

Conference Information

ICTMA-17
NOTTINGHAM 2015

Getting to Nottingham



There are a number of international airports delegates from overseas can fly into, although the main ones are in London, Birmingham and Manchester. All are well connected to Nottingham by train or coach. Here we give some advice about how best to travel onwards to Nottingham and some links to useful websites.



In general travel by coach is cheaper than by rail although booking in advance (www.nationalrail.co.uk) can considerably reduce the cost of rail travel. To do this you need to know the time of the train you will travel on – this of course can be difficult if your flight is delayed.



Rail travel Buying a one-way ticket at the station for immediate travel can be almost the same price as buying a return ticket. This is a strange pricing policy so do ask about the cost of a return ticket. It is also cheaper to travel when people are not making their way to and from work, such as at the weekend and in the middle of a week-day. The booking clerk at a rail station can provide information about the cheapest ticket for your journey.



From London Heathrow you will need to transfer to the centre of London and take a train to Nottingham from St Pancras station. To do this you can take the underground train from London Heathrow. It runs on the Piccadilly line direct to St Pancras station. This journey takes about an hour. Alternatively you can take the Heathrow Express train from the airport to Paddington Station and then take a Circle Line underground train to St Pancras. This is slightly quicker but more expensive and not as easy when travelling with luggage.

Birmingham and *Manchester* airports have rail stations that connect with Nottingham. However, you will need to change trains in the centre of Birmingham or Manchester (the ticket you buy will be valid through to your final destination – Nottingham).

Coach Travel

Information about coach services can be found here:

<http://www.nationalexpress.com/airports/heathrow-airport.aspx>

If you arrive at *London Heathrow* it seems that the cheapest way to travel is by coach to Nottingham from the main Heathrow bus station. The Heathrow Bus station is situated in the complex of terminals 1, 2 and 3. If you arrive at terminals 4 or 5 you will need to take an underground train between the terminals to get to the bus station. There is no charge for this. The coach takes about the same time as the train journey will take in total (because of the time taken to transfer between airport and St Pancras station). Make sure you allow plenty of time for the return journey if it is on Friday as traffic near the airport on Friday afternoons is very heavy – it can also be very slow on the motorway near London at any time!

East Midlands airport

East Midlands airport is the airport nearest to Nottingham and there are Skylink buses that run regularly from the airport to the city centre; they also stop near the University campus. Further details can be found here
<http://www.eastmidlandsairport.com/emaweb.nsf/Content/SkyLinkNottingham>

(See further details about arrival from East Midlands airport below)

Arrival in Nottingham

Arriving at the railway station

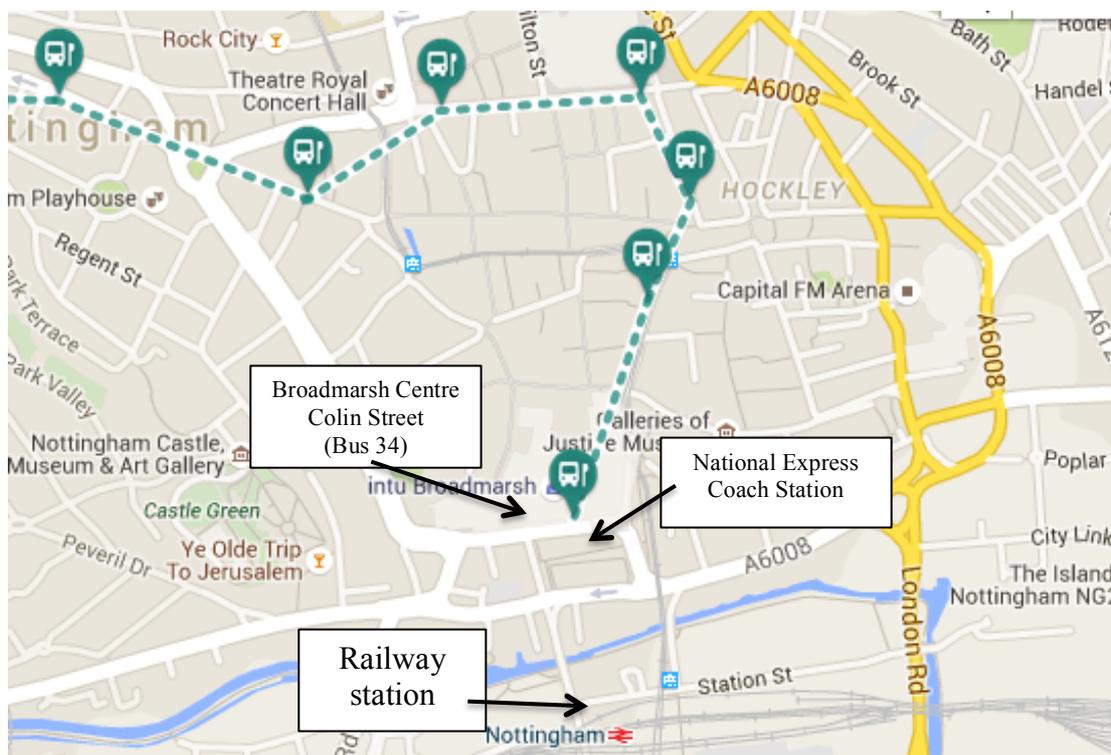
When you first arrive with luggage it is easiest to take a taxi-cab from outside of the station to your accommodation. This will not be too expensive if you are staying in the centre of Nottingham, as hotels in the city will be close – maybe you can even walk. The university campus is also not too far away – but a considerable walk. If you are based in the on-campus accommodation ask the taxi driver to take you to Cavendish Hall on the main university campus – University Park.

Alternatively, the number bus 34 [orange coloured bus] takes you directly onto the university campus. This does not leave from the railway station (see maps below). It is, however, only a short walk to the bus station (Colin Street). If possible, have some loose coins available to pay for the bus ticket.

The bus timetable is reproduced at the back of this guide (click [here](#)). It can also be found at

https://nct-walrus-assets.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/datasets/1421053296_54b38d70187d0/public-assets/34-timetable.pdf

IMPORTANT: The holiday period timetable will be operating during the conference. This is given on the last page of the timetable.



MAP 1

Arriving by coach

National Express coaches arrive at the Coach station which is next to the street from which the bus (number 34) leaves for the University Campus. Again this is only a short walk from most City Centre hotels.

Language note: Buses are coaches that travel reasonably short distances (or, if you like coaches are buses that travel long distances). That said, this rule is often broken!

Arrival on the University campus

Arrival by taxi or Bus 34

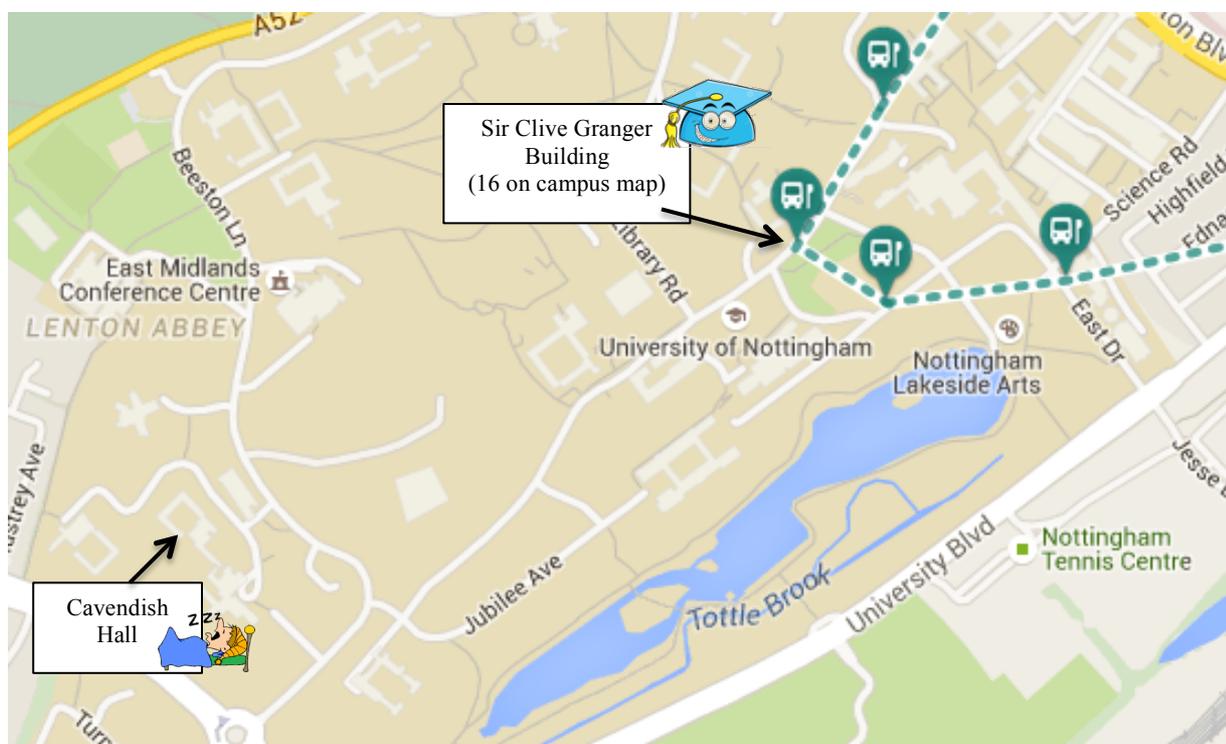
The main location for the conference is the Sir Clive Granger building (number 16 on the [campus map](#)).

The campus accommodation is in Cavendish Hall.

A campus map is supplied at the back of this guide (click [here](#)), and a replica map is available for download from:

<https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/sharedresources/documents/mapuniversitypark.pdf>

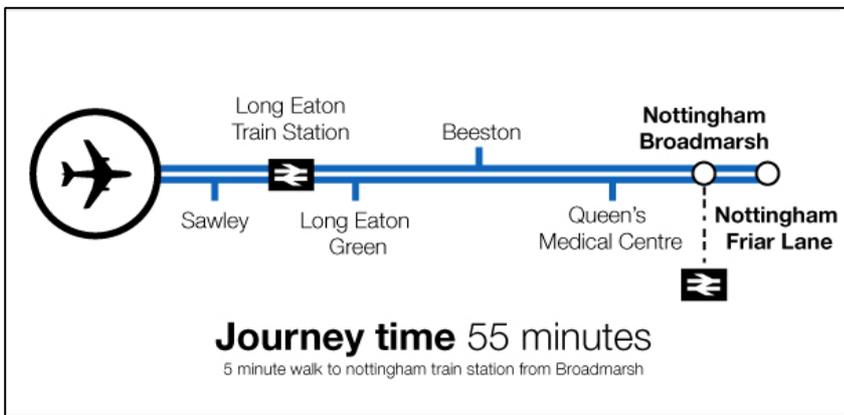
The number 34 bus stops outside of the Sir Clive Granger building. The campus accommodation (Cavendish Hall) is only a 10 minute walk away mainly down hill in the pleasant surroundings of the campus.



MAP 2

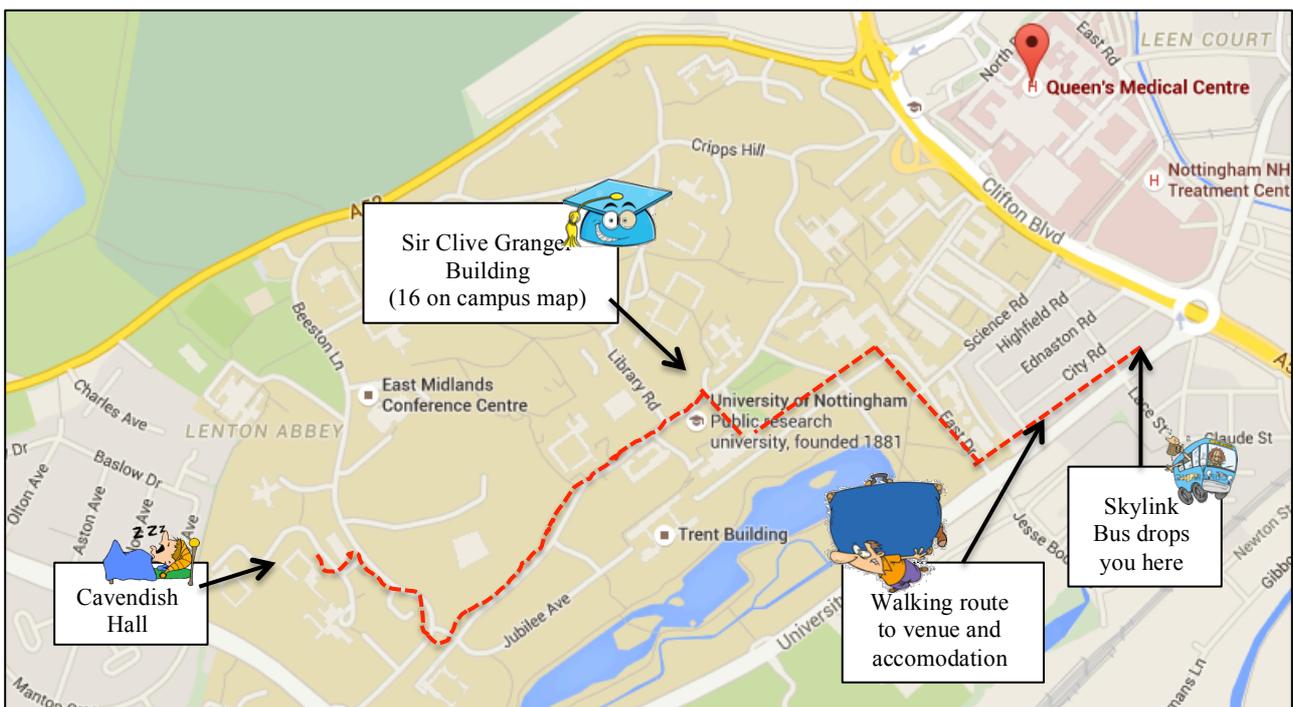
Arrival by Skylink bus from East Midlands airport

The airport that is nearest Nottingham is East Midlands and there is a direct bus that leaves for Nottingham frequently. The route is shown below.



The Skylink bus stops below the Queen’s Medical Centre which is near the university campus (see MAP 3). If you wish, you can get off here and take a pleasant walk through the campus (approximately 25 minutes) (the walk is mainly uphill and with heavy bags may be tiring). Otherwise you can stay on the bus getting off at the Broadmarsh and then take a bus 34 back to the university. The advantage of this is that the bus 34 stops on campus. On the other hand it will take considerably longer than walking from the Queen’s Medical Centre.

Of course you could also take a taxi from the airport (approximately 20 km) – however, that will be relatively expensive particularly if you are travelling on your own.



MAP 3

Registration

Registration on Sunday 19th July

You may register at the Welcome Reception venue, Highfields House, between 16:00 and 18:00.

At this time all delegates will pick up a conference bag containing programme, abstracts and other ‘goodies’.

Those of you not staying in the on-campus accommodation will also pick up their individual information pack including name badge.

Those staying in conference accommodation will pick up these packs as they check-in at Cavendish Hall.

Registration on Monday 20th onwards

You may register at the conference venue where you will be able to pick up your individual information pack and conference bag.

Arriving at the on-campus accommodation

The on-campus accommodation is at Cavendish Hall (see Maps 2 & 3).

Keys are available from the reception area located in the entrance hall lobby from 3.00pm on the day of arrival. Rooms must be vacated and the keys returned to the porter's office by 10.00am on day of departure. Please inform us on arrival if you should require extra assistance in the unlikely event of an evacuation from your accommodation (e.g. hearing, sight or mobility difficulties).

All guests are given a bedroom key and front door swipe card upon check in. The main doors will lock at midnight but access can still be gained after this time by using the swipe card.

Any guests who have not checked in by midnight are asked to use the free-phone at the entrance to the hall to call for security, who will let them into the hall of residence and give them their keys. There will be a member of the hall team available from 8.00am until midnight.

Dinner will be available in the dining room at 7.30 pm on Monday and Tuesday evenings and at 8pm on Wednesday evening following the conference excursion.

There is a bar in Cavendish Hall which will be open from 7 – 11 pm each evening (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday).

A hot buffet dinner will be provided at the social event on Sunday evening at Highfields House and the conference dinner will be held on Thursday evening.

Conference venue and making a presentation

The Venue

The conference is to be held in the Sir Clive Granger Building on the main university campus which is just on the outskirts of the City centre and a short walk from the on-campus accommodation in Cavendish Hall.

The rooms to be used for plenaries and all other sessions at the conference are conveniently located around a social area which has a coffee bar for use by delegates.



Each day, refreshments will be available mid-morning and mid-afternoon, together with a full lunch meal. You should wear your conference badge to take refreshments and lunch. A picnic lunch will be provided on Wednesday before the excursion and on Friday at the end of the conference. On Friday you may collect your lunch from the mid-morning break onwards.

Your presentation will be in a room that is equipped with a presentation lectern that controls the audio-visual facilities. You can use your own laptop/tablet or the desktop pc that is provided. If you are using your laptop/tablet you will need an appropriate connector that you should supply. Note wifi is available, as are full sound facilities for those wishing to display video or use audio files. There will be assistance obtainable in case you have any problems using the equipment.

Making a presentation

Please note that your session has been scheduled to last 45 minutes. You are expected to present for up to 25 minutes allowing 20 minutes for questions and discussion. The chair of your session has been asked to keep time strictly within these limits to ensure smooth running of the conference. Please ensure that you keep to these times, particularly as there is only a short change-over time between sessions.

Chairing sessions

The role of the session chair is very important. The conference relies on the chair handling the session that they have been asked to chair with sensitivity and firmness. If you are making a presentation yourself you will have been asked to chair a session on at least one occasion. Please arrive promptly and ensure that the presenter has arrived and is ready to make his/her presentation. Someone from the local organising group will be on hand to assist if there are any problems with the presentation equipment. Please allow a full 25 minutes for the presentation and the remaining time (up to 20 minutes) for questions and discussion. Cards will be available in the room for you to indicate that 5, 2 and 1 minutes remain for the presentation. Please show these clearly from the audience so that the presenter is aware of the need to complete their

presentation to time. During the ensuing questions and discussion make sure that everyone who wants to contribute is able to do so making sure that no one person dominates the discussion.

The Conference Social Programme

There are four main aspects of the Social Programme. Please note that those booked as an accompanying person are entitled to attend all of these events.

Welcome reception

As is traditional at ICTMA conferences the conference opens with a social event allowing you to meet old and new friends in a convivial setting. Drinks and a buffet dinner will be served from 5:30 – 7:30 pm in a walled garden and cloistered area of the recently renovated Highfields House (building 10 on the [campus map](#)). We will be entertained by a string quartet playing a range of classical and contemporary music.

Drinks and poster reception

Shell Centre Publications are pleased to invite all conference delegates and accompanying persons to pre-dinner drinks on Tuesday 21st July. This event will be held at the conference venue (Sir Clive Granger Building) and provides an opportunity to browse posters that have been submitted to the conference as well as other posters that detail some of the work that the Shell Centre has undertaken in recent years as well as the work of the Centre for Research in Mathematics Education at the University of Nottingham more widely. There will also be displays of some other publishers and key players in mathematics education in the UK.

We are indebted to the Shell Centre for their generous support in making this event possible.

Conference Excursion

The conference excursion is to Chatsworth House in the neighbouring county of Derbyshire. This classic English country house is set in its own magnificent estate of many acres. The grounds are extensive and you are free to roam along the river or up into the woods above the house. You will also have access to the House where you can tour the impressive rooms that are made available to the public by the current Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. The gardens of the House are also available to roam – these are very extensive and include the magnificent Emperor Fountain, the Orangery and a maze. There will be plenty of time for you to visit everything and even take tea in the Coach House restaurant and tearooms.

We will leave the university campus at 2pm by coach, arrive at Chatsworth at about 3pm and set off to return to Nottingham at 6.30pm. Coaches will drop passengers at a location in the centre of Nottingham as well as returning to the campus near Cavendish Hall for those in accommodation there.

Please make sure you have strong and comfortable shoes for the visit especially if you wish to walk in the gardens and more widely in the estate. As you will probably be aware the weather in England, even in the summer, can be mixed (that is to say it can rain and also be cold). Make sure you have suitable clothing with you at the conference and you will be advised on what the weather is likely to be like in the day before the excursion.



Conference dinner

The conference dinner will be held at a country house near to, but outside of, the City Centre. Coaches will leave the car park at the in-campus accommodation of Cavendish Hall campus at 7pm on Thursday 23rd July for the venue – Colwick Hall. We are afraid that the coaches cannot pick up delegates in the City Centre – but on the return journey they will drop off at a central location in the Nottingham.

The meal is a three course dinner finished by coffee and tea. A welcome drink will be provided and we will be entertained by a harpist. Wine will be provided with the meal and following this there will be dancing until midnight. Although we have catered for typical conference guests in ordering the wine there is also a bar where a range of drinks can be ordered at your own cost.

Some general advice about being in England

Electricity

The voltage in England is 240v and we use plugs that are not used in many other countries around the world. See the diagram below. You should make sure that you have an appropriate adapter for any electrical equipment that you bring with you.



Banking

ATMs are prolific throughout England. There are ATMs on campus (Portland Building – see building 15 on the [campus map](#)) and this is a convenient way of obtaining cash. When off campus, you will find that wherever there are shops there will be an ATM and you can pay, providing you have a pin number, using a credit card in almost all shops, restaurants and bars/pubs. If you buy tickets for travel at a station you can pay by credit card but you will not be able to do so if buying tickets in the bus or train. Standard banking hours are Monday to Friday from 9:00-9:30 until 15:30 or 16:00 (some remain open until 17:30). Many bank branches stay open late once per week (until 17:30 or 18:00) as well as being open on Saturdays (9:00-9:30 until 12:30 or 15:30). All banks are closed on Sunday.

Weather

In England we talk about the weather a lot. This is because it is very changeable – even over short distances within the country. However, the weather forecasts are increasingly accurate – if it is likely to rain we will know in advance accurate to within an hour or so. You will be given advice before the excursion about what you can expect. You should certainly bring waterproof clothing and/or an umbrella with you to Nottingham!

Eating out and bars/pubs

There are restaurants that provide a range of international cuisines in all major cities in the UK. You will be able to eat as though you are at home if you wish and also take a gastronomic trip around the world. If you want to sample English food then maybe you should consider eating in a pub. The English pub is well-known for serving ale and pub-grub and often provides a reasonably priced alternative to more formal restaurant dining.

You can find lots of advice at the following web-sites:

http://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Restaurants-g186356-Nottingham_Nottinghamshire_England.html

<http://www.itsinnottingham.com/in-nottingham/eating-drinking/a-z.aspx>

<http://www.godine.co.uk/Nottingham-Restaurants.aspx>

<http://www.tastecard.co.uk/restaurants/Nottingham-England>

<http://www.squaremeal.co.uk/restaurants/town/nottingham>

Some excellent places to eat include:

Restaurant Sat Bains – A Two Star Michelin restaurant serving modern British cuisine. One of Britain's best, but rather expensive. *Lenton Ln, Nottingham, NG7 2SA; 0115 986 6566; restaurantsatbains.com*

Memsaab – Fine dining that emphasises Punjabi and Pakistani cooking. *12-14 Maid Marian Way, Nottingham, NG1 6HS; 0115 957 0009; mem-saab.co.uk*

Iberico World Tapas – Superior tapas including scallop with chorizo jam and duck with manzanilla sherry. *The Shire Hall, High Pavement, Lace Market, Nottingham, NG1 1HN ; 0115 941 0410; ibericotapas.com*

World Service – Eclectic fine dining mixing modern British food with influences from around the world, served in a 17th-century building. *Newdigate House, Castle Gate, Nottingham, NG1 6AF; 0115 847 5587; worldservicerestaurant.com*

Piccolino – In the historic Lace Market area of the city, the restaurant offers Italian favourites as well as new, ambitious combinations, like roast pumpkin, pancetta and gorgonzola risotto. *7 Weekday Cross, Lace Market, Nottingham, NG1 2GB; 0115 947 2169; individualrestaurants.com/piccolino/nottingham/*

Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem – The oldest pub in England (1189AD). It serves a range of fine local ales, and traditional food grub at reasonable prices. *Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem, Brewhouse Yard Nottingham, NG1 6AD; 0115 947 3171; triptojerusalem.com*

On campus accommodation and meals

For those having booked the on-campus conference accommodation your package includes breakfast and a three-course evening meal on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 19:30 pm. On Sunday evening this is replaced by the hot buffet meal at the welcome reception and on Thursday by the conference dinner. There is a bar in Cavendish Hall where you can purchase wine and other drinks to accompany your meal.

In emergencies

During the day you will be able to call on a number of those who have organised the conference – they will be introduced to you at the opening plenary on Monday 20th. Geoff Wake will be available more generally at the on-campus accommodation and in absolute emergencies you may contact him using his mobile number +44 773 652 0808.

BUS 34 TIMETABLE (from Nottingham City Centre to University of Nottingham (University Park Campus))

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City – Derby Road – QMC – Dunkirk – University Park

Daily Holiday Period Timetable

Service Number:	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	FS N36	FS N36	FS N36
City, Broadmarsh Collin Street	07.10	07.25	07.55	then every 30 mins	25	55	until	21.55	22.25	22.55	23.25
City, Victoria Centre	07.15	07.30	08.00		30	00		22.00	22.30	23.00	23.30	01.15*	02.15*	03.15*
City, Angel Row	07.20	07.35	08.05		35	05		22.05	22.35	23.05	23.35	01.20	02.20	03.20
QMC, Main Entrance	07.30	07.45	08.15		45	15		22.15	22.45	23.15	23.45	01.27	02.27	03.27
George Green Library	07.34	07.49	08.19		49	19		22.19	22.49	23.19	23.49	H	H	H
University Park, East Drive	07.36	07.54	08.24	54	24	22.24	22.54	23.21	23.51		
Dunkirk, Lace Street	07.38	08.08	08.38	08	38	22.38	23.08	23.23	23.53		

Codes:

FS Operates on Friday and Saturday nights only.

H Serves Cripps Hill and Beeston Lane to serve student halls

* Departs from Milton Street

Shaded journeys have a £3 flat fare. Uni ID cards activated for travel valid at no charge.

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University Park – Dunkirk – QMC – Derby Road – City

Daily Holiday Period Timetable

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George Green Library	07.34	07.49	08.19	then every 30 mins	49	19	until	22.19	22.49
University Park, East Drive	07.36	08.06	08.36		06	36		22.36	23.06
Dunkirk, Lace Street	07.38	08.08	08.38		08	38		22.38	23.08
QMC, Main Entrance	07.43	08.13	08.43		13	43		22.43	23.13
Canning Circus	07.49	08.19	08.49		19	49		22.49	23.19
City, Broadmarsh Collin Street	07.55	08.25	08.55	25	55	22.55	23.25		
City, Victoria Centre	08.00	08.30	09.00	30	00	23.00	23.30		