



ARRIVING IN NOTTINGHAM

Since most of you will be arriving early for the Freshers Week, most of the committee and most of the BruNotts seniors would not be in Nottingham yet. However, do inform us when you are due to arrive in Nottingham so we can arrange for someone to meet you and show you around.

On arrival to UK, scholar students will be picked up from Heathrow Airport by the BSU Officers from Brunei Hall. You will have to attend a briefing there and are allowed to spend one night in Brunei Hall for free.

For BSP scholars, I believe you might have different travel plans depending on which airport you are sent to ie. London or Manchester. It is advised if you are travelling in a group to book a coach/taxi service from the airport. You can check coach prices here: <http://www.nationalexpress.com>.

For private students, the university will be providing a free coach pick up service from London Heathrow Airport on the 20th September. More details can be found here: <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationaloffice/offer-holders/welcome-programme.aspx>

There are many ways for you to go to Nottingham from London: Coach, Train or you can hire a car to bring you there. Please do ask your seniors for advice on this.

From the bus station

If you are arriving by bus/coach to Nottingham Broadmarsh station, there should be taxis parked near the area. Give them your full address and they will take you there. Or you can use Nottingham's famous Trent Barton buses, like the Indigo buses. Look for the bus that goes to through Beeston (most likely at bus Bay 3). These buses run regularly all day, and a single fare would only cost £1.60. Ask the bus driver to stop at Dunkirk Lace Street. This option is of course if Dunkirk is where you will be staying. If not, than the easiest option would be to use the taxi. I'll assume you'll have heavy luggage on you. The taxi fare to Dunkirk from the bus station could cost you around £5-10.

From the train station

There will be taxis waiting outside the train station. Give them your full address and they will take you there.

Once you have settled down, you can travel from your house using either the taxi or bus, the latter being the cheaper and better option.

Going Around Nottingham By Bus

You can use the Indigo bus. It's usually purple in colour though sometimes it could be in red (with the Indigo label). This bus can take you to the town of Beeston or the City Centre and back though

these buses would go to other areas as well. This website http://www.trentbarton.co.uk/indigo_times.aspx will give you the map of the bus route and the timetable as well as links to the other buses available in the area.

From Dunkirk, there are 4 bus stops: 2 near the post office area (Lace street stop) and another 2 nearer to the University South entrance. The buses going towards Beeston would be on the same side as the Post Office and the SPAR store while the buses going towards the City Centre would be on the opposite side.

Bus Fare

You can buy the bus ticket on the bus itself. Ready yourself with the money. The Indigo buses do not require you to have the exact change but some other buses would.

Single bus fare is £1.60 each way. A Kangaroo ticket (costing £3.40) would allow you to go on unlimited bus/tram trips on Trent Barton buses for the whole day. Keep the ticket safely to be shown to the bus driver everytime. A Frio ticket is £16 for 13 trips, after purchasing the ticket present it to the driver on every trip you take. Keep this safe as this can last you for some time.

Once you have settled with your bank account, you can purchase the Mango card. This will give you a 20% discount off the normal busfares (and if you're between the ages of 16-19, there's a special Mango that will give you a 35% discount). Now, you can even get the Student Mango Card, which also gives you 35% off. Sometimes they give these away for free during the Freshers Fayre so look out for their booth! Once you have your Mango card, just top up online using your debit card. Remember to touch off your Mango card when you get on AND off the bus.

More information on this can be found at this website:
http://www.trentbarton.co.uk/service_fares.aspx?serviceid=188

To the City Centre

The buses would usually end up at the Broadmarsh Bus Station. Each stop is announced beforehand and is displayed at the screen at the front end of the bus. Press the button when your stop is next. For now there are two stops you should take note of.

“Maid Marian Way” will let you off near to the Old Market Square (where the fountains and Council House building is) and is surrounded by shops. It also brings you close to the tram-line which can bring you to **Hyson Green** where there are Halal butchers and ASDA.

“Broadmarsh Bus Station” will let you off at the bus station which connects to the Broadmarsh Shopping Complex where you can do some shopping as well. Wilkinson's and Argos are located in this building if you want to buy some things for your house. The **train station** is located near to the bus station, just follow the directions to the left of where you are dropped off from the bus. Take your time to explore the area or ask one of the seniors currently in Nottingham to show you around.

To go back to Dunkirk, there is a stop opposite to StarBucks and Costa right next to Burtons called “**Friar Lane**” or you could always go back to the Broadmarsh Bus Station.

To Beeston

The buses would usually end up at the Beeston Bus Station. Again, the stops would be announced and displayed beforehand and press the button when your stop is next. There are two stops you should take note of.

“**Humber Road**” will let you off near to Fresh Asia (where you can buy Asian/Oriental foodstuff like *Kicap Masin*, *Kicap Manis*, Dried Anchovies, Maggi Chilli Sauce, Maggi Instant Noodles, etc) which is also near to IKRAH shop which sells halal goods and halal meat. Walk further on (turn in when you see the blue O2 store) and you would find the Sainsbury’s store where you can buy groceries.

Alternatively, you could stop the bus at the “**Beeston Bus Station**” stop. This would bring you closer to Wilkinsons (where you can buy cheap household goods) and Argos. Near to these shops would be the HSBC Beeston branch. There is also the newly opened 24 Hour Tesco supermarket nearby. Take your time to explore the area and the shops there or ask a senior to show you around. You would notice that some of the shops would be similar to those you can find in the city centre but probably in a smaller scale.

To go back to Dunkirk, go to the stop opposite to the Fresh Asia store.

For Muslims

For Muslims, you can check your prayer times either at <http://www.suweb.nottingham.ac.uk/~islamic/> or <http://islamicfinder.org/>

If you have a qiblah compass on you that would be good, but if not the qiblah direction in Nottingham is 119.2° (from North clockwise). If you’re not sure, check again with our religious officers or any of your muslim seniors.

For the brothers, Friday prayers in congregation are usually done in the Male Prayer Room in Portland Building on D floor. To access this room, you will have to obtain a code from the brothers.

For the sisters, the Female Prayer Room is also located on Portland Building on E floor (don’t worry there is an elevator!) Again, the room code can be obtained from the sisters. Ask someone before you go.

Alhamdulillah, it’s quite easy to obtain halal groceries in Nottingham. In Beeston, there is a shop called IKRAH which sells halal meat and chicken. It is located on the same street as Fresh Asia.

Another halal meat haven is Hyson Green, near the city. You can get there via tram from the city or via bus from Dunkirk. There is a butchery called Halal Centre on Radford road. If you look around there are many other places that sell halal products, restaurants and other muslim needs in this area. Even better yet, ASDA in Hyson Green also offers halal foods such as burgers, sausages, poultry, meat and even halal candy!

Also, if you don't feel like cooking and would like to order in there are loads of halal fast food restaurants to choose from. Go to www.fillmybelly.com and enter your postcode. A number of restaurants will appear where you can order from. (obviously choose the ones with the halal logo). To name a few: D2, Sanaz, Luigis, Ahmed's and etc. You can fill in your order online or call them.

For any other queries about any religious matters, whether it be you need someone to show you the qiblah, need some help with quran recitation, need to borrow anything, or maybe you just want someone to pray 'berjemaah' with, please don't hesitate to ask.

Miscellaneous

Medical supplies or toiletries can be bought at stores like Boots or Superdrug (though some items might be sold cheaper at Wilkinson's).

Please ASK QUESTIONS if you have any. The people in Nottingham are generally friendly and will kindly give you assistance. The contact details including the UK numbers for the committee members are listed in a brochure which is part of this Info Pack. If you have any questions please contact us, we will try our best to help you and get someone (committee member or otherwise) to show you around if you like us to.

Health, Safety and Security

Students arriving in UK for the first time are usually an easy target for those people looking to steal. But by taking good precautions, all that unnecessary stress can be avoided. Especially during the first few weeks of term, the police will be on high alert and will do regular security checks around student living areas. Make sure that your doors and windows are locked when you leave. Put away all your expensive belongings like laptops, pcs, game consoles and your important documents ie. Passport. If your house does not have an alarm system, ask your landlord to install one for you.

The General Emergency numbers in UK is **999**.