

Self-Guided Tour

Whiteknights Campus



1. Henley Business School and ICMA Centre

The Henley Business School holds triple-accredited status from the UK, Europe, and US accrediting bodies (AMBA, EQUIS, and AACSB).

Inside, you will find a dedicated Business Library, lecture halls, seminar rooms, and a cafe.

All students, regardless of subject, can benefit from the expertise of the Henley Business School through the Henley Enterprise Lab, which hosts events and competitions to give students the chance to put their entrepreneurship skills into practice.

Next to the Henley Business School is the ICMA Centre, home of our Finance programmes. Here you will find one of the most extensive non-investment banking facilities in Europe with dealing rooms supported by LSEG Workspace and Bloomberg.

With your back to the ICMA Centre and keeping the Henley Business School building on your left, walk around the building towards the Quad. Cross the pedestrian crossing, passing the blue badge parking spaces, and you will see the Minghella Studios on your left.



2. Minghella Studios

This is the home of the Department of Film, Theatre and Television. It houses an impressive range of facilities and equipment, including a film and television studio, a recording and editing suite, and three flexible theatre spaces.

- Keeping Minghella Studios to your left, continue along the path to the Quad and approach the next building on your left, the Palmer building.



3. Palmer building

It is one of the main academic teaching spaces at the University. Here you will find flexible learning spaces including classrooms, computer labs, and a lecture theatre seating 400 students. Next to the Palmer building, you will see Dol.che Vita, one of the many cafes on campus.

👉 We are now heading to the Carrington building, which is the brown and white building next to Palmer.



4. Carrington building

Home to our Student Services teams, this is the place to go to for advice and support during your time at Reading.

Inside, you will find the Student Financial Support team, who can provide advice and support on money-related matters, including any unexpected financial difficulties.

The Disability Advisory Service team can provide information, advice, and guidance to current and prospective students with any disability, specific learning difference, and long-term medical or mental health condition. The team is committed to enabling students to reach their full potential.

The Counselling and Wellbeing team provide counselling sessions, appointments with a mental health adviser, advice to help manage day-to-day life, and guidance on

the right pathways within the NHS or other local support services.

The Student Welfare team can help students ensure they do not go through it alone when personal and wellbeing issues arise.

The Careers team can also be found here, where you can book careers and placement appointments to discuss topics such as how to secure work experience, make your CV stand out, and prepare yourself for interviews. During the academic year, they organise events like workshops and careers fairs.

! With the Carrington Building to your left, follow the path around, past the entrance to 3Sixty, to the main entrance of the Students' Union by Pearls Bubble Tea.



5. Reading Students' Union

Reading Students' Union or Reading SU is run by students for students. It is a separate entity from the University of Reading and is led by a team of officers elected by students of the University.

In this building, you will find a range of food and drink outlets, a merch shop, and spaces that students can use for socialising or studying. You will also find 3Sixty, a multi-purpose venue used for different activities. During the day, it may host the weekly fresh fruit and veg market or be used for a jobs fair, and on Wednesday evenings, it transforms into the University's very own nightclub for Union night.

There are more than 200 societies and sports clubs at Reading SU. There is something for everyone, whether that's playing sports, volunteering, campaigning for a cause, or enjoying a hobby.

Joining societies and clubs is a fantastic way to immerse yourself in University life, make new friends, and find new interests.

The Students' Union is much more than a place to have fun. They run a confidential, non-judgemental, and independent Advice Service that can help with academic, housing, and money issues. It is also a place where you can grow as a leader by becoming club and society committee member, trustee, or a student and course representative.

! The Library is your next stop. With your back to the Students' Union, walk along the path that veers slightly to the left between the trees. Make your way to the Library main entrance. It is the gold building with some benches and picnic tables at the front.



6. Library

Located at the heart of Whiteknights campus, the Library is open 7 days a week during the teaching period, with 24-hour access except between Saturday night and Sunday morning.

Across the six floors, you will find individual and group study spaces as well as dedicated areas for quiet and silent study, giving you the space to focus. There are computers and print hubs dotted around the building, and the first floor is a dedicated PC area where you will also find the IT Support team. There is also a student laptop loan service, which lets you borrow a laptop for up to 8 hours.

The Library provides access to extensive print materials and thousands of digital resources. Students can borrow up to 25 books at a time and keep them for up to 6 weeks. Every subject department at the University has an academic liaison librarian who can show you how to make effective use of Library resources and give you individual help with research.

Our Study Advice team is based at the Library. They provide essential academic support to all students. You will have access to videos and guides and regular webinars covering all aspects of academic study, from how to reference sources to preparing for your dissertation. They also offer one-to-one appointments where you can get help with essay writing, time management, exam revision, and more.

On the ground floor of the Library is a large cafe, the perfect place for a break or to catch up with friends between studying.

📍 Facing the Library, turn right and walk around the building. A bike shed will come into view. Keeping the bike shed on your left, cross the pedestrian crossing and follow the path ahead. The next stop is the Chaplaincy Centre, a little building on the left, and the JJ Thomson building on your right.



7. The Chaplaincy Centre and JJ Thomson building

The Chaplaincy Centre offers support and guidance to students and staff of any faiths or none. They are open from Monday to Friday and organise weekly or one-off events during the semester.

Across from the Chaplaincy Centre is the JJ Thomson building. This building houses one of the Student Support Centres dotted around the campus. These are your first port of call for a range of academic and non-academic issues. This building also houses the Clinical Simulation Training Suite, providing Pharmacy students with vital learning experience in a simulated hospital environment.

! Keeping the JJ Thomson building to your right, continue along the path. Where it divides in two, take the path veering to the right, away from the road. The next stop is the Harry Nursten building, which is the white building that you should be able to see at the far-right corner of the car park.



8. Harry Nursten building

This is the home of the Department of Food and Nutritional Sciences. This building has one of the largest academic food processing pilot plants in the UK and houses specialist facilities to support our teaching and research. The 1,100 square metre food pilot plant allows our Food Science and Nutrition students to simulate and recreate industry conditions.

! Keeping Harry Nursten to your left, continue walking up the path until you reach the Health and Life Sciences building ahead of you.



9. Health and Life Sciences building

The School of Biological Sciences can be found in this building. Inside, you will find flexible teaching, laboratory and research spaces. On the ground floor is the Cole Museum of Zoology. The museum houses thousands of specimens – from skeletons and taxidermy to fossils and historic models – some of which are used for teaching.

Behind the Health and Life Sciences building is Reading School of Art's building, open for 24 hours 7 days a week, enabling our Art students to hone their skills and develop as artists.

! With your back to the Health and Life Sciences building, walk back towards the car park, passing by the Harry Nursten building and stopping at the building next to it, on your right, the Chemistry and Pharmacy Building.



10. Chemistry and Pharmacy building

Here you can find a state-of-the-art Chemical Analysis Facility that supports the chemical aspects of our research areas, such as biological and physical sciences, archaeology, soil science, engineering, pharmaceuticals, and nutrition.

📍 You are now heading towards the Earley Gate side of campus. Exit the car park and turn right towards the meadow. Cross the bridge over Whiteknights Lake and turn right. Continue walking along the footpath, and you will reach your next stop, the Agriculture building.



11. Agriculture building and Hoskins building

The Agriculture building houses the School of Agriculture, Policy and Development, which has expertise spanning agriculture, animal science, international development, environmental management, food marketing, and consumer behaviour.

The building behind you, opposite the Agriculture building, is the Hoskins building, home to the Department of Meteorology. We have the only dedicated Meteorology Department at a university in the UK.

! The next stop is the Harry Pitt building, which is on the right of the Hoskins building. Follow the path on your right.



12. Harry Pitt building

This is the home of the School of Psychology and Clinical Language Sciences. As one of the first Psychology departments in the UK, they have enjoyed a long and distinguished history of world-class teaching, research, and training.

The School is home to the Speech and Language Clinic, which provides support for adults and children with speech and language disorders, the Anxiety and Depression in Young People Research Clinic, and the Centre for Autism, a regional hub for autism research.

! You are now heading back towards the lake. Turn left at the corner of the Harry Pitt building. Once you reach the hedge, turn left and continue along the path until you reach the crossroad.

When you reach the crossroad, turn right. As the path divides, take the path on the left and cross the bridge. As you near the top of the meadow, you should see a small building on your left. This is the Lounge, your next stop.



13. The Lounge

The Lounge is an additional place where students can study or socialise, and it offers two bookable meeting rooms for societies to use for their activities.

! You are now heading back to the Quad. Turn left at the corner of the Lounge and walk between the Students' Union and the Carrington building.

When you get to the Quad, your next stop is the Edith Morley building. Follow one of the paths across the Quad to the left-hand corner of the building with solar panels on its roof. You should end up underneath the white balconies.



14. Edith Morley building

This building was named after Edith Morley, the first female professor at the University and in England. She was appointed in 1908, before women could vote.

In this building, you will find the School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics, where contemporary world issues and the forces shaping our world today are explored.

Both the Department of English Literature and the Department of English Language and Applied Linguistics are also located in this building, bringing together academic staff with distinguished research profiles.

You will also find the Department of Classics and the Department of History providing insights into the richness of human experience from the ancient world to the present day.

Within Edith Morley is the Ure Museum of Greek Archaeology, which houses the fourth-largest collection of Greek ceramics in Britain, providing great hands-on teaching and research material for our Classics students.

📍 The next stop is Whiteknights House. Walk along the left wing of the Edith Morley building. You should then see a small ramp and steps outside one of its entrances. Walk down the steps and head to your next stop.

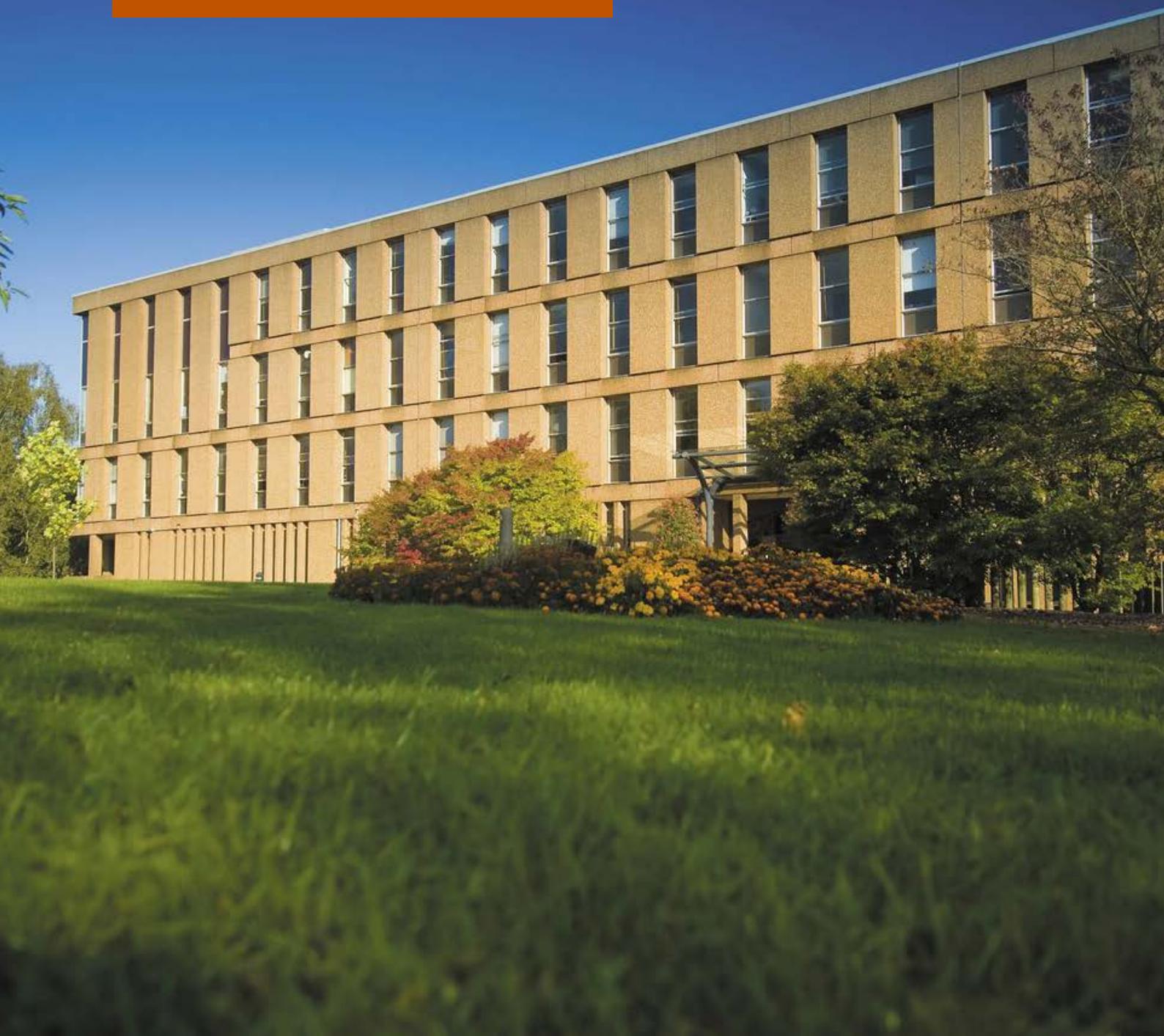


15. Whiteknights House

Whiteknights House is where you will find the main University Reception and the Security team.

The University is committed to safety. We have a 24/7 security control room, regular security patrols, and an extensive CCTV network across the campus. At night, you can call the security team, tell them where you are and your destination, and when possible, they will use CCTV to ensure you reach your destination safely.

! With your back to Whiteknights House, follow the path in front of you to your next stop, Old Whiteknights House, which is the brick building on the left.



16. Old Whiteknights House

In this modernised Victorian building, you will find the Doctoral and Researcher College, which provides guidance to our PhD students alongside the departmental support available. They help create a supportive doctoral community and offer opportunities for personal and professional development and training.

! Keeping Old Whiteknights House to your left, continue following the path. At the end of the path, cross the pedestrian crossing and walk past the Henley Business School and the ICMA Centre.

Once past the ICMA Centre, you should see another pedestrian crossing, cross it and follow the path that will lead you to your next stop, Park Eat and the Park Group accommodation. As you reach the top of the slope, Park Eat will be visible on your right-hand side.



17. Park Eat and Park Group accommodation

Park Group is one of the three accommodation groups at Reading. In total, the University has nearly 5,000 rooms available. Rooms range from standard to premium, catered to self-catered, and shared bathroom to en-suite. We also cater to those with specific requirements, such as accessible rooms, single-sex accommodation, or places for families. Our hall costs include all utility bills, Wi-Fi, basic contents insurance, maintenance, and cleaning of communal areas. Our halls of residence are safe, secure, and located either on the main Whiteknights campus or within a 15-minute walk.

Park Eat is one of our main dining halls where you can get your meals if you are in a catered accommodation, though self-catered students can also enjoy its provisions. Clever Cuisine, the University meal plan, is available to all students at Reading living in University or private accommodation. Choose from 3, 7, 14, or unlimited meals a week, depending on your living arrangements and your lifestyle.

While staying in University halls, there will be support available to ensure you settle in well and are comfortable. You will find a dedicated team of staff wardens and hall mentors who oversee all aspects of pastoral care. There is a 24/7 Halls Hotline ensuring any hall-related issues are dealt with quickly and efficiently. To help you make the most of living in halls, we have a residence life programme called Home at Halls, organising free and low-cost events.

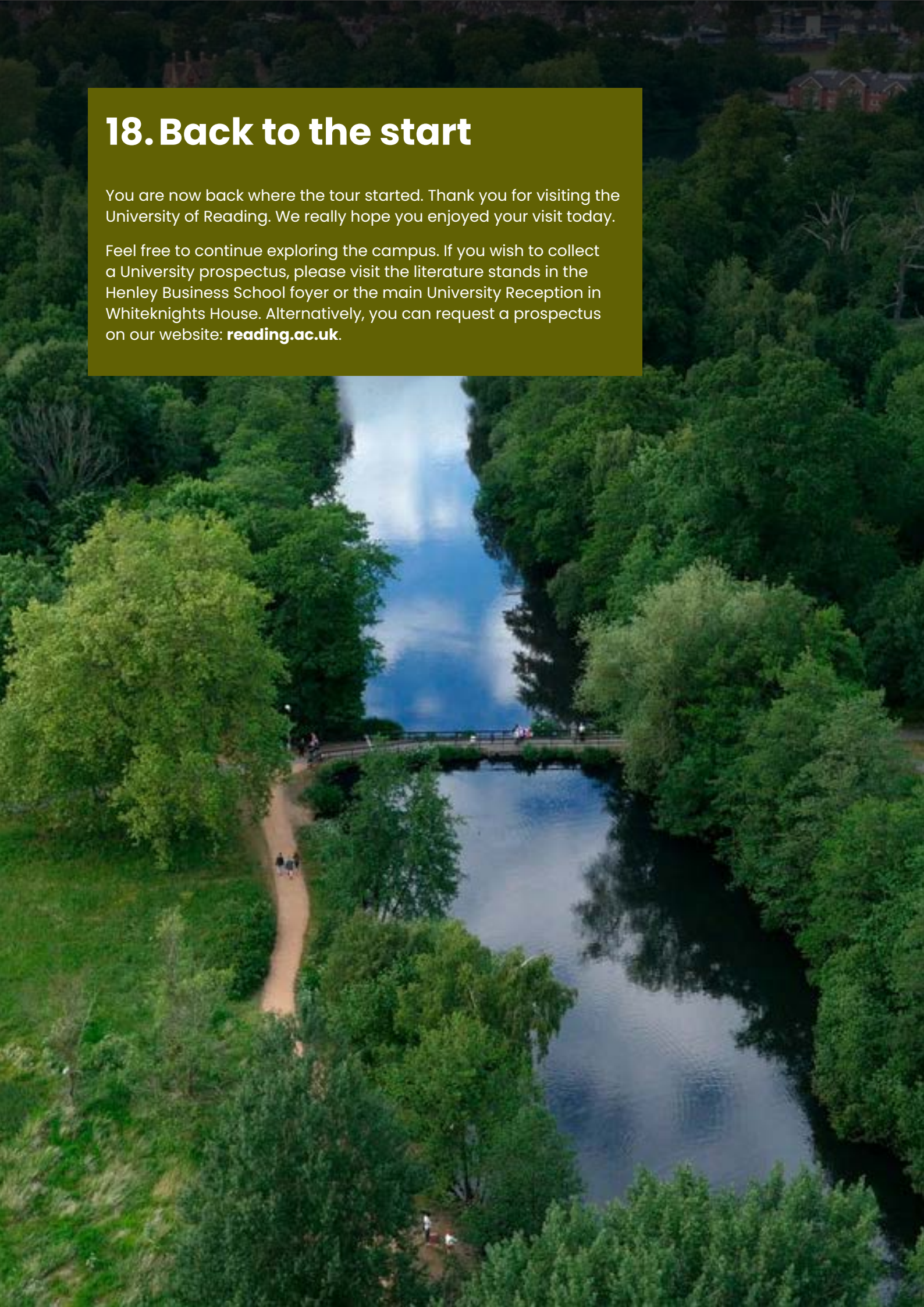
! Retrace your steps down the slope and back to the square outside the Henley Business School and the ICMA Centre.



18. Back to the start

You are now back where the tour started. Thank you for visiting the University of Reading. We really hope you enjoyed your visit today.

Feel free to continue exploring the campus. If you wish to collect a University prospectus, please visit the literature stands in the Henley Business School foyer or the main University Reception in Whiteknights House. Alternatively, you can request a prospectus on our website: reading.ac.uk.





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