



**Foundation To Health and
Veterinary Studies
At
Birkenhead 6th Form
College**

Joining Instructions September 2014



1. Introduction

This booklet contains the essential information required for University of Liverpool students attending Birkenhead 6th Form College on the Foundation to Health and Veterinary Studies programme.

This booklet deals mainly with the basic requirements for the programme: transport, accommodation, grants and awards and the induction day.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any further information.

I look forward to meeting you.

Liz Bones

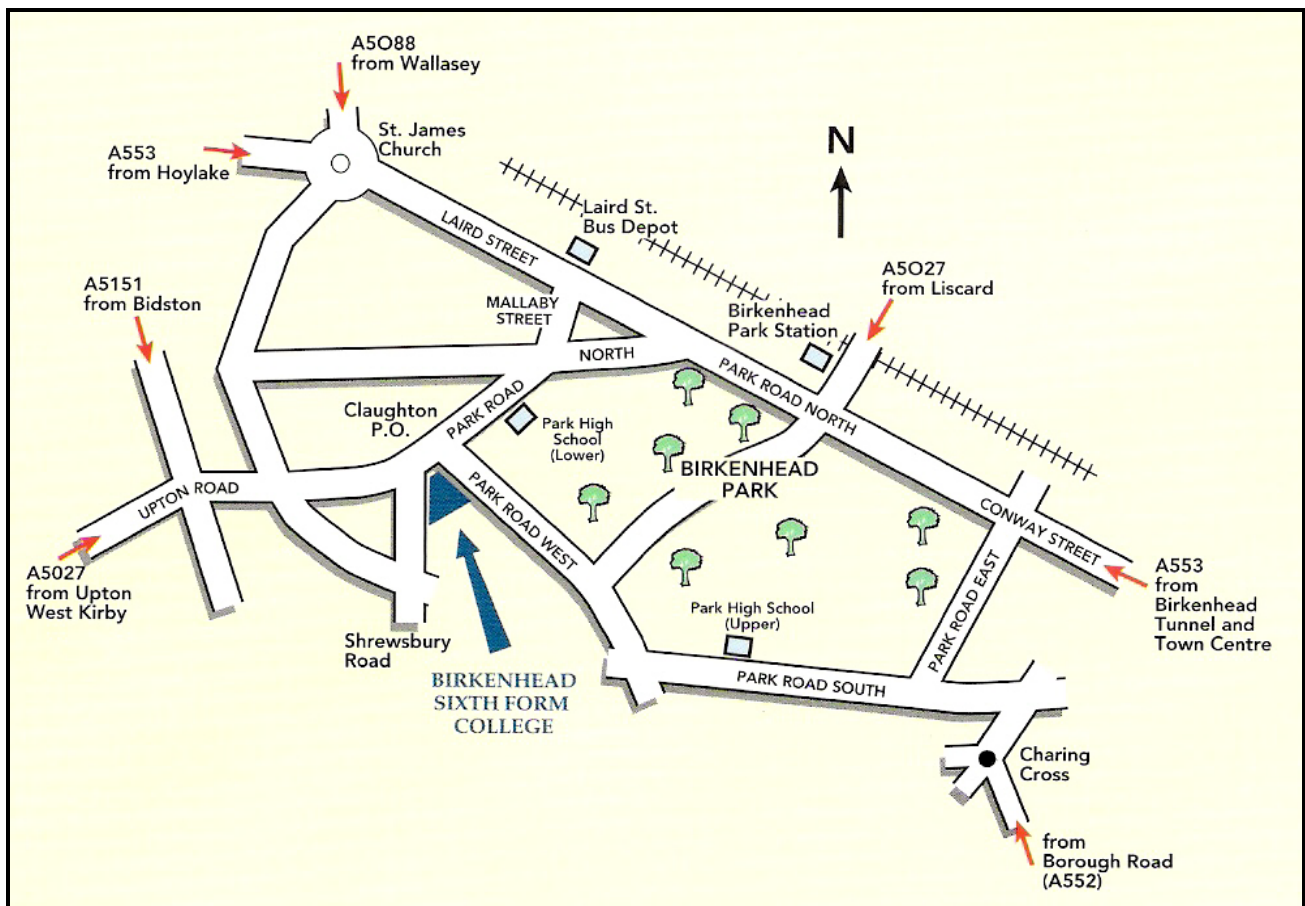
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2. Location

The College is situated in Claughton on the fringe of Birkenhead Park about one mile from Birkenhead town centre.



3. Travel

By Bus

The 437 from Castle Street in Liverpool takes about 17 minutes to reach the College. There are several buses between Birkenhead town centre and Claughton Village.

- Bus timetables and further details can be obtained from:

www.arriva.co.uk

www.merseytravel.gov.uk

- Students can apply online for a bus pass at www.arriva.co.uk passes are available for purchase from the end of August.

You should apply for a bus pass as soon as possible as it can take quite a long time to arrive.

By Car

From Liverpool via Birkenhead Tunnel

Go through the Birkenhead Tunnel (Queensway Mersey Tunnel). Bearing right to follow the exit marked A552 to Heswall over the flyover. Keep on the A552 following Borough Road. At the second set of traffic lights turn right onto Whetstone Lane. Drive straight on at the first set of traffic lights. At a second set of traffic light turn left onto Claughton Road. Follow this direction for 3/4 mile along Park Road South then Park Road West until you reach a small roundabout. Take the third exit continuing along Park Road West. Approximately 1/4 mile on there is a T-Junction. The college is on the left immediately before this junction.

From Liverpool via Wallasey Tunnel

Go through the Wallasey Tunnel (Kingsway Mersey Tunnel). Follow the M53 to Junction 3. At Junction 3 follow the A552 to Birkenhead along Woodchurch Road. Approximately 1.1/4 miles along this road (past Sainsbury's on the left) there is a set of traffic lights at a crossroads junction (Halfway House pub on the corner). Turn left at the traffic lights onto the B5151 along Storeton Road (signs to Oxton and Claughton). Continue along the B5151 for 1.3/4 miles, past St. Saviours Church, to a set of traffic lights at the junction with the A5027. Turn right at the traffic lights onto Upton Road. Go down the hill into Claughton Village. Just after a set of pedestrian traffic lights at the bottom of the hill turn right onto Park Road West. The college is on the corner. The main entrance is from Park Road West.

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By Train

From Liverpool Lime Street follow the directions for the Wirral Line and take either the New Brighton or West Kirby train to Birkenhead Park Station.

On leaving Birkenhead Park Station turn right and walk to the traffic lights - continue over the lights into Ashville Road taking the Birkenhead Park entrance to the right. Walk through the Park to the exit on Park Road West. The college is directly opposite this exit.

4. Accommodation

You will need to contact the Accommodation Office on 0151 794 5873 to gain a place in a University Residence, <http://www.liv.ac.uk/accommodation>

It is recommended that students applying for a place on the Year 0 programme at Birkenhead 6th Form College should request accommodation at the University of Liverpool campus accommodation.

5. Grants and Awards

All non-overseas students should have applied for a Local Education Authority Award. You will need to confirm that you will be studying a **four year** degree course at the University of Liverpool.

You will need some evidence of your award or who is paying fees at the outset of the course for University registration. The University of Liverpool will collect fees directly from your LEA, unless you are self-financing when the University will collect the fees directly from you.

Forms required by your LEA confirming your place should be sent to The Student and Examinations Division at the University of Liverpool for signing.

6. Key Dates

Monday 22nd September 2014 - Induction at University of Liverpool

Tuesday 23rd September 2014 - Induction day at Birkenhead

Term Dates

Autumn Term

Monday 29th September 2014 - Friday 19th December 2014

Reading week

Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October

Spring term

Monday 4th January 2015 - Thursday 2nd April 2015

Reading week

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2015

Summer term

Monday 20th April 2015 - Friday 22nd May 2015

These dates are actual teaching dates when you will be required to attend the college or be available for examinations. There will be an introductory week, details of which should have been sent to you by the University, when various social activities will take place. You will be allowed into your accommodation sometime during the week before the start of term. The accommodation office will inform you when you can gain access to halls.

7. Registration

All students will register at both the University of Liverpool and at Birkenhead 6th Form College.

Students will be issued with a University membership card, at the start of term, which will allow you to use sports facilities, libraries, computer facilities (Computer Services Building) as well as allowing you to pick up any grant cheque (Senate House or the Faculty Office). You will also have access to the College facilities including the learning resource centre and college computer network.

8. College Induction Day

The College Induction Day will take place at Birkenhead 6th Form College on **Tuesday 23rd September 2014**. This is the first day of term and full attendance is expected.

Induction Day Programme

10.00 am	General Introduction to the College Course Registration Timetable
10.30am	Talks Library facilities Computing facilities Photo id
11.00am	Tour and final questions
12.00	Depart

10. Items required for the course:

Students will need to provide stationery files and pens etc and it is recommended that you have a USB memory stick for saving work.

11. Timetable

You will be provided with a timetable and must try to ensure that you attend all sessions as there is a minimum attendance level required for progression. The procedure for reporting absences will be outlined at induction.

12. Queries

- Please feel free at any time to phone or email the College tutors if you have any problems. Staff will be available in college each day from 9am until 4pm.
- You will also have a tutorial session once a week as part of your timetable where you can raise any concerns.