



Offer Holder Webinar – Wednesday 13th April 2022

Chat Transcript

Sophia Flower: are there options of private accommodation nearer the easter bush campus?

Hannah Cooke: on the offer holder day is there opportunity to look at the main campus, students union and halls of residence?

Callum Haddow: What is the parking like for cars in the student accommodation and how does the parking permit work?

Jenna: Can vet students stay in catered accommodation or is self catered recommended?

cassie tang: what are some daily equipments we have to bring to school??

Garry Tainsh: Hi Jenna - vet students can certainly stay in catered accommodation. The choice between catered and self-catered is entirely one of personal preference

Caroline Gilroy: Hi Hannah, unfortunately there isn't an opportunity to see accommodation on the offer holder day as that is located at Pollock Halls in the city centre. You can certainly look around the main university and there are self-guided tours.

Olivia Barton: What are the cycle routes like to Easter Bush, are they more roads or is there special cycle paths?

Geraldine Giannopoulos: @cassie we will be sending more information on protective clothing and equipment required for the start of the programme over the next few weeks. Our Final Year Club normally takes on the job of ordering on behalf of new entrants to the programme so it's ready for you to collect once you arrive in Edinburgh.

Katie: Do I need to submit prof of my qualifications?

Garry Tainsh: For wider University of Edinburgh visit resources, please see <https://www.ed.ac.uk/visit>

Sophia Flower: how long are the uni holidays? and how much time per holiday is recommended to do EMS, etc?

Caroline Gilroy: Hi Katie, it depends on the qualification you are taking. Exams such as A Levels, IB and SQA qualifications are sent directly to us from UCAS. If something different, you may need to send us an official transcript as proof.

Geraldine Giannopoulos: @olivia lots of lovely cycle routes around Edinburgh in general: <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/find-a-route-on-the-national-cycle-network/national-cycle-network-routes-in-edinburgh-the-lothians-and-scottish-borders> but as Francesca said, there currently isn't a cycle route directly to the vet school from the city centre.

Katie: Is there any restrictions on what you can and cant do for EMS placements?



Sophia Flower: is it recommended to do EMS placements in Edinburgh? or does it not matter (e.g. I'm from Bristol, and I have contacts from work experience down here, so could I do most of it away from Edinburgh?)

Jenna: what time of year are exams?

Geraldine Giannopoulos: @sophia as Francesca is just saying you don't necessarily need to do EMS in Edinburgh but a certain portion would need to be gained in the UK, so if you have contacts in Bristol that would be absolutely fine.

Caroline Gilroy: Hi Jenna, here are the semester dates with exams mainly in the last semester of each academic year: <https://www.ed.ac.uk/vet/staff-students/students/semester-dates>

Grace McFarlane: Which are the main bus routes to the vet campus?

Geraldine Giannopoulos: @Grace there are various routes depending on which side of town you are living. A couple of routes go by Pollock Halls directly to campus and there's another route on the other side of town (where lots of students live). I get the number 15 bus and door to door it takes around 25 mins. The Pollock Halls route is generally about 30-40 mins.
<https://www.lothianbuses.com/>

Sophia Flower: what would you say are Edinburgh vet schools main strengths, or perhaps unique points that other vet schools do not have? (i am really struggling to choose between Edinburgh and London! both are amazing)

Garry Tainsh: For more information on bus routes to and from the Easter Bush Campus, please see: <https://www.ed.ac.uk/transport/travelling-here/easter-bush/by-bus>

Olivia Barton: what sizes do the groups tend to be for practical and clinical parts of the course?

Katie: Do you get study leave when it gets to final exams and end of year exams?

Jenna: what format do exams take?

Caroline Gilroy: Hi Katie, yes there is revision time before exams which you can do independently or in groups. There are plenty quiet areas in which to study and a clinical lab where you can practice practical skills.

cassie tang: if teaching is in small groups, will there be less chances to meet the rest of the cohort?

Sophia Flower: is there a campus library? and how long to the study areas stay open for?

Caroline Gilroy: Here is a useful link to see where all accommodation types are located in relation to the vet school at Easter Bush:

<https://www.accom.ed.ac.uk/our-accommodation/>

Geraldine Giannopoulos: @cassie there will be plenty of opportunities to meet the whole cohort - lectures, social events, study groups, tutorial groups. The School runs lots of social events for students - White Coat Ceremonies, Halloween, Burns Nights etc. Very friendly and inclusive environment.



Garry Tainsh: For more on the University of Edinburgh's library services, please see <https://www.ed.ac.uk/information-services/library-museum-gallery>

Jenna: how frequent are the buses to and from Easter Bush?

Katie: When is the gym open to?

Caroline Gilroy: Francesca mentioned earlier about financial aid, bursaries etc. Via the following link you can search for any you may be eligible to apply for: <https://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/search-scholarships>

Geraldine Giannopoulos: @jenna the buses are very regular during peak times 07.30 - 09.30 and then again from 16.00 - 18.30. Due to the nature of the programme, students are on campus for a full day so there's no need to be going in and out of the centre but there's still a good service throughout the day.

Garry Tainsh: Katie - the gym at Easter Bush is generally open from 7am to 7pm (<https://www.ed.ac.uk/sport-exercise/easter-bush-gym/about-us>)

Sophia Flower: how often do the snow sports societies run session? is it pretty regular or depending on travel times?

Callum Haddow: i have visited the campus in person on offer holder day

Garry Tainsh: Details of other University of Edinburgh Sport & Exercise facilities are available at <https://www.ed.ac.uk/sport-exercise/>

Geraldine Giannopoulos: also here for info on Snow sports centre close to the campus https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/200281/snowsports_centre

Sophia Flower: yes I'm planning on coming up on the 19th :)

Katie: I have visited in person as well.

Olivia Barton: Planning to next week :)

Joe Grange: Coming to an offer holder day next week.

Jenna: is teaching in person again or will there still be some online lectures? will lectures be recorded so they can be watched later?

Hannah Cooke: I am coming to the offer holders event on the 19th.

cassie tang: i'm coming next week as well

Sophia Flower: thank you, and thanks for answering my onslaught of questions!

SYL: Unfortunately, for me, as an international student, I won't be able to be on campus until quite close to the start day...

Caroline Gilroy: Great to see so many of you are visiting next week. 😊

Jenna: I am coming to the open day next week!



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Callum Haddow: are services at easter bush like the library open at the weekend?

Caroline Gilroy: Virtual tours can be accessed here:

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/vet/studying/undergraduate/campus-visits/our-campus>

Callum Haddow: Thanks

Olivia Barton: Thank you

Grace McFarlane: Thank you

cassie tang: Thank you!

SYL: Thank you!

Alex Warner: Thank you 😊

Sam Scheel: Thank you!

Katie: Thank you

Erin Cameron: Thanks

Jenna: Thank you everyone!! See you next week 😊

Hannah Cooke: thank you.

Joe Grange: Thank you!

Kalan Woods-Torrez: thanks