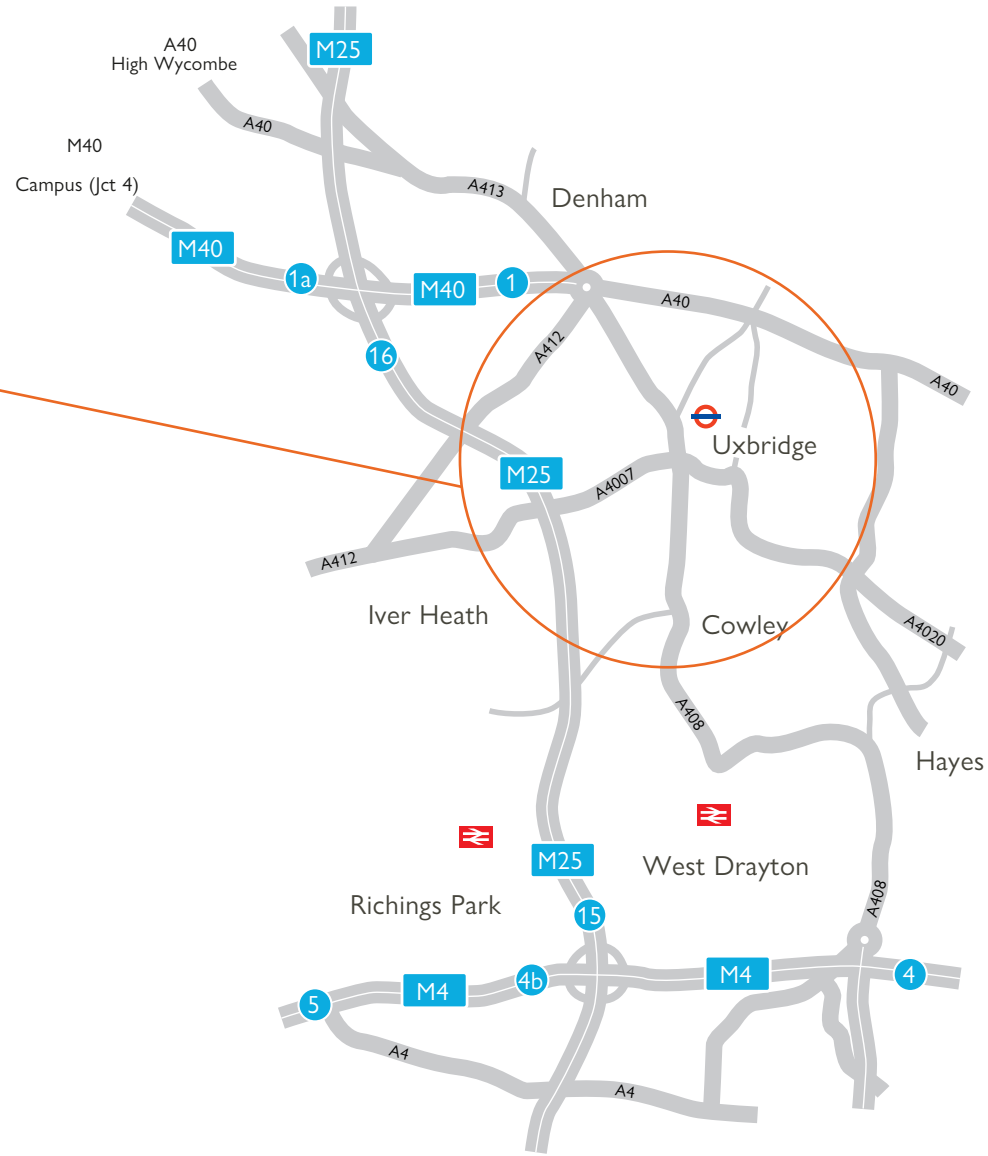

106 Oxford Road
Uxbridge
Middlesex UB8 1NA

By tube
Metropolitan or Piccadilly Line to Uxbridge. The campus is approximately five minutes' walk, and quarter of a mile from the station.

By bus
The campus is approximately five minutes' walk from the tube and bus station.

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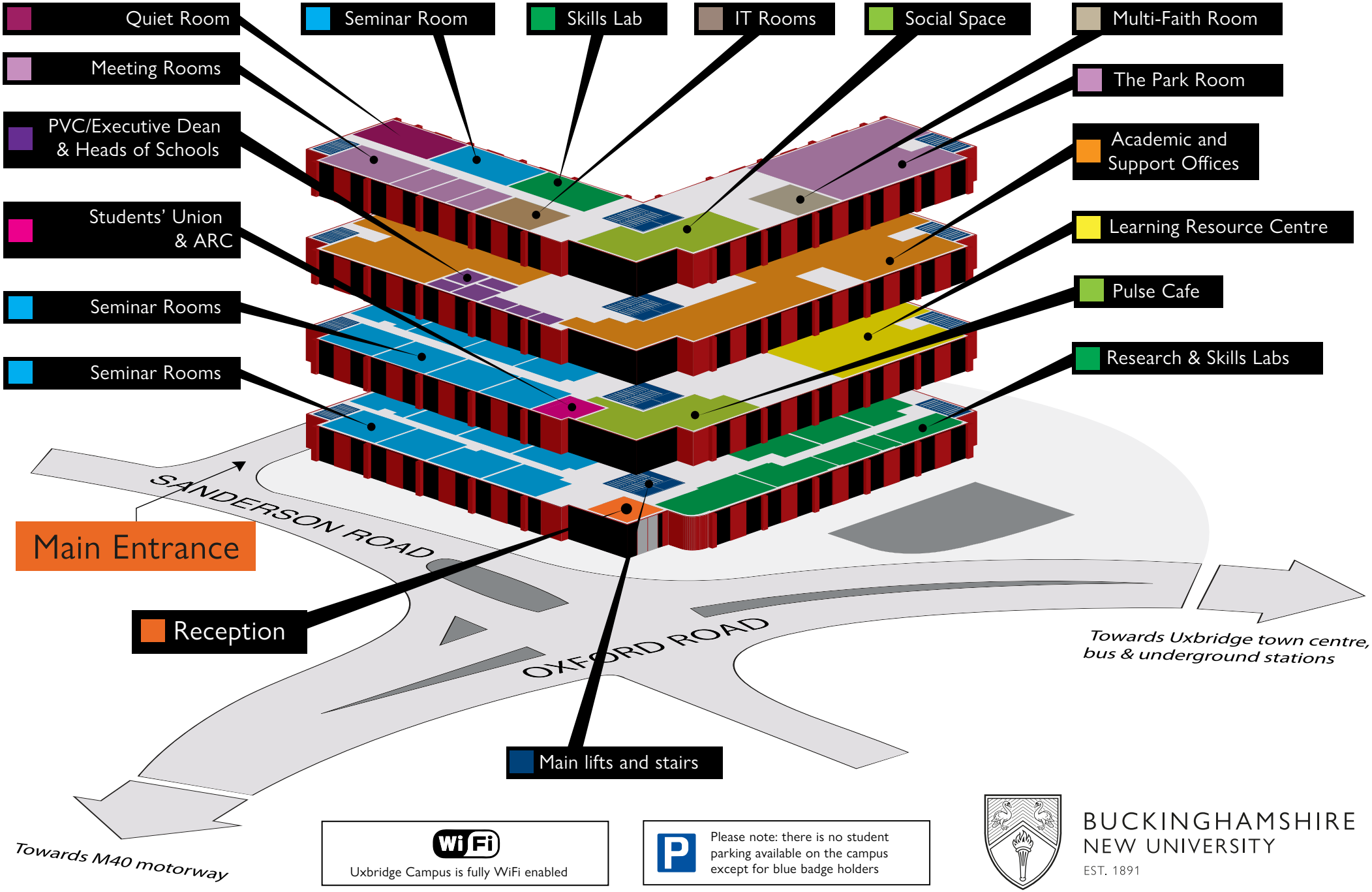

WiFi
Uxbridge Campus is fully WiFi enabled

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Please note: there is no student parking available on the campus except for blue badge holders

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AYLESBURY CAMPUS

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Walton Street
Aylesbury
Buckinghamshire HP21 7QG

By rail
Aylesbury Station is approximetly 8 minute walk via Great Western St and Walton St

By bus
The campus is a few minutes walk from the bus station by walking via Market Square

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