



# SOUTHEND OPEN DAY FAQ



University of Essex

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## WHAT TIME SHOULD I ARRIVE ON THE OPEN DAY?

You're welcome to arrive any time from 9.30am to check-in on the Open Day (don't worry, we always put the kettle on earlier than this in case of any early arrivals!). When you arrive, please head to The Forum where our friendly staff will be waiting to check you in.

## DO I NEED TO BRING ANYTHING WITH ME?

Just bring yourself, we'll only ask for your name at the check-in desks.

## I AM DRIVING TO THE OPEN DAY, BUT WHERE SHOULD I PARK?

There are several public car parks close to campus, the closest is underneath our University Square student accommodation. Parking charges apply and this car park is pay by phone only, so if possible we advise you to download the Mobon parking app to your phone before visiting in order to save time! Take a look at the map of Southend on the back of this FAQ which shows you the location of several car parks in and around Southend.

## HOW DO I GET TO THE OPEN DAY FROM THE STATION?

You'll be able to meet our lovely student ambassadors at both of Southend's train stations, so keep your eyes peeled! They'll be ready to walk you over to The Forum to register for the day.

## WHAT TIME IS THE FIRST TALK?

The Welcome Talk will take place at 10.00am in our Lecture Hall in The Forum.

## CAN I SPEAK ON A ONE-TO-ONE BASIS WITH ACADEMICS ON THE DAY?

Of course. Academics from all of our subject areas will be available from 9.30am-3.30pm in The Forum to chat to you and your guests – so make sure you say hello.



## **WILL I BE ABLE TO SEE THE STUDENT ACCOMMODATION AT THE OPEN DAY?**

Yes, our fantastic student ambassadors will be running tours of the University Square accommodation all throughout the day. Check out our Open Day programme for more information.

## **CAN I HAVE A GUIDED TOUR OF THE CAMPUS?**

Of course! Tours of campus leave from the Tour Departure point in the Gateway building on an ad hoc basis. We also have self-guided tour booklets available if you would prefer to discover our campus and Southend-on-Sea for yourself.

## **WHAT TIME DOES THE OPEN DAY END?**

The Open Day will officially end at 3.30pm but please feel free to stick around and enjoy the town.

## **WILL I HAVE THE CHANCE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT STUDENT LIFE?**

Definitely. Our Students' Union will be based in the SU lounge and can't wait to meet you! Please head over, grab a free cuppa and settle down for a chat about what you can get involved in as an Essex student.

## **WILL THERE BE ANYONE TO TALK TO ABOUT THE STUDENT SERVICES THAT ARE OFFERED AT SOUTHEND CAMPUS?**

Absolutely - our lovely staff from disability and wellbeing, employability and careers, accommodation, funding and languages for all will be on hand all day and would be delighted to have a chat about anything that could be worrying you!

## **DO I NEED TO BOOK ONTO THE ACADEMIC TALKS OR TASTER SESSIONS?**

No, please just turn up at the allotted time and place and we'll take it from there! (ask an ambassador if you get lost)

## **WHERE CAN I GET A BITE TO EAT?**

There are plenty of fantastic places in Southend- some of our favourites are Nosh and El Mexicana, Café Munchies or of course, one of the many fish and chip shops! Ask any member of staff or student ambassador for any recommendations.

# **HAVE FUN LOVE ESSEX**



# OPEN DAY MAP

## SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

3 Miles

**SOUTHEND AIRPORT**  
10 minute drive

**SOUTHEND VICTORIA STATION**

LONDON

A13

QUEENSWAY

LONDON ROAD

QUEENS ROAD

COLLEGE WAY

ELMER AVENUE

**THE FORUM**

ELMER APPROACH

**SU LOUNGE**

**THE GATEWAY BUILDING**

**SOUTHEND CENTRAL STATION**

SCRATTON RD

HIGH STREET

CAMBRIDGE RD

**CLIFFTOWN THEATRE AND STUDIOS**

NELSON ST

NELSON MEWS

CLARENCE RD

ALEXANDRA RD

**BEACH**

**PIER AND AMUSEMENTS**

### TRAVELLING BY CAR

You can easily reach Southend from the M25 via A13 or A127. If you're using a sat nav, please use the postcode **SS1 1LW** for the correct route directions.

There is plenty of town centre parking in public car parks, but we recommend you use the one underneath our University Square student accommodation, accessed via College Way.

 Car parks