



St Mary's
University
Twickenham
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Undergraduate Open Day

Saturday 28th September 2024





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Welcome



A very warm welcome to your Open Day at St Mary's University.

Choosing the university that is right for you is one of the most significant decisions that you will ever make. Your time at university has the potential to be some of the most enjoyable years of your life. It will influence the way you develop as a person, provide you with the skills that you need to begin building a successful career, and is likely to be a time that you establish friendships that will last for life.

Today is the perfect opportunity for you to experience for yourself what it would be like to be a student here at St Mary's University, in our beautiful campus environment. Please make the most of your day – not just by attending the various lectures and events that we have organised for you, but also by talking with and asking questions of some of the many staff and current students who are here today to help you.

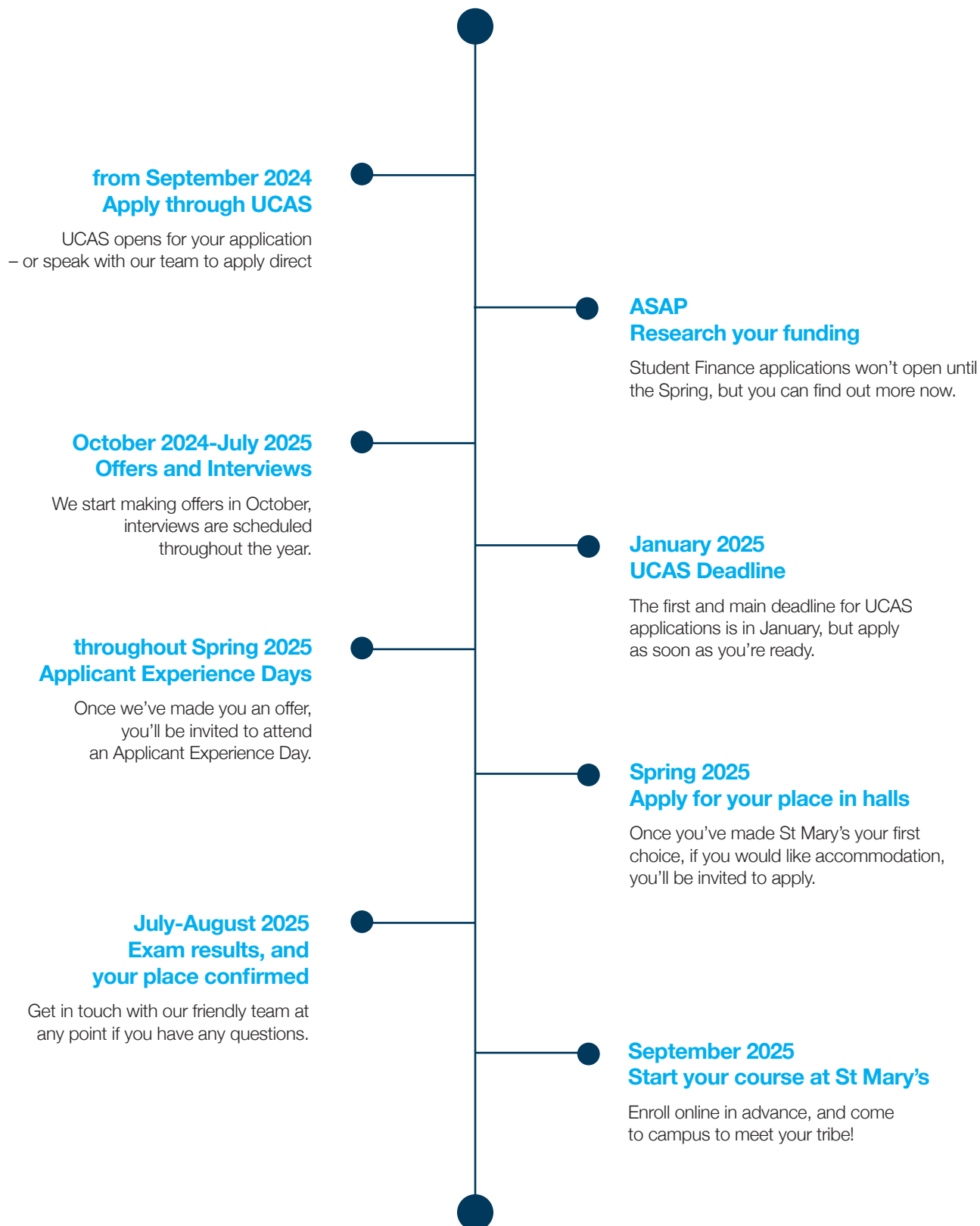
St Mary's prides itself in striving to create the best possible conditions for our students to develop into independent problem-solvers and ethical leaders who are enthusiastic and knowledgeable about learning, and practical and capable at getting things done.

We hope that you enjoy your day with us and, by the time that you leave, will be excited about the prospect of studying here.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'A. McClaran'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Anthony McClaran
Vice-Chancellor

Your timeline to St Mary's





From the first day at St Mary's, everyone made me feel welcome. I love studying at St Mary's because the University has amazing lecturers who are very supportive and helpful. It's a beautiful university, where we always have something to do, from joining different clubs and societies, to sitting on the grass with friends.

Megi Jahja

St Mary's allows for the perfect balance between a tight-knit community and having the benefits of living in a big city. The campus is small, but offers so much. You are guaranteed to always say hello to someone you know anytime you are on campus.

Emma Piffner



At St Mary's I made lifetime friends who encouraged me during my studies. I also received continual support from staff throughout, many of whom I still keep in regular contact with.

Alex Dawson



I chose St Mary's because it's a well-renowned university. The pleasant atmosphere and surroundings make you feel part of a small and happy community.

Aleks Grudzinska



St Mary's offers the most comfortable, friendly environment, which I did not encounter at other universities.

Shana Sullivan



Places to eat and drink today

The Refectory

Take a break for refreshments and a chat in The Refectory, the University's largest food outlet in the heart of campus. Choose from an extensive menu of freshly cooked meals, snacks and drinks.

Light bites are available throughout the day and our lunch menu is available from midday

Dolce Vita Café

With floor-to-ceiling windows and an outside terrace overlooking the University's grounds and the Sir Mo Farah athletics track, the Dolce Vita Café provides a great location to take five. Choose from a range of refreshments, including Paddy & Scott's coffee, cold drinks and a selection of cakes, sandwiches and light lunch options.

Open Day visitors can claim a complimentary regular hot drink in the Dolce Vita or Refectory.

Open Day visitors get 10% discount on meals purchased in the Refectory and the Dolce Vita. Show your visitor sticker at the payment counter.



Getting the most from your day

The majority of our subject talks take place between 11.15am-1.30pm, giving you plenty of time to explore the University and discover all the elements that make St Mary's a great place to study.

Your schedule

Activity	Times	Location
Registration	Open from 10am	The 1850
Accommodation/Campus Tours	Open from 10am	DV Lounge
Introduction to St Mary's University	10.30am	G7
Academic taster sessions	Academic sessions will run between 11.15am-1.30pm	Please check schedule handout
Free BBQ and ice-cream	Between 12 and 2pm	Piazza
Introduction to St Mary's University	1.40pm	G7
'How to write a great personal statement', talk by Student Recruitment	2.10pm	G7
Student Life and Student Finance Talk by Student Services	2.40pm	G7



Tours

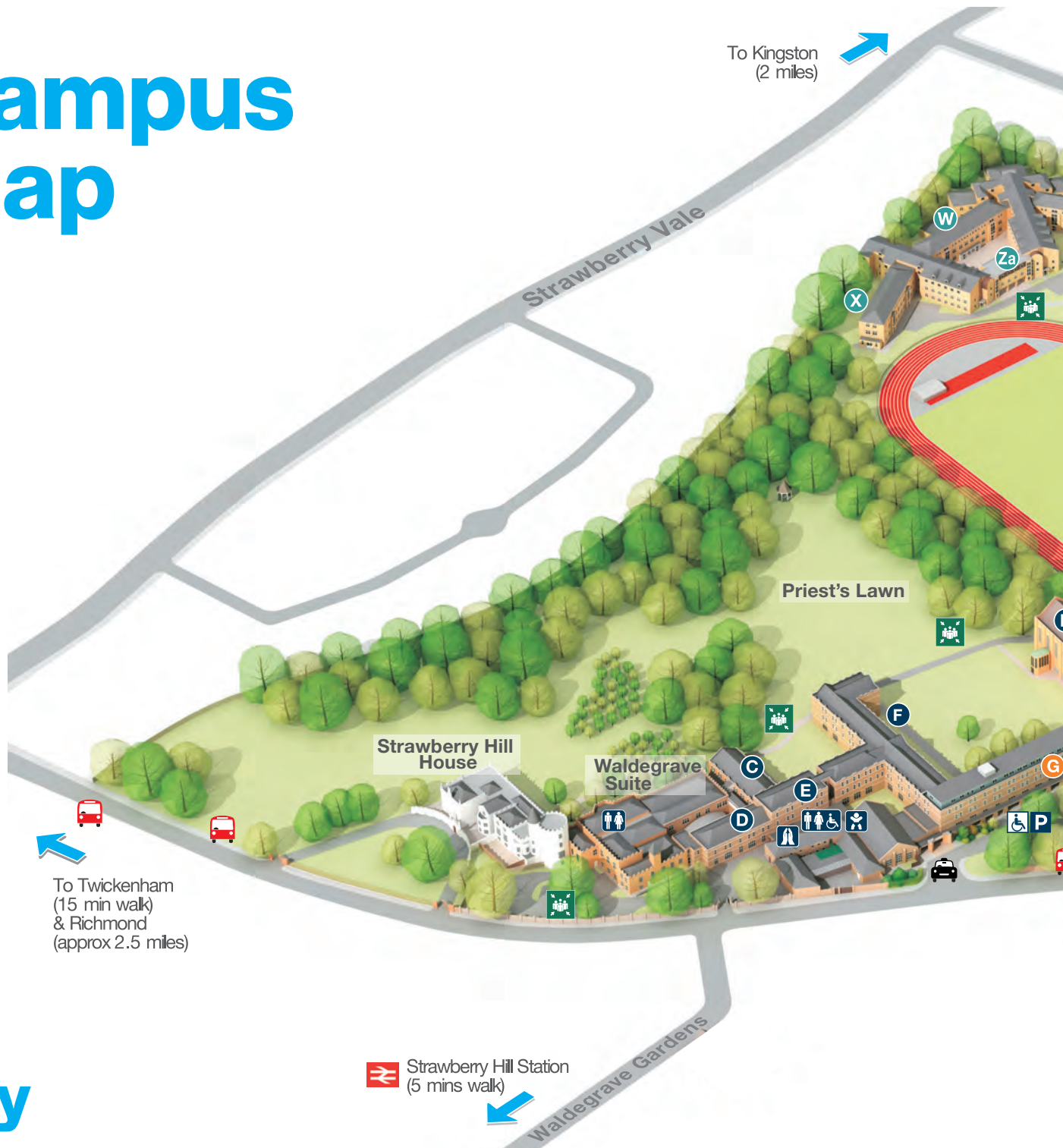
Campus and Accommodation tours will run approximately every 15 minutes throughout the day. Head to the Information Desk to book your place.

Student Life and Academic Zones

Drop by the **Student Life Zone** in the **DV Lounge** to find out more about university life and the support services available at St Mary's. Chat with staff from Admissions, Accommodation, Wellbeing and Student Funding. Campus and Accommodation tours will also start from here.

Visit the **Academic Zone** in **The 1850** to meet our approachable and committed lecturers. Attend a subject session to learn more about your course. To find out where all the rooms are, take a look at our campus map on pages 8 and 9, or feel free to ask our Student Ambassadors, who will be located across the campus and will be happy to help.

Campus map



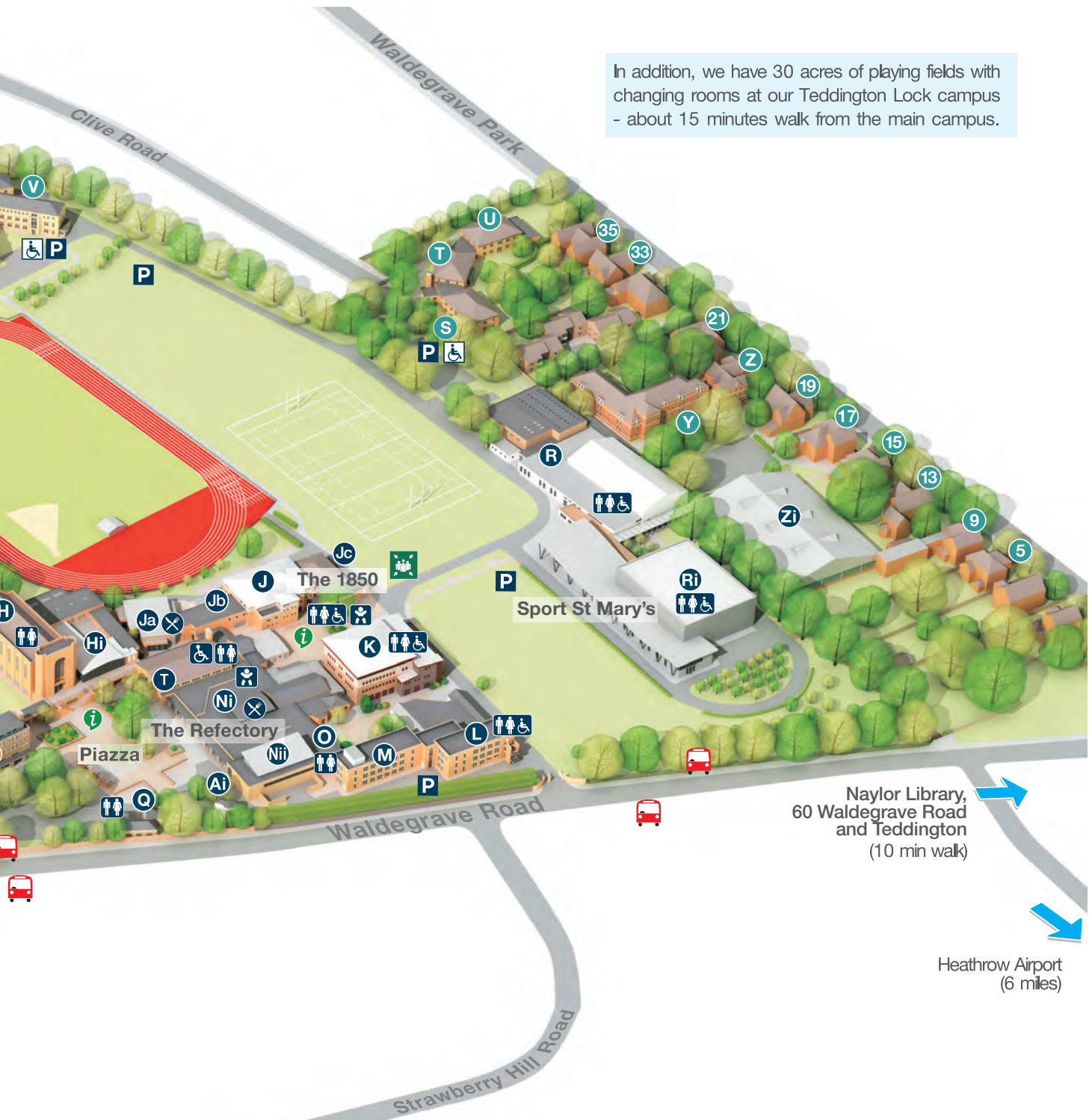
Key

	Parking
	Disabled car parking areas
	Toilets
	Male, female and disabled toilets
	Baby changing facilities
	Multi-Faith Prayer Room
	Café and restaurants
	Fire Assembly point
	Taxi drop-off and luggage store assistance
	Bus stop (33)

Strawberry Hill Station
(5 mins walk)

C	Drama Studios
D	Drama Studios
E	Main Reception, Security and Offices
H	Chapel
Hi	Library
J	Student Centre: Student Services, Registry and Fees
Ja	Dolce Vita Café
Jb	The Student Heart
Jc	The 1850 Building
K	Teaching Lecture Rooms

In addition, we have 30 acres of playing fields with changing rooms at our Teddington Lock campus - about 15 minutes walk from the main campus.



L	Lecture Rooms
M	Lecture Rooms
Ni	Refectory
Nii	Kitchen
O	Commuter Lounge
Q	Chaplaincy
R	Sports Centre: PEC Gym, Altitude Lab
Ri	Sports Hall
Zi	Tennis Centre
T	Theatre

Accommodation Halls	
S, T, U	Clive
Za, X, W, V	De Marillac, Graham, Wiseman, Doyle
Y	Cronin
Z	Cashin
5, 9, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 33, 35	Waldegrave Park houses and studios
G	Old House

Your Students' Union

St Mary's Students' Union (SMSU) is the main representative body of all students at St Mary's University. We're here for you if you need support and advice on an individual basis, and represent St Mary's students, locally and nationally. We're also the heart of student life and societies on campus, and hosting and organising major events and entertainment throughout the year.

Your Opportunities

From societies to fundraising and volunteering, we provide opportunities to meet new people and build your Simmie experience. Getting involved with one of our 26 societies is a great way to make your university life more memorable. Follow a new interest, or link up with a cultural group – we've got it all!

You can also set up a society of your own – all you need to do is select 'your opportunities' on our website, where you can join a society or set up your own.

Your Voice

We empower you to shape your university experience by providing opportunities for you to give feedback on your course and student life and to campaign on issues that matter to you.



Each year, SMSU holds elections for the new leaders of the organisation: the Education President and Student Life President, as well as the introduction of four new Vice-Presidents this year (Inclusion, wellbeing, postgraduate, international). These roles, along with course rep and subject chair roles, give you a fantastic opportunity to be part of the democratic voice for St Mary's students and for students at a national level.

Events

We run a range of events to give you new experiences – whether that's cheering on your friends at Varsity, riding the ferris wheel at Welcome Fest, or dancing the night away at Summer Ball.

Supporting you

We work to ensure that you have access to the right support whenever you need it by working collaboratively with the University to ensure your welfare needs are met. We lead many welfare and diversity campaigns throughout the year, including Mental Health Awareness and LGBTQ+ history. We can advise on a range of issues or help to signpost you to professional services on and off campus. Additionally, we collect your opinions on local health services, internal and external support provision, and give feedback to ensure this informs development of the services that you use.

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Twickenham Riverside



View from Richmond Hill



Twickenham Stadium



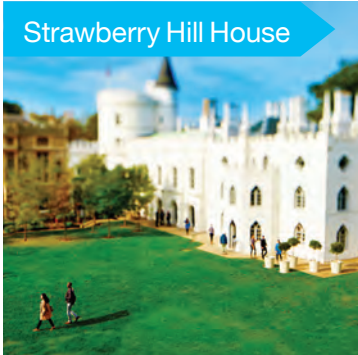
Central London



Local area

If you're staying in the area for the weekend, or have some free time after your visit, why not explore the local area and its rich heritage, including sites of cultural and historic interest, as well as the natural beauty of the riverside and Royal Parks (Bushy Park and Richmond Park)?

Strawberry Hill House



Twickenham may be most well-known for its association with rugby, but there are many other prestigious sites in the area too. Among the attractions are: the renowned Twickenham Studios; Sandycome Lodge, the rural retreat of landscape artist J M W Turner; and the magnificent view across the Thames from Richmond Hill to historic Ham House.

You don't even have to leave the St Mary's campus to experience the magnificent 18th-century architecture of Strawberry Hill House, Horace Walpole's 'Little Gothic Castle', which is located in the University's grounds. The house and gardens are open to the public on Sundays, with guided tours available from 10am – see www.strawberryhillhouse.org.uk to find out more.

Hampton Court Palace



Alternatively, if you decide to venture slightly further afield and head to the riverside, a stroll along the Thames waterfront will reveal sights such as the quirky Eel Pie Island (the home of rhythm and blues), Teddington Lock, and Marble Hill House, as well as a few pubs with large outdoor areas to relax in.

For the usual attractions of cafés, restaurants, pubs and shops, the choice is endless, with Twickenham and Teddington's more independent offerings on the doorstep, to nearby Richmond and Kingston, where you can find the brands that you know and love.

Of course, if rugby is your thing, a trip to Twickenham's world-famous stadium and Rugby Museum is a must.

Once you've exhausted the local area, and if you've still got energy to spare, you can always jump on a train and explore the hustle and bustle of central London which is just a short train ride away.

Parents and carers comms

If you'd like to be kept updated with next steps and information about the journey to becoming a St Mary's student, as well as parent and guardian focused events, please scan this QR code to sign up.



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