10 Things to do When Back on Campus

Take a photo by the University of Huddersfield sign at the main entrance to campus

We suggest your first point of call be the University of Huddersfield sign – many students, graduates and alumni have had their photo taken here – or try a selfie!

Reenact the Beatles photo on our rainbow Zebra crossing

To coincide with National Inclusion Week a traditional black and white zebra crossing outside the University's main reception has been repainted in the vibrant colours of the LGBTQ+ movement so that it sends out a permanent message of inclusiveness and tolerance.

Attend a performance at St. Paul’s

St Paul’s is now a public concert hall where regular music and drama events are held most are performed by current students. See if there is a performance on the day of your visit: www.hud.ac.uk/performance/. St. Paul’s also hosts the July and November graduation ceremonies.

See the Time Capsule plaque

To mark the 175th Anniversary of the Young Men’s Mental Improvement Society, we prepared a time capsule containing the new £5 note, murdered MP Jo Cox TV coverage, newspaper coverage of Brexit, a profile of Sir Patrick Stewart and the Duke of York, the 2016/2017 undergraduate prospectus, a Harold Wilson centenary booklet and a 3D model of the Coat of Arms of HRH Prince Andrew (among other memorabilia - full details can be found on a board in Student Central). The plaque is located on the Creative Arts Building and will be opened in 2041 on the 200th Anniversary of our Founding Institution.

Visit the new Barbara Hepworth building

Look around the newest building on campus: the £30 million Barbara Hepworth Building – named after the famous Yorkshire-born sculptor – is to be the new canalside home of students in the School of Art, Design and Architecture. From September 2019, 2,000 students will share the extensive space and its facilities, which include 3D printing and a range of advanced electronic technology.

Look around Heritage Quay

Heritage Quay is the University of Huddersfield’s Archive Service, housing the history of the university from 1841 to the present day, as well as safeguarding the histories of other organisations and individuals of local, national and international significance. You can discover our collections through regularly changing exhibitions across our six collections specialisms; sport, education, politics, music, art and design and theatre. You can also explore the collections through interactive touch tables and our seven metre high big curvy screen, which showcases digital elements of the archives through gesture technology and in surround sound. What will you discover?
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Walk along the Canal
The canal runs through the centre of the campus. Walk across the bridge from the Schwann building towards Charles Sikes building and take in the scenery. Hopefully you’ll get to see a canal boat whilst you’re there.

Take a before and after photo
Look back through your old photos and try to recreate one of them. Reminisce of your time at Huddersfield. Don’t forget – you’re a Huddersfield alum for life so make sure you join the Alumni society on LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/groups/123274

Visit the Holocaust Exhibition and Learning Centre
Visit our permanent public exhibition, one of only two centres in the UK, which opened to the public on 17 September. In partnership with the Holocaust Survivors’ Friendship Association who have shared their most harrowing and distressing experiences so that future generations can learn about the dangers of intolerance and the ease with which prejudice can lead to genocide: https://holocaustlearning.org.uk/

Walk the Discover Huddersfield University Heritage Trail
Re-live the history of the University of Huddersfield. As part of the 175th anniversary of our institution, the University Archives worked with local community group, Discover Huddersfield, to create a walking trail of the university campus. You can download a copy and take the walk yourself by clicking this 175 PDF University Campus Trail.

Send us photos of your visit and let us know how the campus has changed: alumni@hud.ac.uk