Welcome to our campus

A self-guided tour
Driven by an increasing demand for student places and expanding research projects, the University of York is in the middle of an unprecedented period of expansion and development. Since 2000, we have invested in over 20 new buildings and completed the initial phases of the £750m campus expansion at Heslington East. For York students this investment has meant major improvements to existing buildings, including a rolling programme to refurbish the interiors of our iconic 1960s CLASP architecture such as Derwent College, designed by Andrew Derbyshire. This ongoing programme encompasses teaching rooms and lecture theatres, IT facilities and laboratories, as well as facilities for culture, sport and social activities and student accommodation.

Teaching and research environments for students, staff and researchers have been enhanced by the University Library’s £20m renewal programme. Open 24/7, it provides world-class technology and media-rich learning, all in close proximity to specialist support and physical collections. An extra 500 study spaces have been created for students and researchers as well as areas for group work and open collaborative zones. The £11m Berrick Saul Building, built in 2009, represented a significant investment in the humanities by the University. It has excellent facilities for postgraduate students and is a hub for interdisciplinary research in the arts and humanities and for events. To further expand our teaching facilities, we are creating an £8m Teaching Building with a variety of modern teaching spaces, including a 350-seat lecture theatre, 26 seminar rooms, informal breakout spaces and study areas.

Our Faculty of Sciences has seen major investment in facilities and laboratory space. In 2014, we opened a £7.5m interdisciplinary science teaching and learning facility, providing Teaching laboratories, the latest digital and e-learning facilities, breakout rooms and an area for social gatherings and meetings. The facility was the first phase of the redevelopment of the Department of Biology, which will involve more new buildings to house teaching and research laboratories. Alongside these improvements, we are investing £12m...
in a new building for the Environment Department. Home to state-of-the-art science and physical geography laboratory facilities, along with new teaching and innovative social spaces, the Environment Building has been designed to enhance teaching, learning and research.

Students' Union (YUSU) offices and social spaces have been expanded and upgraded and The Courtyard, YUSU's central licensed venue, features a covered, heated outdoor seating area. Other campus cafés, bars and restaurants have been revitalised to offer an even wider choice of food in contemporary, relaxing surroundings, all with free wifi access. These existing facilities are enhanced by a major new refurbishment of Vanbrugh Piazza, creating a hub for the entire community and allowing performance, arts, events and student enterprise to be showcased in the heart of Heslington West. Known as Greg's Place, in recognition of the support for the project by former Chancellor Greg Dyke, the lakeside site will provide the ideal backdrop for social gatherings.

The camaraderie of college life is an important part of the student experience at York, and each of our colleges has its own distinctive character and ethos. We have completed major upgrades to kitchens, bedrooms and living areas. Goodricke College, one of the oldest colleges, moved into brand new accommodation on Heslington East. Langwith College moved to the new site in 2012 and provides self-catering facilities for 650 students in a village-style setting. The facilities also include the Glasshouse, a Students' Union-run bar and restaurant. They were joined in September 2014 by Constantine College. Named after the Emperor Constantine the Great (272–337) and built from sustainable sources, Constantine College is our recognition of York's Roman origins.

In addition to the college accommodation, Heslington East is also home to four of the University's academic departments: Computer Science, Theatre, Film and Television, Law and Management. Central to Heslington East is the Ron Cooke Hub which includes an 'Enterprise Zone' for student-run businesses with high specification computing and video-conferencing facilities and business incubation support.

In June 2015, we added a new athletics track and field to our campus on Heslington West, offering aspiring athletes access to an eight-lane track and grass infield, built to meet UK athletics and international specifications. The track complements our existing facilities at York Sport Centre and our York Sport Village on Heslington East. York Sport Village is a £9m development and is one of the region's most advanced sports complexes, offering a 25-metre competition standard pool, 120-station gym and a 1km cycle circuit, with a 250-metre outdoor velodrome.

Running parallel to our campus investment is a commitment to sustainable development, balancing environmental protection and enhancement with social responsibility and financial viability. The original campus was built in the grounds of Heslington Hall, an Elizabethan country house, and maintains a parkland feel with natural planting, water and native tree and plant species. The landscape at Heslington East reflects this – it features green corridors, a lake and woodland. There are extensive areas of wetland to encourage biodiversity which are attracting rare bird species.
University of York campus tour – Heslington West

Explore Heslington West by taking the red and blue routes around campus.

The main tour of Heslington West marked in red takes around 35 minutes and starts and ends at Market Square, although you could easily pick it up at any point en route.
Main tour

**Heslington West**

1. Market Square
2. University Square
3. Vanbrugh Library
4. Student Centre (YUSU)
5. James College
6. York Sport Centre
7. Exhibition Centre/Physics and Electronics
8. Central Hall
9. Health Centre
10. The Quiet Place
11. Heslington Hall
12. Derwent College
13. The Courtyard
14. Berrick Saul Building
15. – 18 Heslington East (see page 6)

Secondary tour

19. Sir Jack Lyons Concert Hall
20. Biology Buildings
21. Wentworth Graduate College
22. Sports fields
23. Halifax College
24. Heslington Village
25. Chemistry Buildings
26. Seeböh Bisson Building
27. York Sport Village Café
28. The Courtyard
29. Derwent College
30. Alcuin Bistro (Alcuin) 9.00am – 3.00pm weekdays

Food and drink

There are many cafés on campus where you can stop off for refreshments during your tour. Please note that the opening times are for term-time only. You can also buy fresh sandwiches at Nisa in Market Square and Halifax College, and at Brown’s in Heslington Village.

- **Library Café** (Library) 8.30am – 8.00pm weekdays, 11.00am – 4.00pm on weekends
- **Vanbrugh Food Court** (Vanbrugh) 8.00am – 4.30pm and 5.30pm – 7.30pm weekdays only
- **Costa @ RKC** (Roger Kirk Centre) 8.30am – 5.00pm weekdays only
- **Galleria Restaurant** (Roger Kirk Centre) 8.00am – 3.00pm and 5.00pm – 7.30pm weekdays only
- **Caffé Society** (Law and Management) 8.30am – 4.00pm weekdays only
- **The Lounge** (Roger Kirk Centre) 7.30pm – 1.00am Monday to Saturday
- **Costa @ Derwent** (Derwent) 8.30am – 5.00pm weekdays only
- **The Courtyard** (Derwent) 8.45am – 11.30pm weekdays, 12 noon – 11.00pm on weekends
- **Hub Café** (Ron Cooke Hub, Heslington East) 8.30am – 7.30pm weekdays only
- **The Glasshouse** (Langwith, Heslington East) 10.00am – 11.30pm weekdays, 12 noon – 11.00pm on weekends
- **York Sport Village Café** 9.00am – 8.00pm weekdays, 9.00am – 6.00pm on weekends
- **Cookies** (Biological) 9.00am – 4.00pm weekdays only
- **The Edge** (Wentworth) 8.30am – 3.30pm weekdays only
- **The Kitchen @ Alcuin** 8.30am – 4.00pm weekdays
- **Alcuin Bistro** (Alcuin) 9.00am – 3.00pm weekdays

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Heslington East
15 Goodricke College
16 Ron Cooke Hub
17 Computer Science
18 Theatre, Film and Television
19 Law and Management
20 The Glasshouse, Langwith College
21 York Sport Village
32 Constantine College

Schools of Law and Management

Goodricke College

Constantine College
City of York

If you come to the University of York you’ll be spending a good part of your time living, socialising and possibly working in the city. As well as being home to some of the country’s most beautiful parks and buildings, York is a friendly, welcoming place, with a compact city centre where you can walk or cycle everywhere.

Right in the heart of York is the King’s Manor, a collection of largely medieval buildings, and home to the Department of Archaeology, and the Centres for Medieval and Eighteenth Century Studies. Nearby is York Minster Library, which is particularly valuable to students of medieval literature and history.

Bus services

**Bus number 56** goes from Heslington Hall, the University Library and Heslington East to King’s Manor (in term-time every hour, Monday to Friday).

**Bus number 66** goes from Heslington Hall, the University Library and Heslington East to York Railway Station (in term-time every ten minutes from 6.30am to 11.30pm).

There are free shuttle buses which operate between Halifax College, Campus South, Heslington Hall, Science Park, York Sport Village and Heslington East Hub.

The historic and cosmopolitan city of York is within easy reach of the campus.
We hope you enjoy your visit and get a feel for what it’s like to be a student here at the University of York. Most buildings are accessible to wheelchair users and if you have any specific questions or requirements please contact the Information Centre on +44 (0)1904 320000 before you come. The campus is constantly being upgraded and developed and we apologise for any inconvenience caused by changes to the tour routes.

For directions to the campus and an interactive map visit www.york.ac.uk/maps.

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The King’s Manor in York city centre is home to the Department of Archaeology and the Centres for Medieval Studies and Eighteenth Century Studies