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Welcome to Buckinghamshire New University!

We are looking forward to you joining our **BSc (Hons) Criminology** course.

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, Dr Keelin Howard, to provide you with information that you will need for a successful start at BNU. Please read it carefully before you join us.

STARTING AT BNU

Our Induction programme will take place in-person at our High Wycombe campus on the 3rd, 4th and 5th January 2024. Please plan to be on-campus for each of these days from 9am until 5pm.

ENROLMENT

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.

ID / Qualifications Check

You will be required to show proof of ID when you start with us. This can be:

- Current passport
- EU / EEA National Identity Card
- Birth / Adoption certificate

You will also require proof of your qualifications. Please make sure you have these documents available prior to joining us.

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@bnu.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



ABOUT YOUR COURSE

Welcome to studying one of our Criminology degree programmes!

Your first year will involve learning the basics and gaining a foundation of knowledge in criminology, including the main explanations for crime and understanding the workings of the criminal justice system in the UK. Criminology is a social science, so in your first year you will learn how social science can provide us with key insights about crime, criminal justice and related issues, and how to see and think using a social science lens on the social world. All of our programmes involve applying your learning in the classroom to current real world criminological and social issues and you will find your course highly relevant to the contemporary world of work in and around criminal justice.

In your second year you will have the opportunity to choose one of our exciting pathways, depending on your interests and career goals. You could choose to take the Criminology and Forensic Studies pathway in which, alongside criminology modules, you would study Forensic Studies with a former CSI from the Met Police, learning the skills and competencies necessary to work either as a CSI or a more general forensics setting.

Alternatively, you could choose our Criminology and Law pathway, in which you would study law modules alongside criminology; an ideal pathway for anyone who wishes to work in and around the legal profession. Of course, if you would prefer a more in-depth exploration of criminology and this suits your career goals, you could also specialise in Criminology throughout your three years with us.

At Level 5 (second year) all students take an Employability and Professional Development module which will really help you perfect your CV and will enhance your employability. We strongly encourage our students to take up some volunteering in a relevant setting during their degree, which our Students' Union volunteering department will help you find. Volunteering helps put your learning into practice and our students always benefit from this experience.

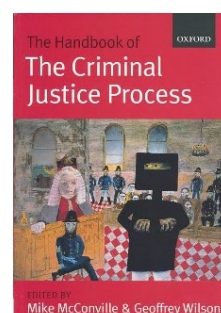
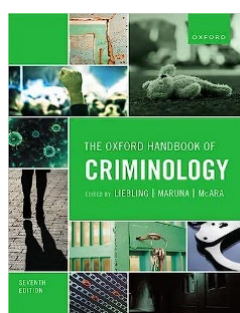
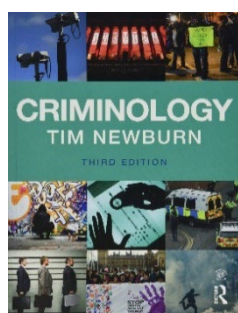
Here is a video we made where some of our students talk about studying social science at BNU with us:

<https://youtu.be/ZWh9Z4DLu8>

Recommended reading

These are some of the textbooks you will be using over your degree. It is not essential to purchase these before you start your course; there will be opportunities to purchase these or find them in the library when you enrol:

- Newburn, T. (2017) *Criminology* London Routledge
- Liebling, A, Maruna, S., McAra, L. (2023) *The Oxford Handbook of Criminology* Oxford: Oxford University Press
- McConville, M. and Wilson, G. (2002) *The Criminal Justice Process* Oxford: Oxford University Press





These are some interesting and relevant books that we recommend to get you thinking critically:

- Akala (2019) *Natives: Race and Class in the Ruins of Empire* London: Penguin
- Bregman, R. (2020) *Human kind: A Hopeful History* London: Bloomsbury
- Dorling, D. (2019) *Inequality and the 1%* London: Verso
- Eddo-Lodge, E. (2018) *Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People about Race* London: Bloomsbury
- Harari, Y. N. (2015) *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind* London: Vintage
- Hirsch, A. (2018) *Brit(ish): On Race, Identity and Belonging* London: Vintage
- Olusoga, D. (2017) *Black and British: A Forgotten History* London: Pan
- Thapar, C. (2021) *Cut Short: Youth Violence, Loss and Hope in the City* London: Viking
- Thunberg, G. (2019) *No-One Is Too Small to Make a Difference* London: Penguin



We also recommend the following videos, documentaries and podcasts:

- Gary's Economics: <https://www.youtube.com/@garyseconomics>
- Novara Downstream (interviews with 'radical' thinkers/specialists in their field):
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL9f7WaXxDSUrEWXNZ_wO8tML0KjIL8d56
- The Justice Gap podcasts: <https://www.thejusticegap.com/podcast/>
- BBC, Tagged: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p07txpdk/tagged>
- CH4, Unreported World: <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/unreported-world>
- CH4, The Truth About Police Stop and Search: <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/the-truth-about-police-stop-search>
- CH4, Dispatches: <https://www.channel4.com/collection/dispatches>
- Transform Justice podcast: <https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/transform-justice/>
- Secret Life of Prisons podcast: <https://secretlifeofprisons.libsyn.com/website>

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. To find out more about the IT services available to you, visit our [web pages](#) and see our [quick start guide](#).



DISABILITY AND INCLUSION SERVICE

The Disability and Inclusion service can help you to get the most from your experience at university in an inclusive learning environment. We provide a range of services to support disabled students including:

- Screening for specific learning difficulties, mental health issues and autism
- Discussing reasonable adjustment recommendations for teaching and exams
- Help accessing external support funding such as the [Disabled Student's Allowances](#) (where eligible)

If you think that you have a disability and might need some support, please contact us to find out what help is available. You can use the links below to book an appointment:

- [Online appointments](#)
- [Appointments at our High Wycombe campus](#)
- [Appointments at our Uxbridge campus](#)
- [Appointments at our Aylesbury campus](#)

Alternatively, please contact the Disability and Inclusion service via inclusion@bnu.ac.uk with any questions.

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 free activities, opportunities and events thanks to our unique [Big Deal](#) offer. Your Union will represent your views and support you every step of the way - 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@bnu.ac.uk or for course specific questions please get in touch with Dr Keelin Howard via keelin.howard@bnu.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@bnu.ac.uk.

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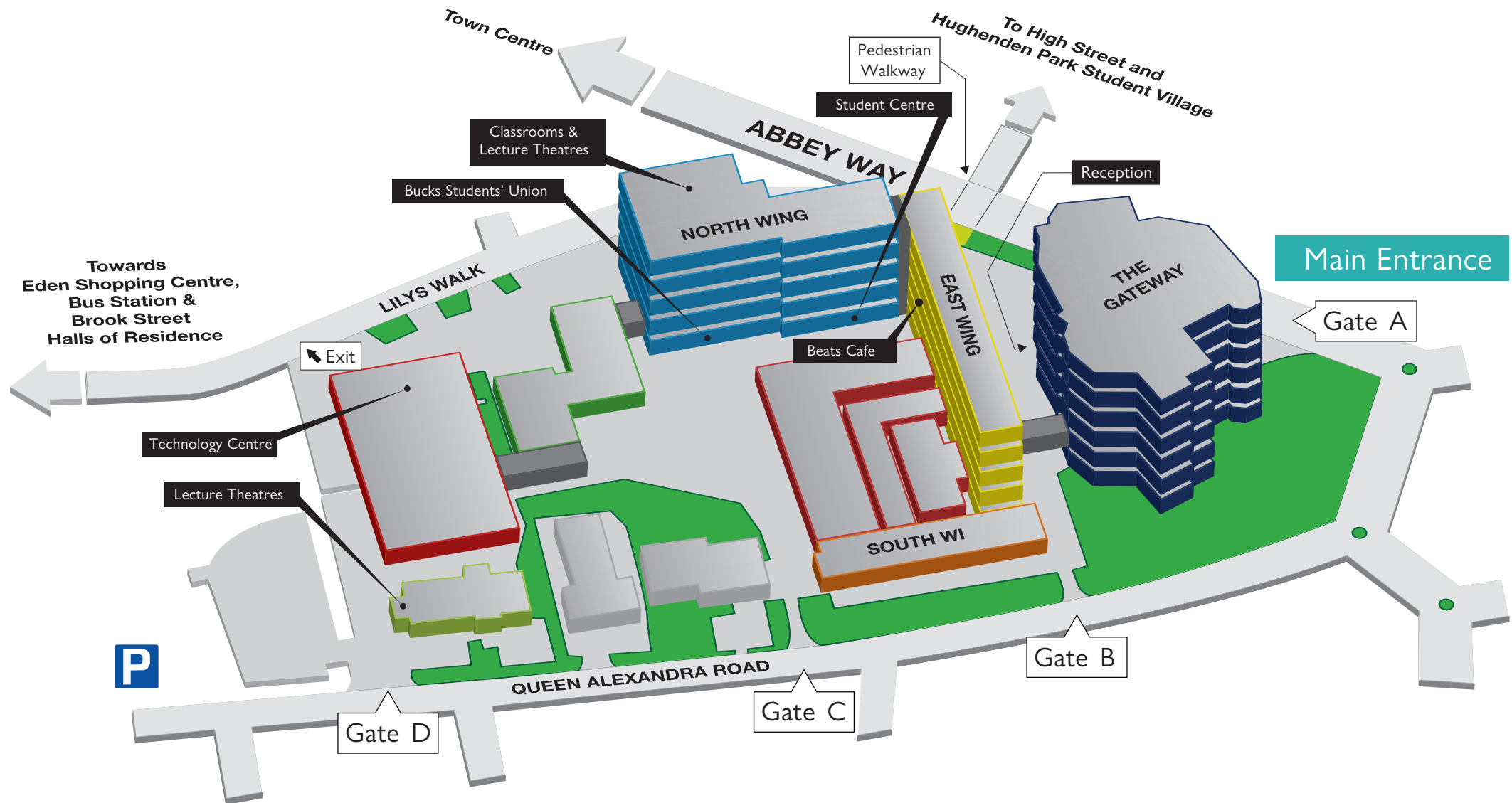
By rail
Chiltern Railways from Marylebone
to High Wycombe. The campus is
approximately a quarter of a mile
from the station.

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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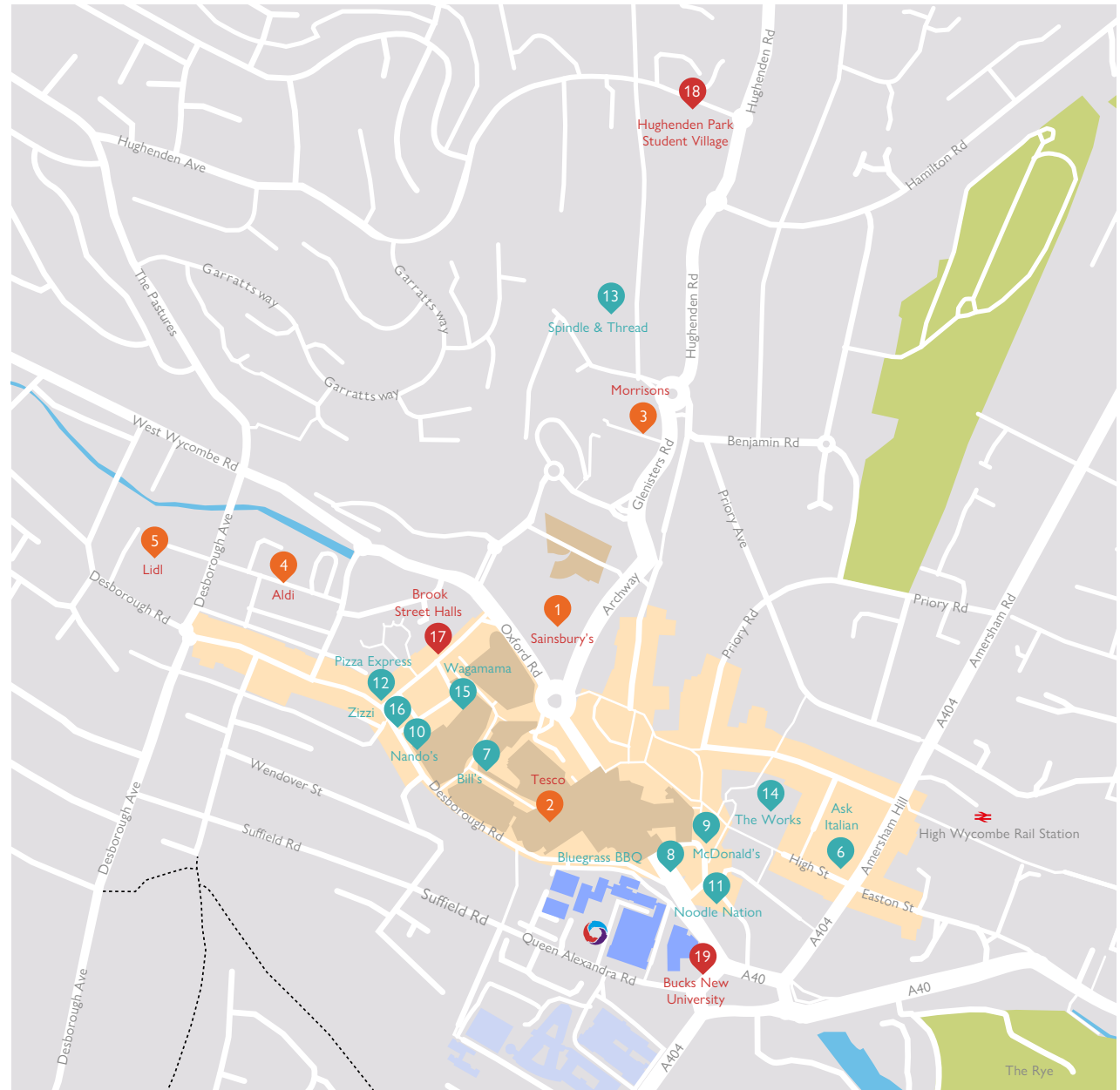
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- 3 Morrisons
- 4 Aldi
- 5 Lidl

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



**High Wycombe Campus**

Queen Alexandra Road
High Wycombe
Buckinghamshire HP11 2JZ

Aylesbury Campus

Walton Street
Aylesbury
Buckinghamshire HP21 7QG

Uxbridge Campus

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