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The Whitworth

The Whitworth Access Guide

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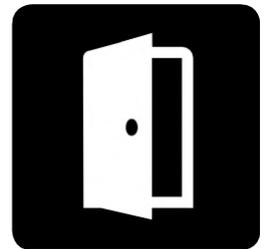
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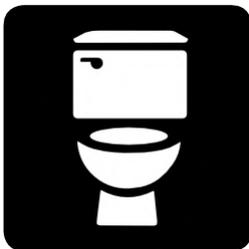
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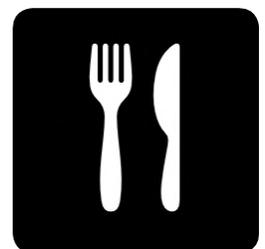
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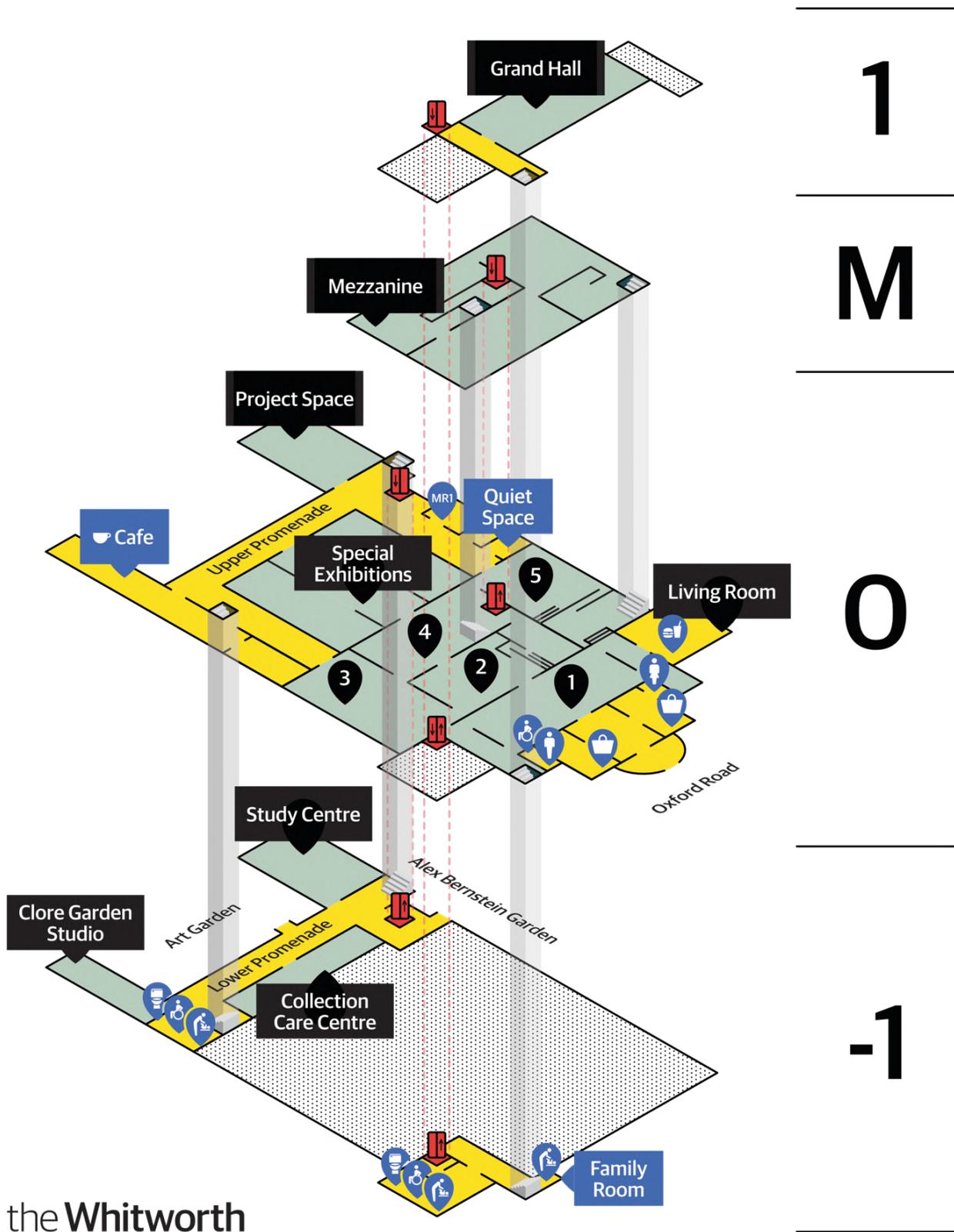


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Parking

Whitworth Map



the Whitworth

Visiting



We are open every day, except on these days:

24, 25 and 26 December

1 January

Opening Times

Monday:	Closed
Tuesday and Wednesday:	10am – 5pm
Thursday:	10am – 9pm
Friday, Saturday and Sunday:	10am – 5pm

All our exhibitions are free.

All areas are wheelchair accessible.

The gallery has two spare wheelchairs, and you can ask at either Oxford Road desk or Parkside desk for one.

Pushchairs are allowed in the gallery.



Getting Here



Walk

25-30min from Manchester City Centre.



Bike

Bike stands are available at the Oxford Road entrance.



Bus

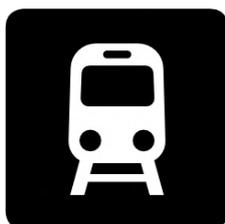
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Ask for the bus stop nearest the Manchester Royal Infirmary.



Tram

St Peter's Square is the nearest stop.
(plus 10 minutes on the bus or 20 minutes on foot).



Train

Oxford Road (plus 10 minutes on the bus or 20 minutes on foot).

Getting Here



Travelling by Car

Cars **cannot** travel on Oxford Road between Hathersage Road and Portland Street between 6am and 9pm, 7 days a-week.

Taxis are allowed down this road with no restrictions.

Visitors travelling from South Manchester via Wilmslow Road are advised to turn left at Moss Lane East, right at Lloyd Street North and then right onto Denmark Road.

Visitors travelling from the city centre are advised to come off the Mancunian Way at Cambridge Street, follow the road down, then turn left at Denmark Road.



Parking



On Denmark Road there are:

- 5 disabled bays.
- 9 spaces for cars/bus drop-off.
- 7 double yellow line areas, which can be used by blue badge holders.
- 3 of our disabled bays are directly beside our Parkside gates.

There is a step-free path from these gates to the entrance.
You can park for up to 2 hours.

The nearest car park is Cecil Street, M15 6GD.



Arriving



The gallery has two entrances and exits:
Oxford Road entrance and **Parkside entrance**.

When you arrive at the Oxford Road entrance, you will see the front of The Whitworth building:



When you arrive at Parkside entrance, you will see the back of The Whitworth building:



Oxford Road Entrance



There are two types of doors at this entrance.



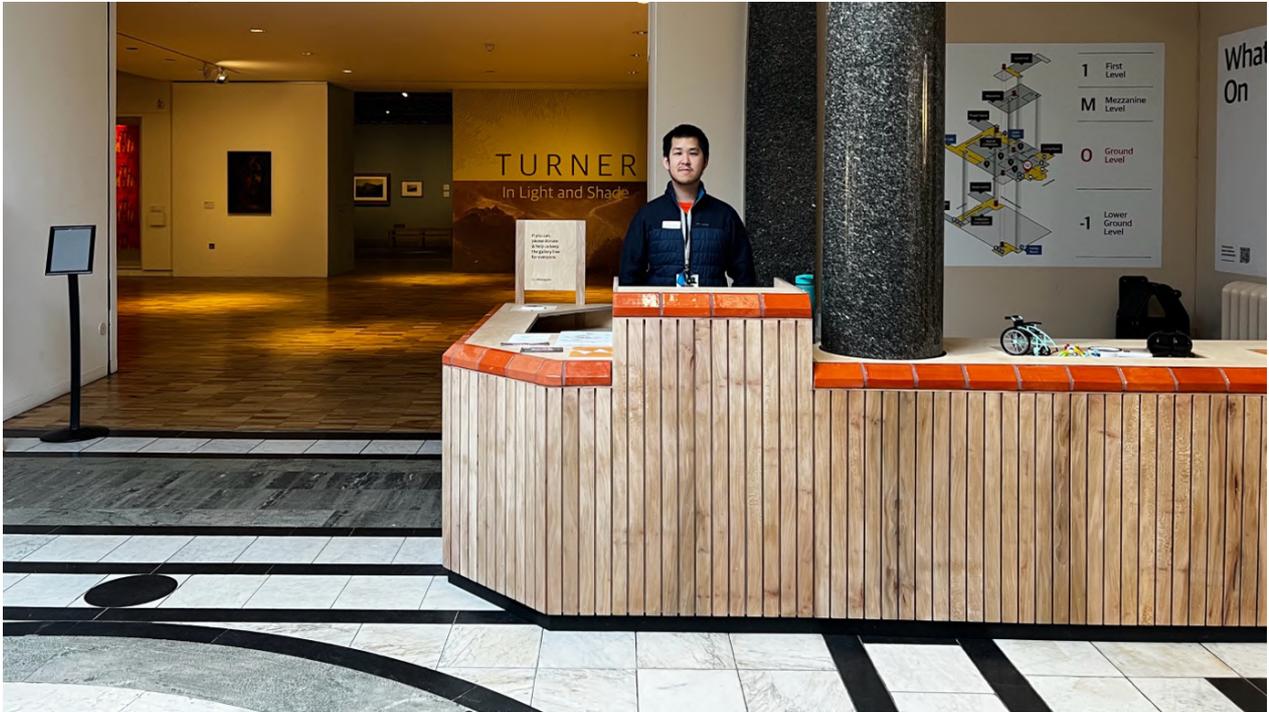
These doors are automatic.



These doors can be pushed or pulled to enter or exit.

Oxford Road Desk

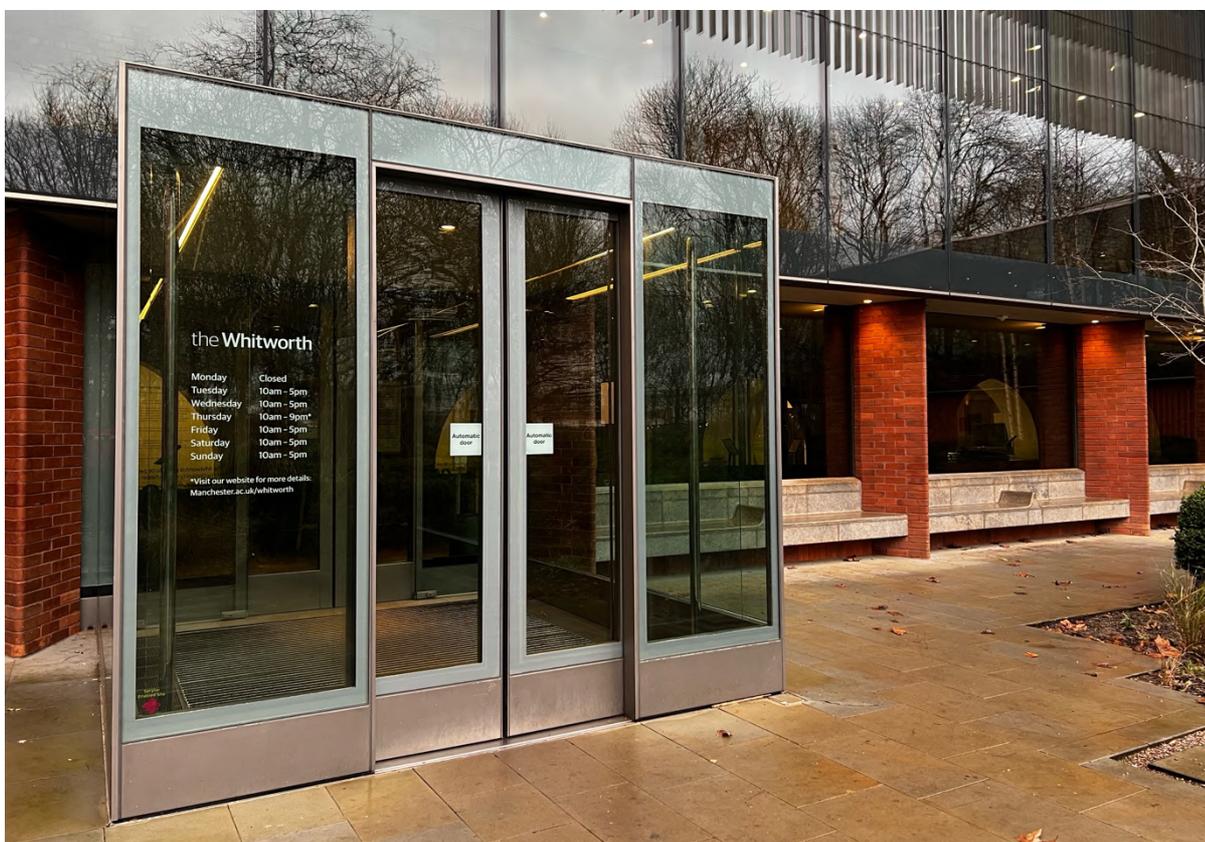
This is the information desk at Oxford Road entrance:



Parkside Entrance

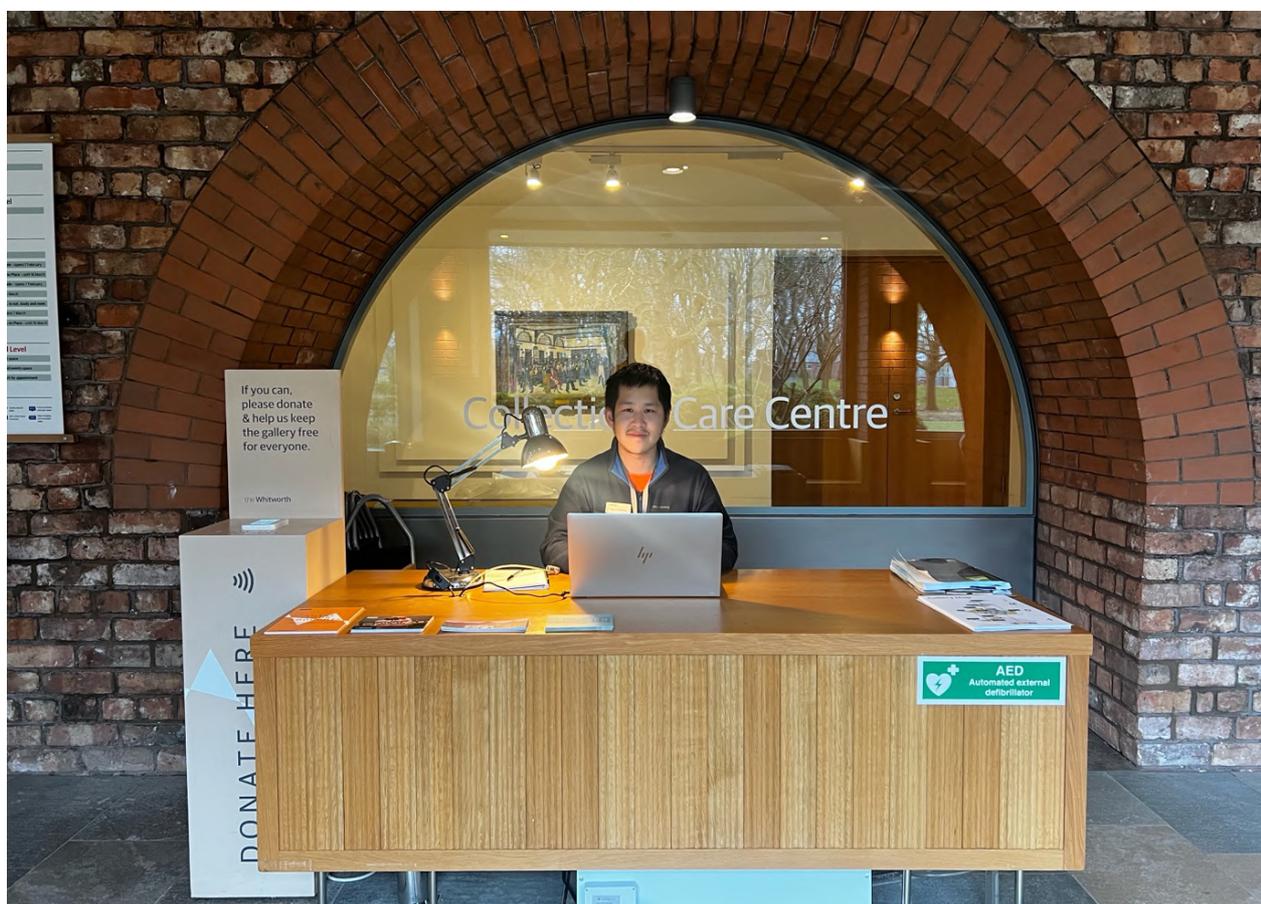


There are two sets of sliding doors that open automatically when you enter or exit.



Parkside Desk

This is the information desk at Parkside entrance:



At Oxford Road Desk and Parkside Desk you can ask for assistance and information about the gallery.

You can ask at either Oxford Road Desk or Parkside Desk for a wheelchair, foldable chairs, and ear defenders.

Visitor Team Assistants



If you need assistance in the gallery, please ask one of the Visitor Team Assistants. They wear a grey Whitworth lanyard.

Our Visitor Team Assistants can give you directions, assistance, and information about current Whitworth exhibitions.

You can find them in the gallery spaces, and at our information desks.

Gallery Spaces



Some of our gallery spaces are well-lit or have bright lights in them.



Some of our gallery spaces are dim or dark.



Gallery Spaces

Some of our gallery spaces may contain sound and moving images.

There might be events taking place in our gallery spaces.

We will have a sign outside the space if an event is taking place.



If you have any accessibility needs or requirements prior to attending an event or workshop at The Whitworth, please feel free to get in contact with us before your visit to see what resources we could provide for you, for example; ear defenders.

Gallery Spaces

On a weekday, there may be school groups visiting.

There may be times when the gallery is busy and noisy.



Please ask a member of staff if you wish to be guided to an area that is quiet.

Please see The Whitworth website for information on upcoming dates and times for Quiet Mornings, which are multi-sensory, open-ended play sessions for families with additional needs.

Quiet Spaces

This is what our Quiet Room looks like:



Please ask Oxford Road Desk or Parkside Desk for access to the Quiet Room. You can spend 20 minutes in here for some quiet time or prayer.

Another quiet space is the **Alex Bernstein Garden** located on the Lower Promenade:



The Alex Bernstein Garden

Lord Alexander Bernstein of Aylesford (1918-2018) was a leading figure in the world of opera. He was a member of the Board of Governors of the Royal Opera House, the British Council, and the Arts Council of Great Britain. He was also a member of the Council of the Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester, and the Council of the Manchester Music Commission. He was a patron of the arts and a supporter of the arts and culture in Manchester and the North West of England.

The naming of the Garden has been made possible through a donation from The Grange Foundation.



Lifts / Stairs

Here are what our lifts look like:

These lifts take you down to the toilets on the Lower Ground floor, and up to the Grand Hall on the First floor:



These lifts take you down to the Lower Promenade, and back up to the exhibitions on the Ground floor:



These are the lifts/stairs that take you up to the Everyday Art School on the Mezzanine level:



Gallery Rules



Please do not touch the artworks.



Please do not eat in the gallery spaces.



Please do not drink in the gallery spaces.

If you would like to drink or eat food that you have brought with you, you can eat in the Living Room:

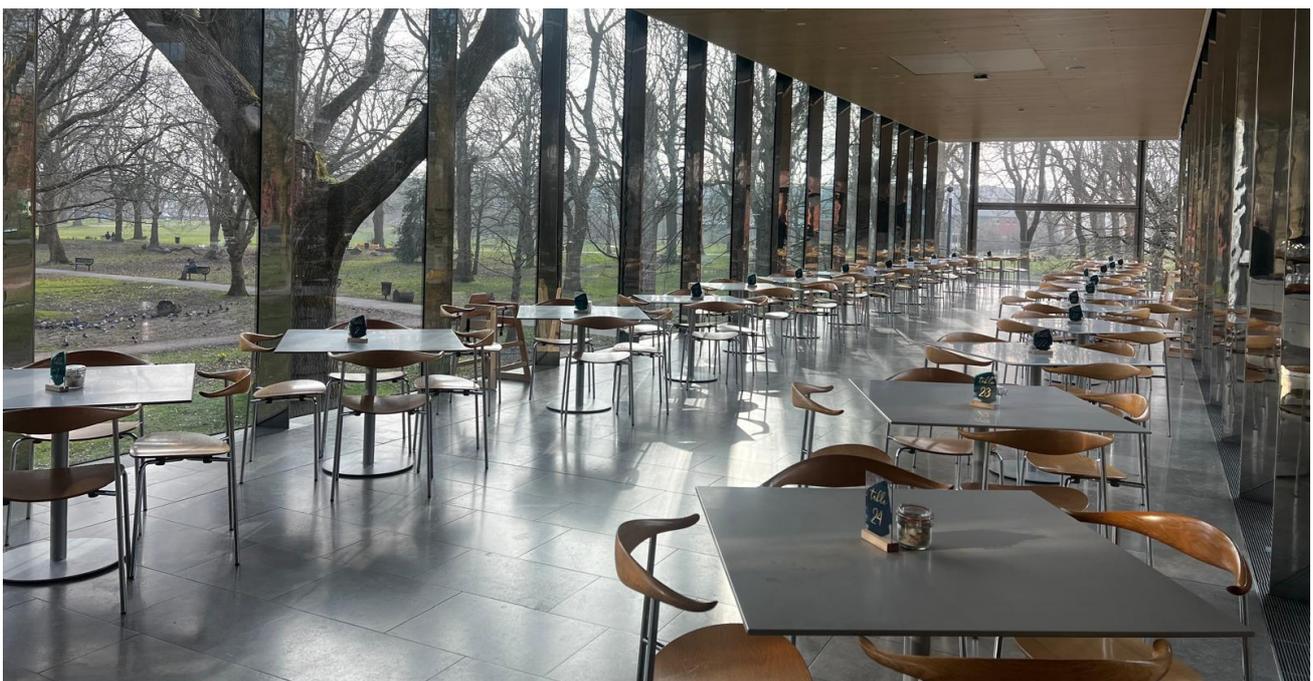


Whitworth Café



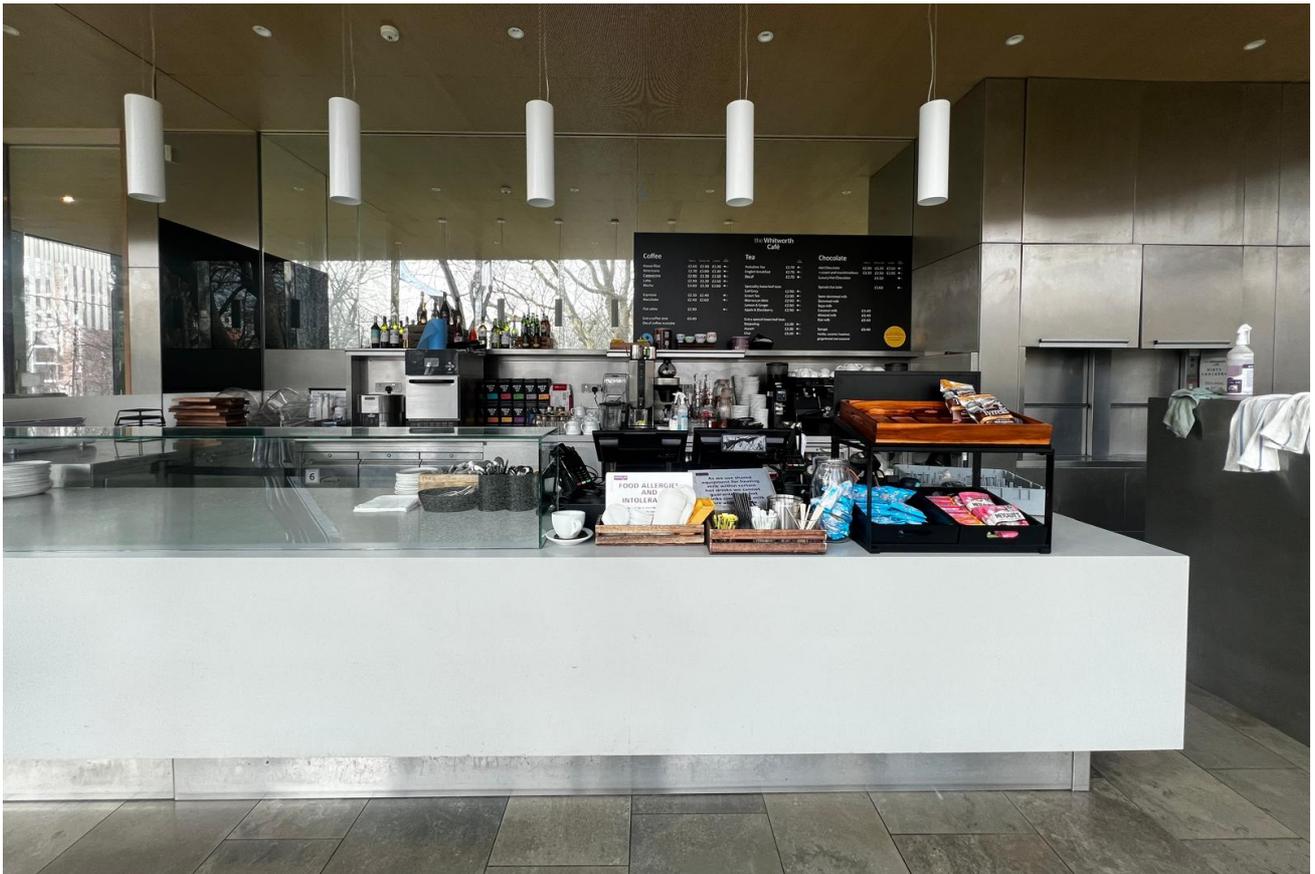
We also have a café where you can buy food and drink.

The café looks like this:



Sometimes the café is busy, and you may have to wait for a table.

Please find a table and order at the counter quoting the table number, all food and drinks are brought over to you.



Whitworth Shop



The Whitworth shop is across two rooms.

The shop rooms are located either side of the information desk at our Oxford Road entrance. You can buy a range of items here.

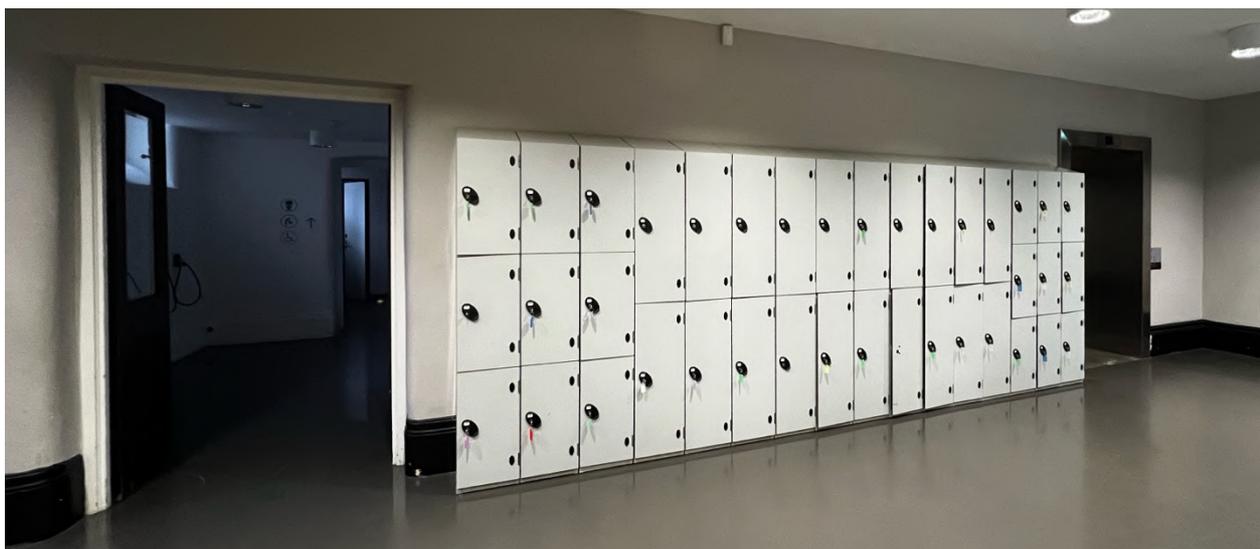
If you need assistance in the shop, please ask the Whitworth Shop Assistants. They wear a Whitworth lanyard.



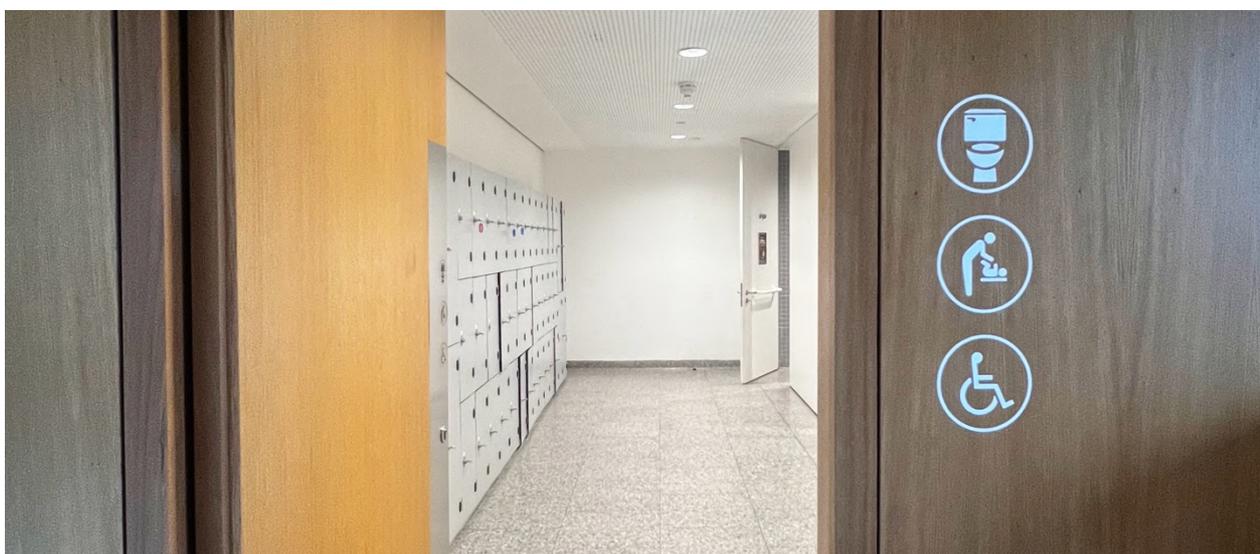
Lockers

Our lockers are located on the Lower Ground floor.

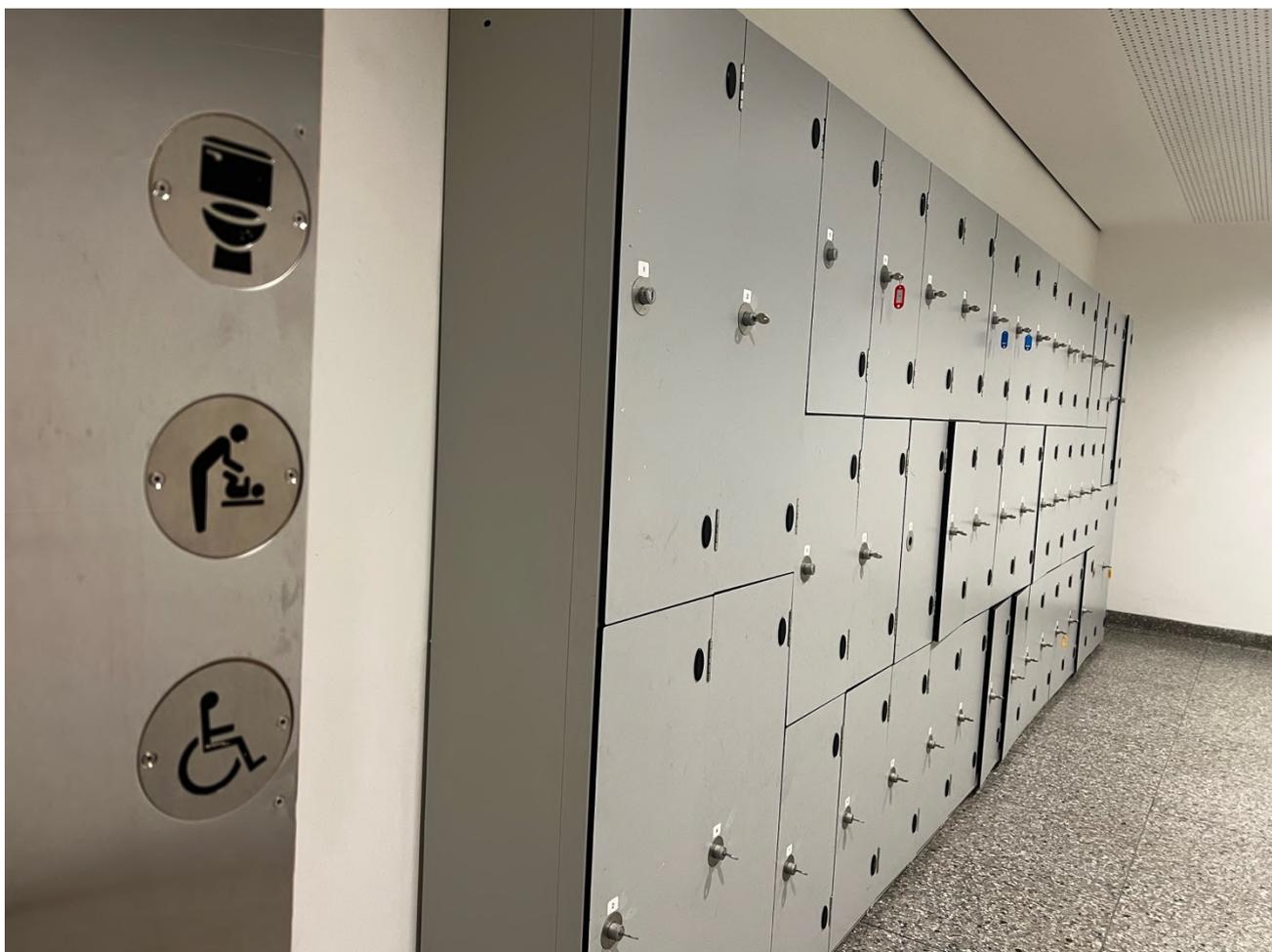
These are the lockers located on the Lower Ground floor nearest to the Oxford Road entrance:



These are the lockers located on the Lower Ground floor nearest to the Parkside entrance:



You can use our lockers to store personal belongings while visiting. The lockers have instructions on the inner door to help you use them and **require a £1 coin**. You will get your £1 back, when re-opening the locker.



Buggy Locks

These are our buggy locks, located on the Lower Ground floor through the walkway to the toilets by the lockers:



You can use our buggy locks to secure a buggy or a suitcase while visiting. The buggy locks have instructions to help you use them and **require a £1 coin**. You will get your £1 back.



Toilets



We have gender-neutral toilets and disabled toilets available on the Lower Ground floor.



We also have gendered toilets in the shop.

There are baby changing facilities on the Lower Ground floor. There is also a family room on the Lower Ground floor that looks like this:



It has a toilet, baby changing facilities and plenty of space. There are hand dryers in the toilets which you might find loud.

Facilities

Our facilities include:

Toilets

- Assisted toilet facilities.
- Gendered toilets in the Whitworth shop.
- Gender-neutral toilets by the Parkside entrance.
- Gender-neutral toilets on the Lower Ground floor – downstairs on the Oxford Road side, lift available.

Mobility

- Wheelchairs available for public use.
- Adequate seating with arms throughout the gallery.
- Light, handheld portable stools.
- Disabled parking on Denmark Road.

Auditory

- Ear defenders.
- Our Grand Hall, which hosts conferences, talks, and workshops is fitted with hearing loops.

Family

- 4 baby changing areas.
- A family room - downstairs on the Oxford Road entrance, lift available.
- Coin-operated buggy locks and lockers.

Visual

- Large print information about exhibitions.
- The lighting levels can often be low due to the vulnerable nature of our collections.

Dogs

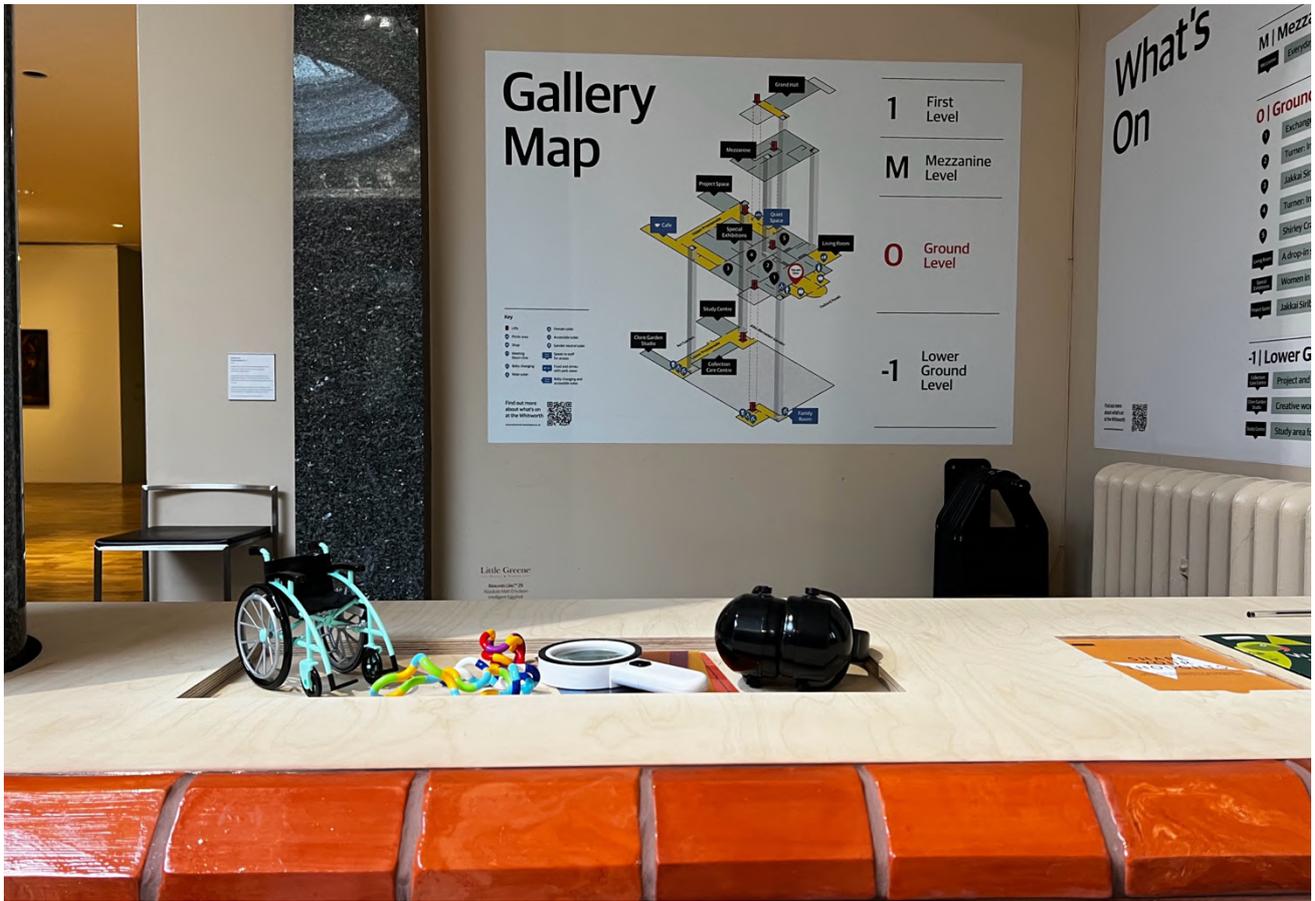
- Assistance Dogs are welcome in the gallery.

Seasonal temperature variations

Please be aware that our gallery spaces may feel cooler in winter, and warmer than the temperature outside in summer. This is because the gallery uses a conservation heating approach to regulate relative humidity.

If temperature variations can cause you any issues, please be mindful of this when visiting the gallery during these seasons.

The Oxford Road Desk accessible resources look like this:



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bit.ly/WhitworthAccess

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