

TRANSPORT

Buses – The University operates a free shuttle bus between King’s Buildings and the Central Area, please use this as opposed to a Taxi where possible. Timetables for the shuttle bus are available at the following link:

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/transport/public-transport/buses/shuttle-bus>

A number of Lothian Bus services serve the Hugh Robson Building and 1 George Square. The closest stops are Lauriston Place, Forrest Road, Potterrow and Surgeons’ Hall/Nicholson Street. Please consider these options over driving as parking in the Central Area is extremely limited.

Cycling – A puncture repair kit and bicycle pump is available for use in the Loading Bay. There are bike stands at the front of both HRB and 1GS, and secure bike storage is located at various points around George Square and Bristow Place. For information about cycle routes, facilities, discounts and interest free loans for bike purchases please see the following link: <https://www.ed.ac.uk/transport/cycling>

Walking – It takes around 30 minutes to walk between George Square and King’s Buildings.

RECYCLING

The University has a strong recycling policy.

In the staffroom and kitchen areas – There are bins for plastics, paper, packaging and general waste. Paper recycling bins can be found in most office areas or nearby, in the corridor. There is a lined bin for glass bottles and jars for recycling in the staffroom and small blue glass recycling bins in all kitchen areas. We also have recycling for “flyaway” plastics such as crisp packets and snack wrappers.

Recycling Point – This is located next to Stores on the ground floor of HRB and can be used for less common items which cannot be placed in the usual recycling bins. There are receptacles for items such as:

- Printer ink/toner cartridges (full and empty)
- Batteries (all types)
- CDs/DVDs
- Lightbulbs
- Pens
- Aerosol cans
- Electrical waste

In the labs:

- Bins with clear bags are for paper and packaging.
- Purple bins (or designated clear bags) are for non-contaminated plastics that can be recycled, such as tip boxes, media bottles etc.
- Waste Xylene can be returned to stores for recycling
- Empty “Winchester” bottles can be placed in the boxes by Stores for collection.
- Empty chemical pots and bottles should be placed in the black boxes in labs for collection and recycling by the Technical Support team.
- For any unusual or special waste or for lab clear-outs contact your lab manager.
- See the waste disposal notices in the labs for more information.

ENERGY CONSERVATION - What you can do on a daily basis

Switch off lights – if you are the last person to leave the office/lab switch off the lights either in the office or the lab.

Shut down your computer at night and turn off your monitor – even if you need to leave your computer on for remote desktop etc, the monitor can be switched off.

In labs - switch off any un-used equipment in the evening.

Switch off fume hoods when not needed. If you need to leave a hood on, then make sure the sash is down as far as the air flow will allow. The electricity consumption of a hood increases with each inch the sash is raised. Don't forget to switch off the lights inside the hood.

Defrost your fridges, freezers and -80s regularly – not only can you get more in but they are more energy efficient.

Get rid of old samples and solutions from fridges and freezers – it's more efficient use of the space and that way we might not need to run so many.

Try to plan your PCR runs so that they finish before you leave. It is far more energy efficient to put your samples in a fridge than to hold them at 4°C in a thermal cycler.

Don't run autoclaves and dishwashers when half empty. Try to ensure that they are always run with a full load.

If you have any ideas about anything we can do to be more sustainable please do let any member of the technical support team know – we're happy to consider anything!

For more information about sustainability see <http://www.ed.ac.uk/about/sustainability/home>