

Getting here

The Cambridge Sports Centre is located on the West Cambridge site, [Philippa Fawcett Dr, Cambridge CB3 0AS](#).

A member of Cambridge Festival staff will be outside the main entrance of the sports centre to greet and direct you.

Coaches can drop off students outside the front entrance of the sports centre.

Madingley Road Park & Ride provides coach parking for £10 per day which needs to be booked in advance. Please see [here](#) for further details.

When to arrive

Please be seated 15 minutes before the talk starts. We will have volunteers and staff on site in coloured Cambridge Festival T-shirts/hoodies to welcome you.

Where can we have lunch?

There are a number of green, outdoor spaces for lunch if the weather is agreeable. There are a few picnic benches and a green space outside the [Hauser Forum building](#). There are also toilets and a small café (West Café) just inside the building on the ground floor.

Alternatively, there's a larger green space with no benches on [Charles Babbage Road](#).

The [West Hub](#) offers ample indoor space for students to eat lunch indoors. There's also a well-sized café, water fountains and toilets. You are free to use any of the seating and do not need to book in advance to use the West Hub for lunch.

Are there toilets?

There are toilet facilities at the Sports Centre and in the West Hub. More toilets can be found in the Hauser Forum building.

Are there water fountains?

There are water fountains in the sports centre and also on all floors of the West Hub.

Risk Assessment

A risk assessment will be sent to all schools at least a month before your visit to assist with planning.

Access arrangements

If you or any of your students have any access arrangements, please email me at hazel.taylor@admin.cam.ac.uk, providing full details, including any arrangements or

adjustments that may be required. Please let us know in plenty of time ahead of the event as we may not be able to implement these adjustments at short notice.

What else can we do in Cambridge?

You can attend one, two or all three of the schools' talks if you would like.

However, you may also like to combine one of our talks with another free activity in west or central Cambridge.

You can find a map with all the following locations here:

https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1MzsMYrtAGN4rnnf5Fji_tCjSixh50Cc&usp=sharing

West Cambridge

In addition to the talks, we will be hosting a range of free workshops at the West Cambridge site. Details of these will be released in February 2024.

Central Cambridge

The following museums offer visits for school groups.

Whipple Museum of the History of Science

Free School Lane, CB2 3RH

12:30pm - 4:30pm

Group limit for taught sessions: 45

Group limit for self-led group visit: 30

To make a booking, please email: hps-whipple-museum@lists.cam.ac.uk and say that you are trying to link up activity with the Festival's Schools Days.

Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology

Downing St, CB2 3DZ

10am - 5pm (Only Tuesday)

Group limit for taught sessions: 30

Group limit for self-led group visit: 60

To make a booking, please email: education.bookings@maa.cam.ac.uk and say that you are trying to link up activity with the Festival's Schools Days.

Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences

Downing St, CB2 3EQ

10am - 5pm

Group limit for taught sessions and self-led visits: 30

To make a booking, please email: ns578@cam.ac.uk and say that you are trying to link up activity with the Festival's School Days

Museum of Zoology

Downing Pl, CB2 3EJ

10am - 4:30pm (only Tuesday)

Group limit: 30

Recommend an hour self-led visit with a trail.

To make a booking, please use the booking form [here](#), stating in the comments box that you are trying to link up activity with the Festival's Schools' Days.

(The museum of Zoology is often fully-booked for visits a term in advance, so please be sure to submit your booking form early to avoid disappointment)

Fitzwilliam Museum

Trumpington St, CB2 1RB
10am - 5pm (only Tuesday)
Group limit: 30

To make a booking, please email: education@fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk and say that you are trying to link up activity with the Festival's Schools Days.

Kettle's Yard

Castle St, CB3 0AQ
11am - 5pm (only Tuesday)
Self-facilitated visits are free but must be pre-booked
Facilitated visits are free for state schools and £75 for private or fee-paying schools
To make a booking, please contact: schoolbookings@kettlesyard.cam.ac.uk

The following venues are also available to visit:

Museum of Classical Archaeology

Sidgwick Site, Sidgwick Ave, CB3 9DA
10am - 5pm (only Tuesday)
Group limit: 35 for a KS2 visit
 20 for a KS3 museum tour
 20 for art students drawing in the gallery

To make a booking, please use the form [here](#).

Botanic Gardens

1 Brookside, CB2 1JE
10am - 5pm
Group limit: 36 for a taught workshop with Schools Learning Officers (cost: £150)
 72 for a self-led visit with use of the lunch room (cost: £75)
 No limit for a self-led visit with no use of lunch room

To make a booking please email the Botanic Gardens Education team to check availability:

education@botanic.cam.ac.uk

Then download, fill out and return the booking form [here](#).

Cambridge Central Library

Lion Yard Shopping Centre, CB2 3QD
9:30am – 6pm

The children's section is located towards the back of the bottom floor of the library
No group limit, no need to book in advance (but do check the library's events page to see if it will be particularly busy when you want to visit: [Cambridgeshire Libraries Events | Eventbrite](#))

College visit

Your school should be matched with one of the university's colleges. Each college has a Schools Liaisons Officer and they may be able to arrange a visit to the college for you and offer extra activities/talks around higher education and applying to university. Please visit this page to find your linked College and enquire about a visit:

<https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/area-links>

Institute of Astronomy

Madingley Rd, CB3 0HA

To visit the department, contact Dr Matt Bothwell: bothwell@ast.cam.ac.uk

Getting from West Cambridge to Central Cambridge

If you wish to travel to other venues in Cambridge, and have arrived by coach, you can travel and park at the coach [parking along the Backs](#). There is a [University Bus](#) that also runs to the city centre from West Cambridge. If you would like to use this for travel into and back from the centre, please let us know ahead of time.