

STUDENT UNION AND SPORTS

The RAU Student Union

The SU Office beside the atrium and library.
This office is open weekdays 09.00 – 17.00.

The office maintains an open door policy, so pop in for a catch up and a coffee!

The Tithe Barn common room is open from 07.00 – 23.45

Sports Pitches

Should you wish to book or check the availability of any sports pitch, check with Head Groundsman Des Willoughby.

Changing and Showers

Facilities are available in the **Main Pavilion**. Access can be arranged when booking fixtures.

Match Teas

The Club Secretary should arrange this with the Sports Secretary at least two days before the match tea. Tickets will be issued to teams by the Sports secretary to be presented on the day (not available on any other day).

Playing Fields

The University has:

- 3 Rugby pitches (one training only)
- 5 Football pitches
- 1 Cricket pitch (includes an astro wicket)
- 1 Netball court (outdoor)
- 1 Lacrosse pitch
- One large multi-purpose astro pitch
- 2 x Tennis courts



Club Secretaries must confirm match requirements with the Sports Coordinator, who will complete the Weekly Match Form. The Sports coordinator is responsible for liaising with other Institutions & BUCS regarding fixtures. In their absence, this falls upon the Chairman or the Student Support Services Manager. The Groundsman's decision on the condition of the pitch is final. For new equipment, please see the Student Support Services Manager. For other uses for pitches, see the Liaison Officer in the first instance. Boots must be changed before entering University Buildings.

Squash Courts

There is one court, located on the corner of Bledisloe Court. It is open on weekdays from 6.30am to 10.45pm and weekends from 0800 to 2245 hrs. Please book in the Porters Lodge (no more than three days ahead). A token must be collected from the Porters Lodge at time of booking (small charge).



Tennis Courts

There are two hard courts available at all times, and three on the all-weather pitch during the summer session. These can be booked for matches through the Porters Lodge.

RAU Gym & Sports Hall

We are privileged to have excellent facilities here on campus. The Gym & Fitness Centre are co-located adjacent to the Squash Court. The Indoor Sports Hall is located to the rear of the Emrys Jones Centre. These facilities are managed by Mark Long who is ready to offer a broad range of fitness and bespoke training.

Email: gym@rau.ac.uk to find out more.



Farmers Weekly Newspapers and Magazines

Newspapers are available to purchase through the University shop. Copies are available to read in the Library. Farmers Weekly, Estates Gazette and other magazines offer student concessionary rates and may be ordered from the University shop.

Student Representation

Student Representatives sit on the Governing Council, Academic Board and the Academic Quality and Standards Committee (AQSC), in addition to many other University committees. They therefore contribute to University decision-making at the highest level. The Chairman and Secretary of the Student Union Club are ex officio members of the Governing Council which meets three times a year.



Student representation on Academic Board is by two selected members, normally one undergraduate and one postgraduate student. Representation on the AQSC is by one elected member of the student body. It is very important to the University that students actively participate in these roles. If you are interested, please contact the Academic Registrar. Where relevant, the elections are held during October.

Student representatives may attend all meetings except those dealing with examination and/or assessments.

Student representatives from the undergraduate and postgraduate student bodies also sit on the Library and Information Services Committee. The Committee meets several times each year by agreement with the membership.

Each course elects (normally two) representatives from each year group to represent student views at Course Committee meetings that occur at least twice each year. These meetings enable issues relating to the academic programme to be raised with staff.

Course representatives also sit on the Student Union Management Committee, which meets approximately every two weeks during term time to discuss mainly non-academic matters.