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Careers at sea

# Open day



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Saturday 14 March 2026

**MAKE  
WAVES**

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.

Our SMART Centre is the central base for the day and includes our shipping company hub and engineering workshops. You will also find support across the campus, with our academic teams and support information hubs in the Spark. 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.

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).

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## World-class simulation centre

Offering unrivalled training opportunities for the entire maritime industry. State-of-the-art 360 bridge simulators. Crane operations. Vessel traffic service. Traditional pilotage training.

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

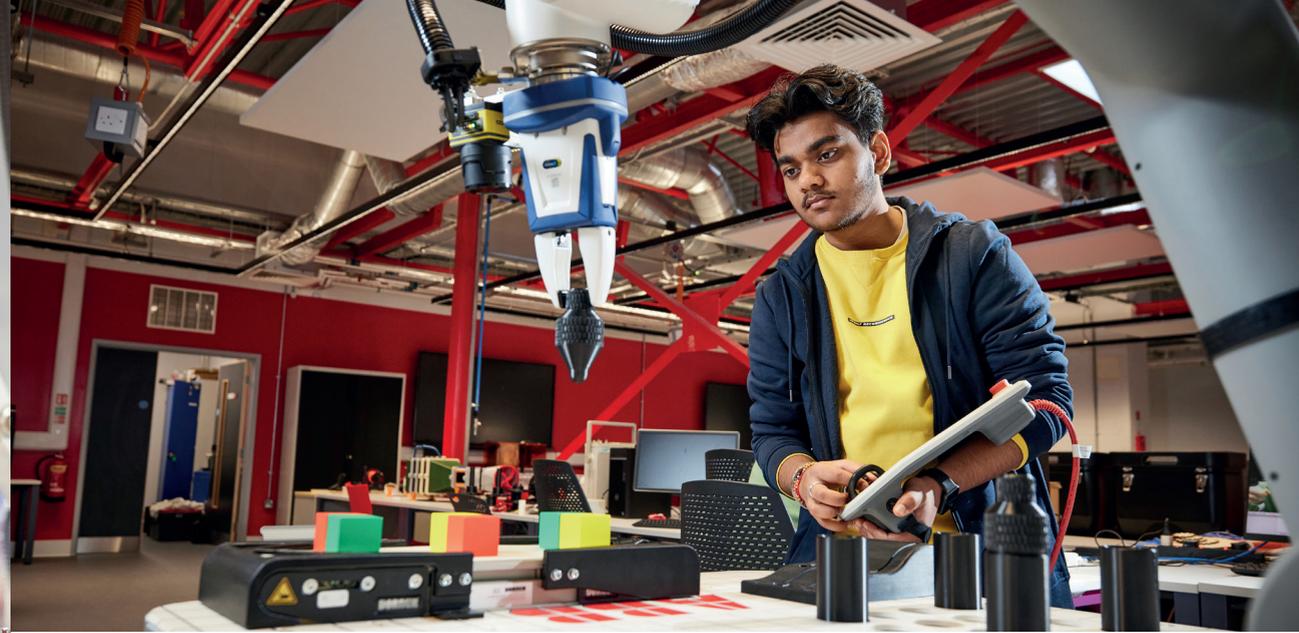
### Find out more

For more details visit [www.solent.ac.uk/sim-centre](http://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 2,000m<sup>2</sup> 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.

**SOUTH COAST**  
**I N S T I T U T E O F**  
**T E C H N O L O G Y**



General Presentations	Duration	Location	Times
<b>Welcome to Southampton Solent University:</b> Our Vice Chancellor, Professor James Knowles, welcomes you to Southampton Solent.	30 mins	Jane Austen, The Spark	10am
<b>Life as an officer:</b> Talks from our senior lecturers on the life and works of a ship's deck, engineer and electro-technical officers. Current cadets and newly qualified officers will also be sharing their experiences as part of the talks.	1 hour	LT1, Andrews (above Costa)  LT2, Andrews (above Costa)	Deck 11am and 1pm  Engineering/ETO 12pm and 2pm
<b>Solent Sport:</b> Join the team who will be covering everything sport at Solent, from sport excellence and BUCs to school games, active campus and student sporting opportunities.	20 mins	SB1020 (sports hall), Solent Sports Complex	11.30am

Drop-in areas	Location	Times
<b>Meet the shipping and recruitment companies:</b> Talk to the professionals about your potential career in maritime.	SMART Centre, CC building	9.30am-3pm
<b>Cadetship and Maritime courses information hub:</b> Visit the team who can help answer any questions you may have about studying for a cadetship.	The Spark Atrium	9.30am-3pm
<b>Support Services information hub:</b> Including Admissions, Student Support, Accommodation and financial support advice.	The Spark Atrium	9.30am-3pm
<b>Safety and survival demo:</b> 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.	Costa Coffee, Andrews building	9.30am-3pm
<b>Simulation Centre:</b> Drop into the simulation centre to chat to our maritime societies and volunteer services.	Simulation Centre, Andrews building	9.30am-3pm
<b>Solent Library:</b> Pop in to meet the team and find out more.	Solent Library	10am-3pm
<b>Sport at Solent:</b> Head to the Solent Sports Complex to hear from the team about sports, gym memberships and clubs at Solent.	Solent Sports Complex	9.30am-3pm

Tours	Location	Times
<b>Campus tour:</b> Head to the Andrews building to join a tour. You can also visit the information hub in the Spark atrium for answers to any campus-related questions pre and post tour. The tour will last roughly 45 minutes.	The Dock, Andrews building	10am-3pm
<b>Accessible campus tour:</b> All our campus tours are fully accessible, however these tours are at a slower pace, more descriptive and can be adapted to suit any additional needs.	The Dock, Andrews building	10am-3pm
<b>Student residence tours</b> 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 12 for more information.	See page 12	10am-3.30pm
<b>Marine Engineering Workshop tour</b> Explore our brand new Marine Engineering Workshop with the team. These tours last roughly 15 minutes.	CCG08, Marine Engineering Workshop	10am-3pm Tours last approx. 15 mins
<b>Simulation Centre:</b> Take a guided tour of our simulation centre with the team.	Simulation Centre, Andrews building	9.30am-3pm
<b>City tour:</b> Explore our beautiful city with Go Southampton. Visit the team at the Southampton city hub to join the tour. The tour will take approximately 30 minutes.	Leaving from: Southampton city hub, Spark atrium	2.15pm



↑  
Jurys Inn  
roundabout

- i** University reception
- A** Car park identification
- ♿** Accessible parking
- 🏍️** Motorcycle parking
- 🚲** Cycle storage
- 🐕** Dog spending pen
- 📌** Building entrance
- 🚶** Accessible building entrance
- 👉** Accessible route



### The Spark, level 1 (entrance level)

- 1 Registration and welcome
- 2 Information hub
- 3 Southampton city hub
- 4 Cadetship and maritime courses information hub
- 5 Support Services hub
- 6 20th Anniversary competition - spin to win
- 7 Waffle hut (complimentary)
- 8 Solent Students' Union

### Andrews and SMART Centre

- 12 Shipping and recruitment company hub
- 13 Maritime Simulation Suite
- 14 Life as an Officer presentations
- 15 Safety and survival demo
- 16 Engineering workshop tours
- 17 Refreshments (complimentary)
- 18 Pic n mix (complimentary)
- 19 Alumni information hub
- 20 Campus tour departure point

### Outside of the Spark

- 9 Shuttle bus departure point (outside the library)
- 10 Library information hub
- 11 Solent Sport information hub

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

### Catering outlets

- East Park Deli**  
JM building | Open 9am-3pm  
Offering freshly brewed Starbucks coffee, a variety of cold drinks along with sandwiches, snacks and cakes, jacket potatoes and soup.
- Costa Coffee**  
Andrews building | Open 9.30am-3pm  
Freshly brewed Costa coffee as well as a range of food items including breakfast rolls, lunchtime meal deals, snacks and cakes.
- The Dock**  
Andrews building | Open 11am-2pm  
Offering an array of food options all under one roof. Check your goody bag for the latest offers available. The restaurant operates a click-and-collect service via the Everyday app.
- C-Store**  
Andrews building | 9.30am-3pm  
Our on campus convenience store, offering groceries, confectionery, sandwiches, snacks, drinks and coffee.



Hop on our free shuttle bus from East Park Terrace down to our Deanery residence. The bus departs from outside the library every 30 minutes from 10am-3pm.

←  
Southampton  
Central station



## Visit our residences

We have two residences open today from 10am-3.30pm. 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 en-suite accommodation, and the Chantry residence offers non-en-suite, so we recommend visiting both to compare.

The map on page 14 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?

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### Find out more

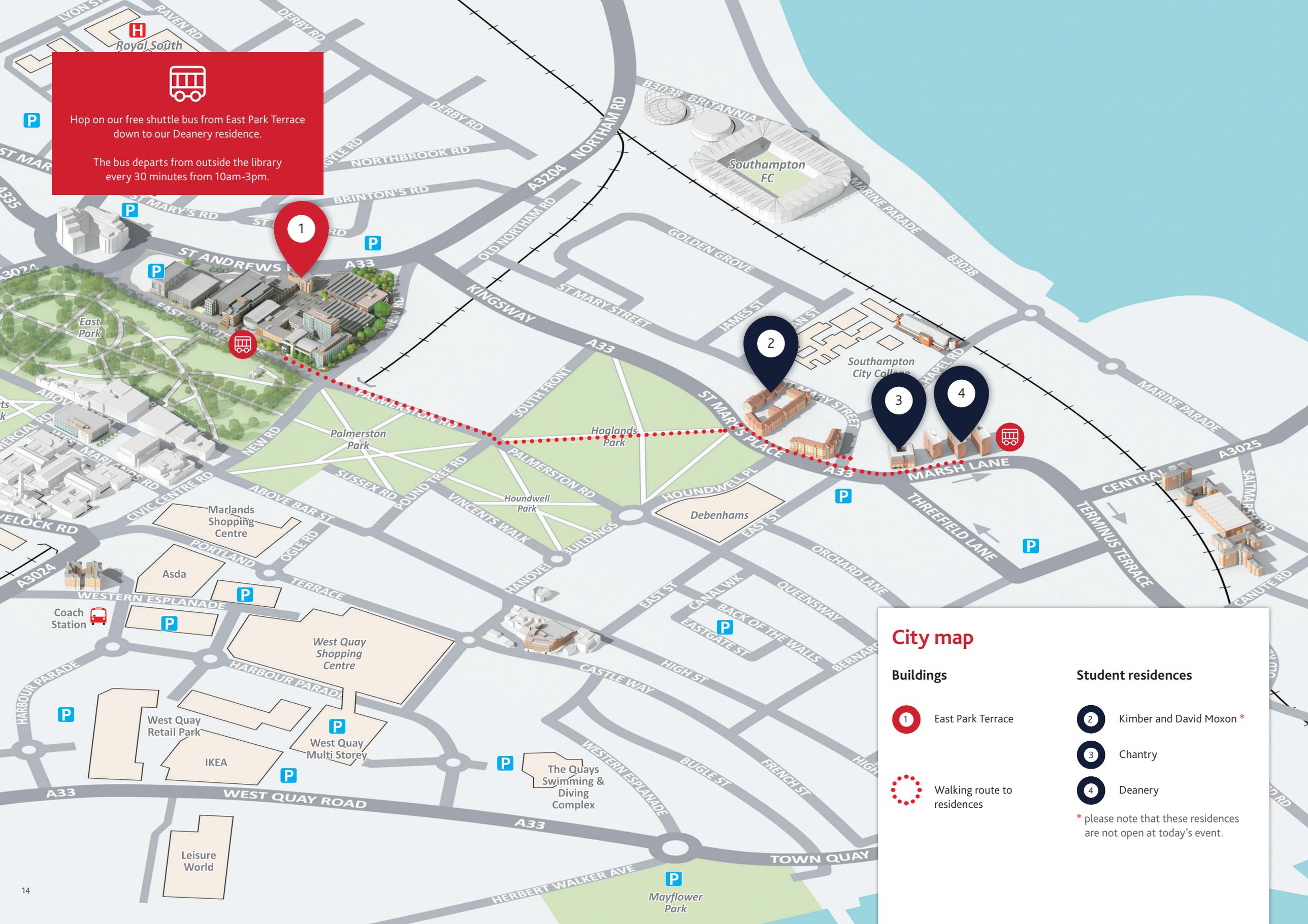
Visit our friendly accommodation team in the Spark Atrium who can answer any questions you may have.





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## City map

### Buildings

-  East Park Terrace
-  Walking route to residences

### Student residences

-  Kimber and David Moxon \*
-  Chantry
-  Deanery

\* please note that these residences are not open at today's event.



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20 YEARS

2005 – 2025

## It's our birthday!

To celebrate our 20th year as a University, spin the wheel and win a range of instant prizes, including popcorn, water bottles, chocolate and vouchers!

Visit the competition stand in the Spark Atrium to test your luck!

For terms and conditions visit:  
[www.solent.ac.uk/competitions](http://www.solent.ac.uk/competitions)







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