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Careers at sea Open day

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Welcome to Southampton Solent University's careers at sea open day. We're so thrilled to welcome you onto our state-of-the-art campus and hope your visit gives you a real feel of what life is like as a cadet here.

During your visit you will find out more about the training programmes necessary to qualify as a ship's navigation, engineer or electro-technical officer in the Merchant Navy and the superyacht industry.

Start your day in the Spark building, where you will find our academic teams, support services and Shipping Company hubs. Afterwards, why not explore the rest of our East Park Terrace Campus, which includes the SMART Centre, engineering workshops, and our maritime simulation suite. You'll also have an opportunity to attend one of our 'Life as an Officer' presentations and talk to our cadets about life at Solent University.

For a full programme of events, please see page 8-10.

We hope you have a fantastic day!

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The Pod

The Pod is designed to reflect the region's nautical heritage, our strong maritime links and our forward-looking ethos. It was built by a ship-builders, CIG Architecture, in the Netherlands using the same techniques for creating curved panels for ships. The Pod is designed by Scott Brownrigg and was engineered by Scott White and Hookins. This company also worked on the sculpture in the Stratford Olympic Park (ArcelorMittal Orbit).



World-class simulation centre

The UK's largest ship and port simulation centre.

Discover the future of maritime training by taking a tour of the simulation suite today.

Find out more

For more details visit:

www.solent.ac.uk/sim-centre

Our world-class sim centre offers access to the very latest facilities:

- 7 full-mission navigational bridges
- 2 full-mission Dynamic Positioning (DP) Class A simulators and 4 desktop DP stations
- 4 multi-purpose desktop simulation classrooms
- 2 ECDIS suites
- On-and off-shore crane and tug simulators
- Liquid cargo simulators
- Full-mission engine and hybrid ships simulators
- HV simulators
- GMDSS radio communications and VTS suites
- Software for the creation of virtual simulated maritime and onshore environments
- 4 debriefing classrooms.





SMART centre

During your visit, you're invited to tour our brand-new marine engineering and cadet education facilities, known as the SMART Centre.

New marine engineering and cadet education facilities

Housed in the University's Christopher Cockerell building, home to the South Coast Institute of Technology (IoT), the 2,000m² state-of-the-art hub features cutting-edge laboratories and workshops.

These include an interactive laboratory with 3D printers; a marine laboratory for composite construction processes; our existing towing and

stability tanks for testing the hydrodynamic lift and drag of sailing and motor craft; and laboratories for construction, fabrication, electronics and materials testing.

Maritime cadets will also benefit from a welding workshop (featuring gas, electric arc, MIG and TIG welding); traditional engineering stations including powerplants, lathes and mills; and a generous social and study space.

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General Presentations	Duration	Location	Times
Welcome to Southampton Solent University: Our Vice Chancellor, Professor James Knowles, welcomes you to Southampton Solent.	30 mins	Jane Austen Lecture Theatre, The Spark (level 0)	10am
Life as an officer: Talks from our senior lecturers on the life and works of a ship's officers. Current cadets and newly qualified officers will also be sharing their experiences as part of the talks.	1 hour	Jane Austen Lecture Theatre, The Spark (level 0)	Deck 11am and 1pm
	1 hour	Palmerston Lecture Theatre, The Spark (level 0)	Engineering/ETO 11am and 1pm



Drop-in areas	Location	Times
Meet the shipping and recruitment companies: Talk to the professionals about your potential career in maritime.	The Spark Atrium	9:30am – 2pm
Cadetship and Maritime courses information hub: Visit the team who can help answer any questions you may have about studying for a cadetship.	The Spark Atrium	9:30am – 2pm
Support Services Information Hub, including: Student Support, Accommodation and financial advice.	The Spark Atrium	9:30am – 2pm
Safety and survival demo: Find out more about the essential safety courses that all cadets must complete - which include fire fighting, survival craft operation, sea survival and first aid.	The Spark Atrium	9:30am – 2pm
Maritime Societies and Volunteer Services: Find out more about our societies and volunteer services.	The Spark Atrium	9:30am – 2pm
Solent Library: Pop in to meet the team and find out more.	Solent Sports Complex	9:30am – 2pm
Solent Sport: Head to the Solent Sports Complex reception to speak to the team and take a guided tour of the facilities.	Solent Library	9:30am – 2pm



Tours	Location	Times
Self-guided campus tour: You are welcome to explore East Park Terrace campus, where you can visit the SMART Centre, maritime simulation suite, the library and the Solent Sports Complex. You can also visit the information hub in the Spark Atrium, where you can find answers to any campus-related questions.	East Park Terrace Campus	9:30am-2pm
Student residences tour: These tours last around 15 minutes and are run by our Residence Life Assistants. Students can tour the residence with one other guest only. See page 14 for more information.	Deanery (ensuite) and Chantry (non ensuite)	10am-2:30pm
Marine Engineering Workshop tour: Explore our brand-new Marine Engineering Workshop with the team. Duration approx. 15mins.	CCG08, Marine Engineering Workshop, CC building, level G	9:30am – 2pm
Simulation Centre tours: Take a guided tour of our simulation centre with the team.	Simulation Centre, Andrews building, entrance level	9:30am – 2pm
Deck Skills Workshop: Take a tour of the workshop with the academic team and see where you will be learning essential seamanship skills and gaining your efficient deckhand certificate.	SMART Centre, CC building, level G	9:30am – 2pm





Map key

The Spark, level 1 (entrance level)

- 1 Registration and welcome
- 2 Information hub
- 3 Southampton city hub
- 4 Shipping Company hub, including our maritime volunteers and societies.
- 5 Cadetship and maritime course information hubs
- 6 Support Services hub
- 7 Quiet Space
- 8 Life as an Officer presentations (level 0)
- 9 Safety and Survival demo

Outside the Spark

- 10 Residence shuttle bus departure point (outside the library)
- 11 Library information hub
- 12 Solent Sport information hub

Andrews and SMART Centre

- 13 Maritime Simulation Suite
- 14 Engineering workshop tours
- 15 Deck Skills Workshop

Building names

The Spark	(TS)
Solent Sports Complex	(SB)
Sir John Everett Millais	(JM)
Solent Library	(ML)
Michael Andrews	(A)
Reginald Mitchell	(RM)
Sir Christopher Cockerell	(CC)
Herbert Collins	(HC)

Catering outlet



East Park Deli
JM Building
Open 9am-2pm

Offering freshly brewed Starbucks coffee, a variety of cold drinks along with sandwiches, snacks and cakes, jacket potatoes and soup.

Promotions and discounts



Find a flyer in your goody bag for special open day catering promotions and discounts





Visit our residences

Accommodation tours

We have two residences open today from 10am – 2.30pm. Head down to our Deanery residence if you wish to take a tour. Afterwards, you can also visit the Chantry residence. The Deanery residence offers ensuite accommodation, and the Chantry residence offers non-en-suite, so we recommend visiting both to compare. The map on pages 16-17 details the walking route and the locations of our residences, all of which are a 10–20 minute walk from the campus.

Prefer to take the coach?

Hop on our free shuttle bus from East Park Terrace down to our Deanery residence. Meet our ambassadors outside the library and they will direct you to the coach which departs every 30 minutes until 2pm.

Find out more

Visit our friendly accommodation team in the Spark Atrium who can answer any questions you may have.

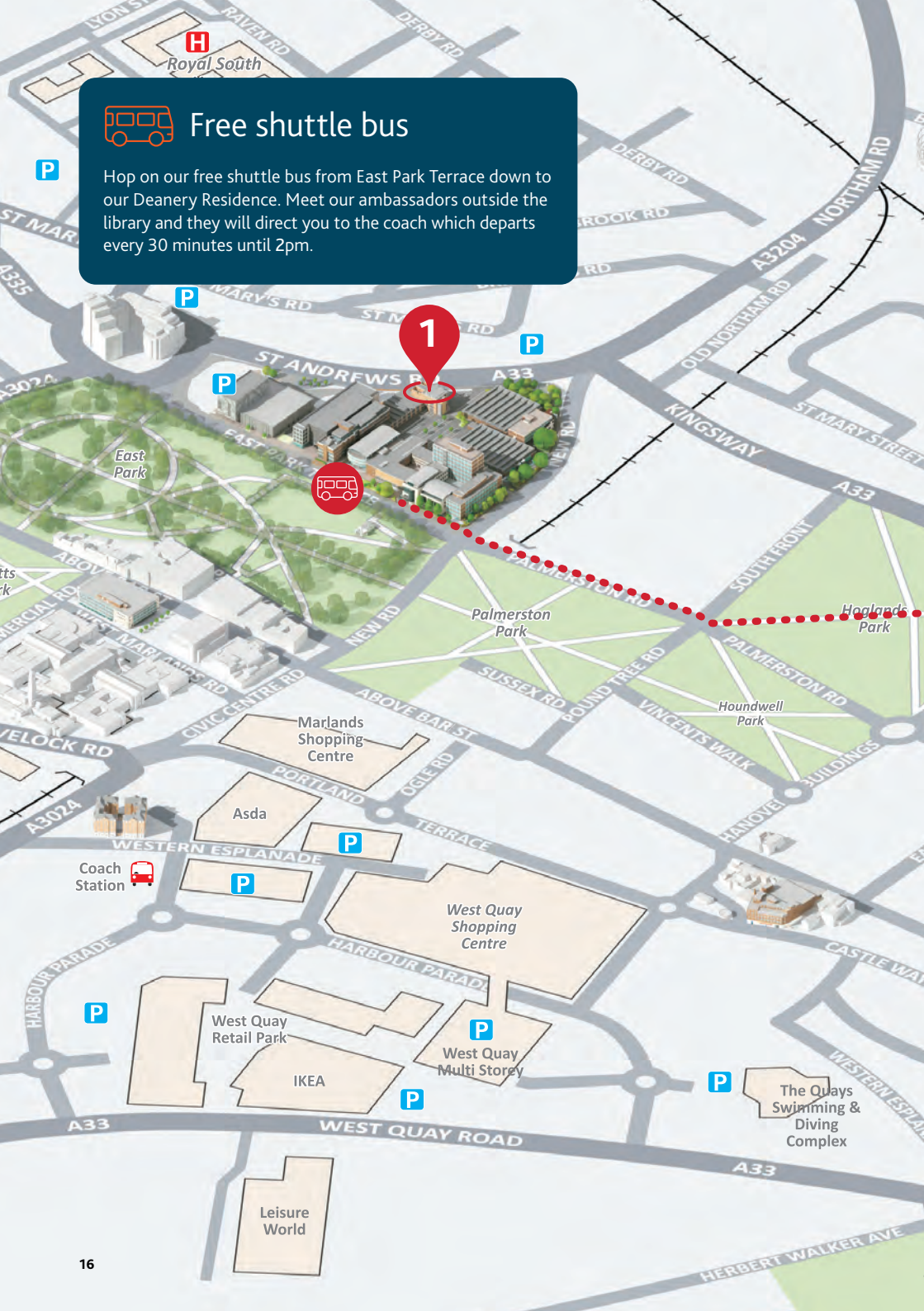




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Coach Station

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West Quay Retail Park

IKEA

Leisure World

West Quay Shopping Centre

West Quay Multi Storey

The Quays Swimming & Diving Complex

City map

Buildings

- 1 East Park Terrace

Walking route
to residences
10 – 20 minute walk

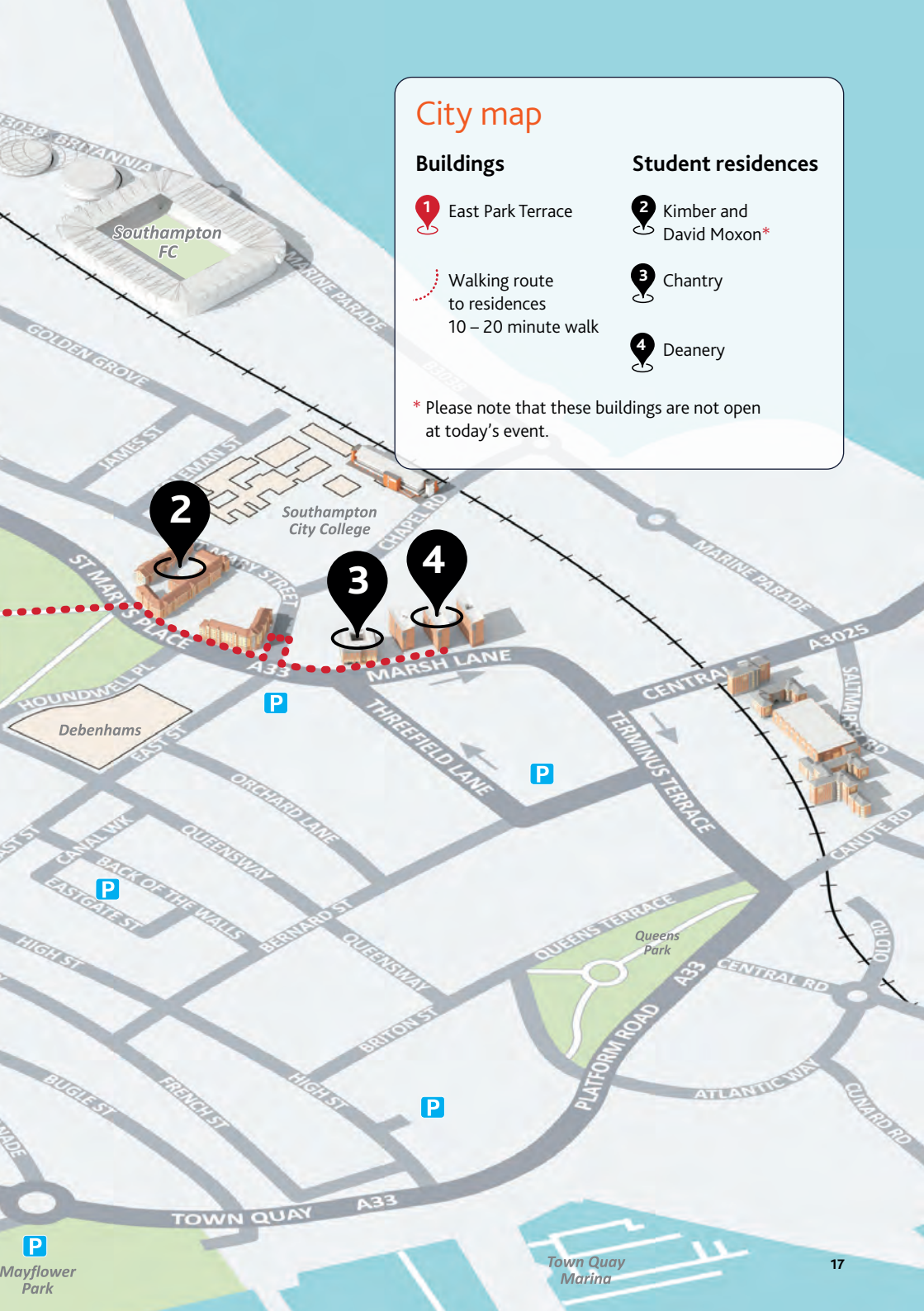
Student residences

- 2 Kimber and David Moxon*

- 3 Chantry

- 4 Deanery

* Please note that these buildings are not open
at today's event.



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Got a question?

Ask our current students and staff about life at Solent University – from study and halls to societies and sport. They'll be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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*Terms and conditions apply. Visit the Information Hub in the Spark Atrium for more information.

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