

## Access Guide

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# Proud to Promote Equality and Value Diversity

Manchester Metropolitan University is one of the UK's largest and most popular universities. We work hard to embed equality and fairness into everything we do. We are a "Positive about Disabled People" employer, commended for exceeding the requirements, and the University has achieved a Silver award from the Business Disability Forum 'Disability Standard'.

Visitor safety and enjoyment is important to us. All of our venues are accessible and we have accessible parking near each of our buildings.

We have a variety of catering options available for visitors with specific dietary requirements. We are able to offer hearing loop facilities in many of our lecture theatres, have accessible bedrooms in our residences and have overnight provision with a range of access options.

We hope to offer an inclusive experience for everybody and carry out reviews and risk assessments to ensure we maintain high standards. If you have any special requirements, require any particular reasonable adjustments or have any questions, please contact us and we will discuss how we can help make your visit an enjoyable one.





## Travel Options to Brooks

Brooks building at Birley is situated a short distance from the All Saints site in Manchester city centre on Bonsall Street, just off Stretford Road.

The closest railway station is Manchester Oxford Road, 0.9 miles away. Manchester Piccadilly is 1.5 miles away and Manchester Victoria is 2.5 miles away. Brooks is also 8 miles away from Manchester Airport.

### Bus

From Piccadilly Gardens, the number 86 bus to Chorlton goes to the Birley site. Frequency, every 10 minutes. From September – June, the 141 runs exclusively to our Birley site (for Brooks Building) every 10 minutes during the day.

### Taxis

Taxis can be pre-booked through Radio Cars, who also have wheelchair accessible taxis. Their contact number is 0161 236 8033. There are taxi ranks outside each railway station and the nearest drop off point at Brooks is on Bonsall Street off Stretford Road. Sat Nav postcode: M15 6GX.

### Car parking

There is a surface level carpark directly outside the Brooks building with reserved areas for those with access needs.

All disabled bays around Brooks are on one level smooth surface on the ground floor.



## Main entrance

The main entrance to Brooks building has a large swing door that is controlled via intercom system. This entrance can be used at all times during the building opening hours, which are 07:00-22:30 Monday-Thursday and 07:00-20:15 on Fridays. It is wide enough to comfortably accommodate wheelchair users for easy movement and access to the building.



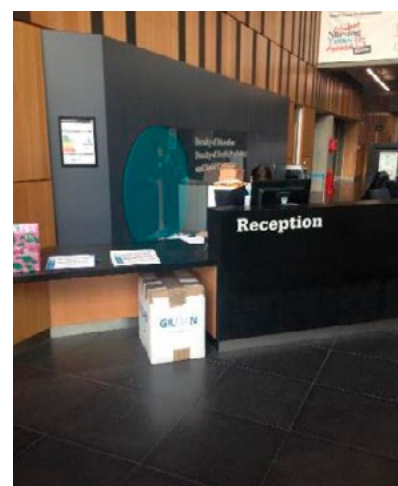
## Reception

The Brooks reception is located on the ground floor directly in front of the entrance. The desk is easily accessible for wheelchair users and remains open until the building closes each day.

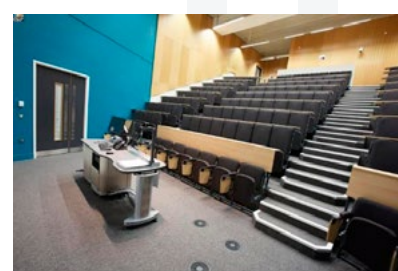


## Meeting rooms and lecture theatres

All of the lecture theatres in Brooks are accessible for wheelchair users and have hearing loop facilities installed. There are large projector screens with additional LCD screens on either side.



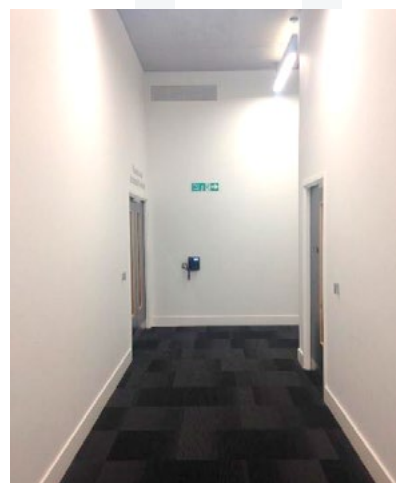
The tiered lecture theatres contain space at the front for wheelchair users and the lighting in each room can be easily adjusted using the facilities on each desk at the front of the lecture theatres.



## Meeting rooms and lecture theatres (continued)

Smaller meeting rooms are located on the upper floors of Brooks but are easily accessible by lifts, located nearby the building reception. All the furniture in the meeting rooms can be moved to accommodate delegates with mobility issues.

The meeting rooms are situated nearby each other, making it easier for guests with mobility issues to move between rooms. The corridors are wide enough for easy movement throughout the building.



## Accessible Toilets

There are accessible toilets on each floor and they are clearly signposted. Each accessible toilet has an emergency pull cord and fold-down rail, with soap dispenser and sink in reach of the toilet.



## Lifts

All lifts are wheelchair accessible and the controls are at a usable height. There are four sets of lifts located in each of the Atrium, which means meeting rooms and spaces on higher floors are easy to reach. There is also audio assistance in each lift.





## Catering

There is a large dining atrium on the ground floor, which is open and accessible. The tables are Equality Act (2010) compliant with flexible options for positioning for ease of access. The main servery area is spacious and accessible for wheelchair users, and the counters are also compliant.

Our hospitality team can cater for a range of dietary requirements and label food accordingly. They are fully trained and on-hand to provide an inclusive service.



## Emergency Evacuation Procedures

Fire evacuation procedures will be provided by the event organiser, please contact them should you require any specific information.

Brooks has two emergency stairwells that lead directly out of the building. Each stairwell has a secure refuge point for people with access needs, and there is an evacuation chair available in each stairwell that venue staff will use to help evacuate disabled delegates. Any staff using evacuation chairs have had the appropriate training.

Speak to the event organiser prior to attending a conference or event to ensure that we have enough evacuation chairs in place. Visitors with disabilities will be asked to complete Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans in advance of their visit.



