

NURSING SELECTION DAY – INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

Welcome!

We are delighted you are able to accompany your family member or friend to the University for their selection day. Further to receiving their UCAS application and successful competitive short listing we will be considering them for potential entry to our nursing programmes the selection activities will take approximately 2½ hours, concluding with information sessions, one for applicants, another for family members.

We are pleased to invite you (families and friends) to your own question and answer session with one of the Admissions Tutors, starting at approx. 11:00 (morning) or 15:00 (afternoon); we will 'collect you' from our main foyer. Please feel free to ask questions on any aspect of our nursing courses, admission processes, student life and the university.

Refreshments

The University has a number of café's where you are able to buy refreshments and snacks:

Interchange Kiosk. Next to the bus stops (take away only)
Lattes - Library. Inside the main library entrance, bear right
Lattes – Building 85 (Life Sciences)
Piazza – Students Union / Refectory
Staff Club. Just past the bus interchange and pond.

University grounds

The extensive grounds of the University are available for you to walk and wander, including the University Gardens situated behind the Student Union and Sports hall buildings. Maps of the campus can be seen on the many display boards around the campus.

Also in the grounds is the **John Hansard Gallery** which has an international reputation for exciting and innovative shows by leading British and international artists. Exhibitions include painting, video and installations and the gallery also hosts regular seminars, talks and workshops. Admission is free.

The City

The main Highfield campus is adjacent to **Southampton Common** – 326 acres of managed woodland in the heart of the city – perfect for walking. Also within walking distance is the district of Portswood, which has a wide range of local shops, supermarkets and two gelaterias.

The **city centre**, approximately three miles from the main campus, is easily accessed by car or Uni-link bus, with service U1C going directly to the central area; the return service is the U1A, both directions operating a frequent service throughout the week.

Southampton is one of the most lively and dynamic cities in the south of England. It offers a vibrant and varied nightlife, numerous leisure facilities, superb heritage attractions, bustling marinas, beautiful parks and over 550 places to eat and drink.

Historic Oxford Street is home to Southampton's finest restaurants. A wide variety of cuisines from across the globe is represented, with every budget catered for.

West Quay is one of the UK's top 10 **shopping centres**, with over 100 stores, all the high street favourites including John Lewis. There are several other shopping centres in the city as well as boutiques, designer stores, city centre Ikea and an antiques quarter.

Adjacent to the Guildhall, **SeaCity Museum** tells the story of the people of the city, their fascinating lives and historic connections with Titanic and the sea.

www.seacitymuseum.co.uk

Tudor House, Southampton's most important historic building, reveals over 800 years of history in one fascinating location at the heart of the Old Town. The timber-framed building facing St Michael's Square was built in the late 15th Century, with King John's Palace, an adjacent Norman house accessible from Tudor House Garden, dating back a further 300 years. Tudor House gives a unique and atmospheric insight into the lives and times of both its residents through the years, and of Southampton itself. www.tudorhouseandgarden.com

Southampton has some of the most complete **medieval town walls** in the country, parts of which remain open for a fascinating walk around some of the city's past. A series of panels guides you around the Old Town's encircling walls. Start at the **Bargate**, the historic entrance to the medieval town which has over 90 listed buildings and more than 30 ancient monuments, with medieval wine vaults, an array of medieval churches, and fine Georgian houses and hotels. You can see all of these and views of the waterfront, where ships continue the sea-going tradition of Southampton. The walls – including eight gates and 29 towers – stretched for one and a quarter miles around the town. Now, roughly half of the walls, 13 of the original towers and six gates are still standing. A full colour guide is available at www.tudorhouseandgarden.com/images/stories/pdfs/OldTownWalk.pdf

The **City Art Gallery** next to The Guildhall was described by the *Independent* as 'one of the best places outside London to see British modern art and studio ceramics'. It houses over 3500 works of art spanning six centuries.