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A warm welcome to Sutton Bonington

So many of our students say the best thing about our campus is the incredibly friendly atmosphere.

There’s a unique community spirit and our students get the best of both worlds; easy access to an excellent social life – at Sutton Bonington, our other campuses and in nearby towns and cities – along with quiet, tranquil places where you can focus on your academic studies when you need to.

Sutton Bonington – or SB as everyone calls it – is small enough to help you make friends and get to know people, but big enough to ensure there’s a buzz about campus. With world-class academic opportunities, quality social events and lots of sports activities, SB is the perfect place to spend your student life.

Tour the campus with student Kaitlin Colucci: www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/sbtour

Postgraduate students Sweta and Priya in the Gateway Building on Sutton Bonington Campus.
“Sutton Bonington is unlike any other university campus, we get to experience the full extent of university life while living in a close-knit community, with our frequent bar parties and many societies there is never a dull moment on campus.”

Nikkita Dhari
BVM BVS with BVMedSci Veterinary Medicine and Surgery including a Preliminary Year
Living here

Living in university accommodation is one of the best ways to make friends and adjust to life away from home.

As a first year, you’ll be guaranteed a room in halls on campus for one year, or three if you’re an international student.* You’ll have a residential tutor and hall welfare reps who’ll support you, help you settle in and advise you on any welfare issues. There’s also a Student Services Centre on campus offering specialist support.

Students living on SB are advised to register at the medical practice in the nearby village of Kegworth. Representatives from the practice visit campus to talk to all first-year students.

Bonington Hall
Most new SB students live in Bonington Hall. You’ll have your own study bedroom in a shared flat with a fully fitted kitchen/diner. There are several different room types to meet your taste and budget requirements.

Accommodation fees for all first-year students include evening meals from Monday to Friday during term-time. Eating together in the dining hall in The Barn (new student amenities centre) is a great way to enjoy the unique on-campus atmosphere.

What happens after your first year?
Many students choose to move into off-campus private sector housing, but rooms are available for many who choose to stay on campus. Nearby Kegworth is a popular choice, easily reached on foot or by bike. Or you can live near our University Park Campus in Nottingham and travel to SB to suit your studies.

* Subject to a few simple terms and conditions – see www.nottingham.ac.uk/accommodation

“SB has great links to University Park Campus, its own on-site bar, social and sports facilities... A real community exists at SB ensuring you are never left to feel isolated.”

Lawrence Bramham
BSc Biotechnology

Animal science student Charles in his Bonington Hall studio flat.
On-campus amenities
Facilities that make living on SB comfortable and convenient include:

- Student Services Centre (specialist support services, including academic, careers, chaplaincy, counselling, disability, financial, international and sexual health)
- C-store selling groceries, fresh and frozen produce, stationery and other everyday items
- The Barn (student amenities centre)
- Graduate Centre
- Mulberry Tree Cafe
- a cash machine
- Common rooms, some with Sky television and Wi-Fi
- three launderettes
- a recreational library
- a music room
- a sports centre and climbing wall
- monthly farmers’ market
- car parking (charges apply)
- secure bike sheds

Did you know?
As part of the University’s masterplan for the development of the campus, a new £8.9m Student Amenities Building opened in 2015 with facilities including a new dining hall, bar, common room, SB Guild Office, Student Services Centre and graduate centre.
Studying at SB

You’ll be living and working with students studying subjects that overlap with yours. This makes for a great academic community where debate and sharing happens organically.

It also provides you with more opportunities to work across disciplines – very important when it comes to your career.

Subjects studied here
- Agricultural and environmental sciences
- Animal sciences
- Biotechnology
- Microbiology
- Food sciences
- Nutritional sciences
- Plant and crop sciences
- Veterinary medicine and science
- Bioenergy and brewing science (postgraduate only)

Did you know?
In the latest national Research Excellence Framework (REF), the School of Veterinary Medicine and Science and the School of Biosciences were ranked first in the UK for research power with 97% of their joint submission judged to be of international quality.

“Not only did I want a ‘university lifestyle’, I also wanted to ensure that the campus I was on suited my course. This was where Nottingham ticked all the boxes – I was close to the city centre but was located in the countryside where I could benefit better from my course.”

Laura Talbot
BSc Agricultural and Livestock Science
Excellent facilities

So what makes SB one of the best places in the UK to study for a biosciences or veterinary degree? Our staff and students are inspirational and we have excellent facilities including:

**Specialist laboratories** – for biochemistry, molecular and environmental sciences, flavour research and food structure – there is also a purpose-built dietetics laboratory for production of test meals.

**The Nutritional Sciences Clinical Skills Unit** – with observation rooms and a clinical practice room for training dietitians.

**A metabolism laboratory** – for nutritional studies with farm animals.

**Plant and animal tissue culture units** – facilities for gene cloning, sequencing and the generation and evaluation of transgenic plants.

**The Arabidopsis Stock Centre** – one of two international centres housing over half a million genetic plant stocks.

**An extensive glasshouse complex** – including the Future Crops Research Unit.

**A state-of-the-art building for research in food chemistry, food physics and microbiology** – including a containment laboratory for working with genetically engineered micro-organisms.

**An animal science teaching laboratory** – complete with the most modern equipment and an extensive suite of teaching and research laboratories.
A purpose-designed Plant Sciences Building – offering superb teaching and research facilities.

A purpose-built building for the School of Veterinary Medicine and Science – with a lecture theatre, small-group teaching facilities, a surgery suite, and dissection, teaching, clinical skills and specialist laboratories.

Our dedicated veterinary facilities – including an indoor menage, a large animal smallholding, an exotic and pet unit, an aviary and an apiary.

A fully operational campus-based University Farm and Dairy Centre – commercially run, with facilities for research and teaching: crop field trial areas, and extensive arable, dairy, sheep, woodland and environmental stewardship enterprises.

The Bioenergy and Brewing Building – with state-of-the-art facilities for research and teaching in brewing science, food processing facility and bioenergy production.

Our Learning Resource Centre – up-to-date, 24-hour IT facilities, including two resource areas with workstations and full audiovisual projection facilities, video and laptop links.

The Language Resource Area – with PCs fitted with TV cards for satellite programme transmissions, TVs and videos.

The library – our James Cameron-Gifford Library is one of the best of its kind in the country, housing a wide range of books and periodicals as well as interactive smart boards, plasma screens and high-spec PCs.

Our Student Services Centre – provides students with support including financial advice, academic support, the University Counselling Service, the Centre for Career Development, and the International Office.

Working in the Fermentation Suite.
“Life on SB is brilliant. I love the special formal ‘dining-ins’ when we all sit down for supper together then head over to the SB bar where there are regular parties and events like film nights.”

Sam Higginson
BSc Nutrition and Food Science
From clubs and societies to parties and nights out, there are lots of ways to celebrate student life with your friends at SB.

- The Sutton Bonington Guild is part of the Students’ Union and represents all students at SB – see page 19.

- The Students’ Union (SU) is based on University Park Campus and is one of the most active unions in the country. There are more than 200 clubs and societies you can join.

- Your social calendar kicks off from the day you arrive with ‘Week One’ – a series of events and activities designed to help you settle into university life.

- Immediately after Week One is the start of Karnival, the Students’ Union charity appeal, which annually raises funds for some 50 charities through games, parties and other events.

- Other social activities, including trips, comedy nights, parties and formal dinners, take place throughout the year, culminating in the spectacular end-of-year Summer Ball.

- The regular free inter-campus bus service between Sutton Bonington, University Park, Jubilee and (at weekends) Nottingham city centre means you’ll be able to take full advantage of all social and sporting activities available within the University and city.

- There are clubs, cafes, cinemas, theatres, shops and museums in nearby Nottingham, Derby and Leicester.

**Did you know?**

There’s a well-equipped music room on campus and student bands often use it to rehearse for events organised by the Guild and the music society, Music Soc.
Sutton Bonington Guild  
– at the heart of SB

The Guild has nine elected SB student officers representing areas such as welfare, sport, societies and academic matters.

Find out more at www.su.nottingham.ac.uk/sb/about

“What the SB Guild is extremely helpful; from organising amazing bar parties to helping students in tough situations, they are a very good support system.”

Dom Byron Chance  
BVM BVS with BVMedSci  
Veterinary Medicine and Surgery

What other societies can I take part in?
We have around 40 clubs and societies on campus including:

- Agrics  
- Allotment Soc  
- Alternative Arts  
- Animal Science  
- Art Soc  
- Dietetic and Nutrition Soc  
- Extreme Ambling  
- Farmers’ Market  
- Food Soc  
- Dance  
- ISSB (International Students SB)  
- Music Soc  
- Roc Soc  
- Rugby  
- SABES (Adventure biking)  
- Squash  
- Vet Soc

Plus there are over 200 societies and clubs at University Park Campus to choose from. Find a full list here:
www.su.nottingham.ac.uk/societies

Did you know?
The student-run Sutton Bonington Farmers’ Market was named ‘Food Market of the Year’ in the 2012 BBC Food and Farming Awards, dubbed the Oscars of the food world by Jamie Oliver.

The SB student-run farmers’ market happens monthly.
Good sport

As well as academic excellence, Nottingham is recognised for its broad sports provision and success in performance sport.

Top class facilities
We have a £2.4m sports centre on campus and excellent facilities including:
• large sports hall
  (badminton, basketball, etc)
• two squash courts
• fitness suite
• exercise/dance studio
• bouldering wall
• floodlit 3G synthetic turf pitch
• three tennis courts
• snooker table
• floodlit grass training area
• football pitch
• rugby pitch

Fitness classes
Whatever your fitness level, you can take part in classes including aerobics, boot camp, box fit, circuits, yoga and zumba, to name just a few.

Membership
Membership is highly subsidised for students. All members enjoy unlimited access to indoor sports facilities at each University campus in the UK. For details visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/sport/membership

“The gym is just across the road from campus and is great value. The University has a wide variety of activities so you are sure to find something that suits you.”

Hanna Pickering
BVM BVS with BVMedSci
Veterinary Medicine and Surgery
Competitive sport

Nottingham is recognised internationally for its sporting success. We’ve finished in the top 10 of the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) overall league for the last 15 years.

Sports clubs
University of Nottingham Sport supports over 75 student-led sports clubs. From archery to judo and football to water polo, there is something for everyone at all levels of ability and competition.

The Sutton Bonington Guild also runs several sports clubs including cycling, football, mixed hockey, netball and running.

Competing nationally
A large majority of our sports clubs represent Nottingham in both the BUCS leagues and other national and international competitions, giving you the chance to compete on the worldwide stage in university sport.

Intramural sport
Intramural sport (IMS) provides an opportunity to take part in competitive sport without the commitment of regular training. You can enter a team from your hall, course, society or group of friends.

Other opportunities
You can also take part in our other schemes, including NU2 Sport for taster sessions of a variety of sports and events, coaching courses and even a dedicated disability sport programme.

“All the University has so many clubs the difficulty was fitting them all in! I play badminton at SB but could also play at University Park if I wanted to. I am also a member of the Ski Club – the ski trip was my highlight of the year.”

Carla Nicholls
BSc Environmental Biology
Out and about

Sutton Bonington is a traditional, leafy village with a long history, sitting in the valley of the River Soar. It’s close to three great cities as well as other busy towns and villages well worth a visit.

Close-by Kegworth is a larger village with a high street, medical practice and supermarket. Most students call in at Kegworth for their essentials. The town of Loughborough is a 20-minute bus ride away and hosts a wide range of restaurants, cafes, chain shops such as Primark and Topshop, independent boutiques and a historic market.

City life

Sutton Bonington borders three cities – Derby (10 miles) and Leicester (15 miles) and, of course, Nottingham (10 miles). Only 30 minutes away and with everything you would expect from a large city, most students spend their nights out in Nottingham – find out more on page 27.

Of course, if you’re curious, you can visit all three cities. All offer beautiful countryside too, so if you or a friend have your car on campus, you can plan a few day trips and explore the area.

“Kegworth is the local town for any essentials, with a doctor’s surgery, post office, a Co-operative supermarket, hairdressers and pubs. However, for our big weekly shop we drive into Loughborough where there is a big Tesco, Morrisons and Sainsbury’s.”

Dan Boorman
BSc Animal Science

Undergraduate students Brinna and Elaine in Goodliffe’s bistro and restaurant, Loughborough.
The city of Nottingham is modern and cosmopolitan with a rich history.

Famous worldwide for the legend of Robin Hood, Nottingham is packed full of fun things to do. Bars, pubs, clubs, cinemas, comedy clubs, theatres, music venues, shopping centres, markets, two professional football clubs, the National Water Sports Centre and a climbing centre – you’ll soon find your favourite spots.

For top tips on where to go, day and night, download our Nottingham City Guide: www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/cityguide

**Did you know?**
We provide free weekend transport to and from Nottingham city centre so you can get around easily and the SB Guild organises buses on major nights out.

“Nottingham is undoubtedly the East Midlands’ buzzing music capital, with a handful of the best small-medium sized venues in the UK, heaps of intriguing bar and back-room stages and even a genuinely great arena – right in the heart of the city – for the superstar acts. You can pretty much find an interesting gig to go to on any given night if you look hard enough, and that makes Nottingham a special place to be.”

Ashley Bird
Music journalist and photographer

“I love SB. It is just a bus ride into Loughborough or Nottingham. Socially, we all tend to get the bus into Nottingham and then get a taxi back. The taxis are around £17, so between four of you it works out at just over £4 each – not too bad – though during freshers’ week, all event tickets include the bus ride back.”

Christopher Newman
BSc Microbiology

Rock City in Nottingham attracts top rock and indie acts.
Top transport links

Sutton Bonington is at the heart of the UK, and you’ll be well connected.

• Five miles (7km) from East Midlands Airport, with regular flights to mainland Europe
• Three miles (5km) from East Midlands Parkway railway station with direct links to London (90 minutes), Nottingham, Derby, Lincoln, Leicester and Sheffield
• Two miles (3km) from junction 24 of the M1 motorway, the UK’s major road network
• A public bus service links East Midlands Airport to Nottingham city and calls at Sutton Bonington

Find flights at:
www.eastmidlandsairport.com

Find train timetables at:
www.thetrainline.com

Find bus information at:
www.trentbarton.co.uk/services/skylinknottingham

Getting around
SB is a 25-minute bus or car journey from University Park Campus. There is a regular free hopper bus between campuses running daily until late evening.

The Saturday and Sunday services also go into Nottingham city centre and there are some services to Kegworth village and the East Midlands Parkway railway station. Public buses run from the main gate to Loughborough and Nottingham, calling at East Midlands Airport.

Driving and cycling
Car parking at SB requires a paid-for permit and SB students get a reduced rate.

You can find out more here:-
www.nottingham.ac.uk/parking

If you prefer to cycle to lectures, you’ll find bike stands around campus as well as secure cycle stores.

“...makes it easy for me to travel to University Park Campus. I am able to connect with my friends not only at SB, but also at University Park, which widens my social network. The hopper bus also goes into Nottingham city at weekends, which makes it convenient to meet friends and go shopping.”

Yao Soo
BSc Nutrition