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A GUIDE TO ACCESS AND FACILITIES



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A Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP) is required for all staff and students unable to self-evacuate in an emergency. Provision for staff/students/visitors who are unable to self-evacuate is the responsibility of the organiser of the class/lecture/event/meeting. While the School is responsible for preparing this, staff and students requiring assistance should confirm the evacuation arrangements”.



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Disabled Access Guide for the ECA Main Building



Introduction

ECA is a vibrant and creative community of students and academics: a place of experimentation, exploration, intellectual stimulation and exciting collaborations. The roots of the establishment of ECA can be traced back to the 1770s. In 1906 the Lauriston Place site was presented by the City of Edinburgh Council for the founding of Edinburgh College of Art as a municipal college providing comprehensive teaching in the practical arts.

Location

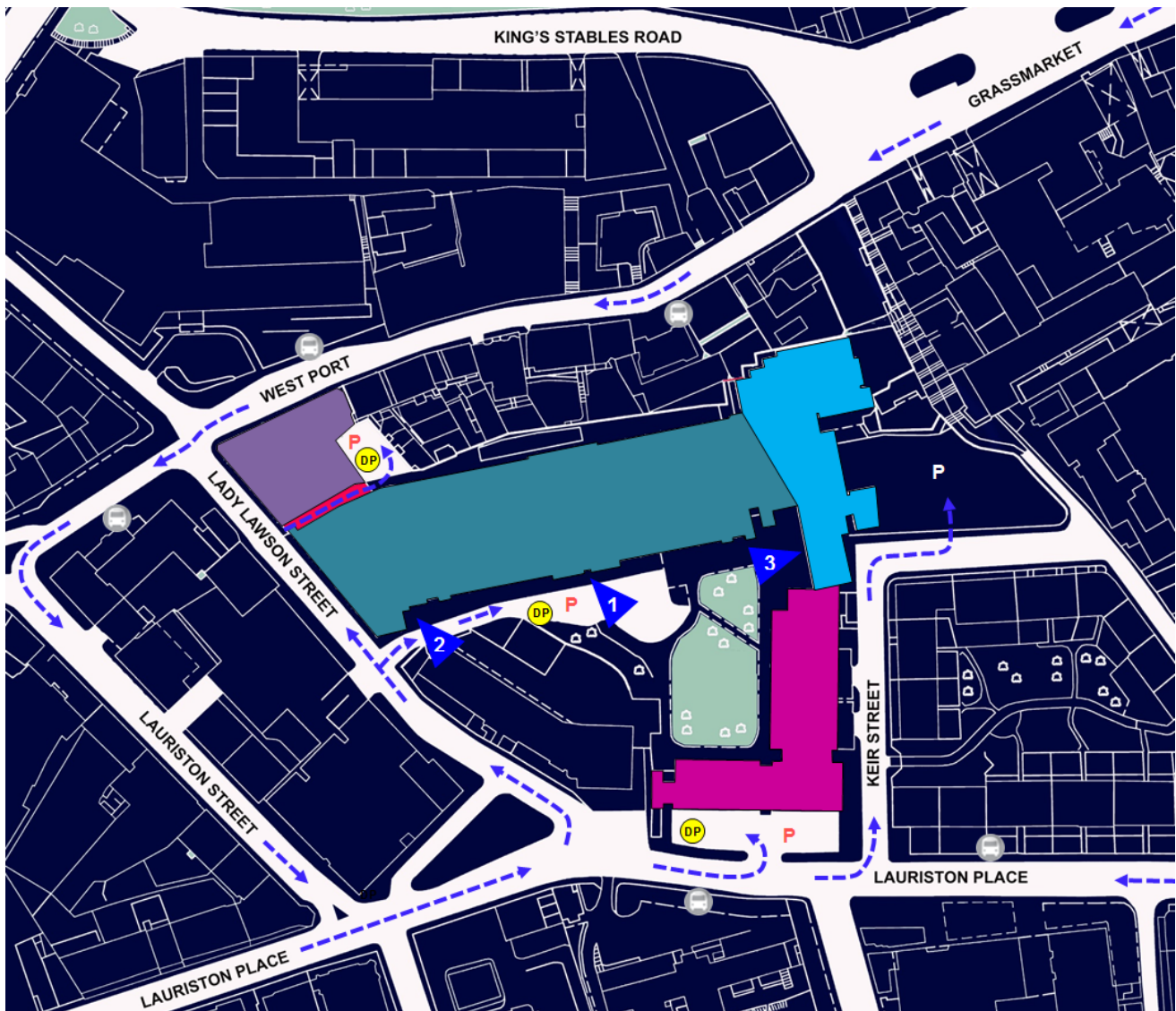
The ECA Main Building is located within the Lauriston Campus in central Edinburgh. The building is located within the city centre approximately two miles from the main halls of residence at Pollock Halls.












The nearest railway line is at Haymarket Station.

The nearest bus stops are located on Lauriston Place approximately 160 metres from the ECA Main Building. Numerous bus services stop on Lauriston Place. Details of timetables are available from Lothian Buses, from their offices within the city and online from www.mybustracker.co.uk.

Persons with mobility difficulties arriving by vehicle can access the ECA Main Building from Lady Lawson Street via Lauriston Place. Please note that Lady Lawson Street is a one way street.

ECA Main Building Location Map



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|  | ECA MAIN BUILDING |  | University Parking (Permit) |
|  | ECA Hunter Building |  | Disabled Parking Bays (Permit) |
|  | ECA Architecture Building |  | Main Entrance Access Point (Ramp) |
|  | ECA Evolution House |  | Secondary Entrance Access Point (Level/ Ramp) |
|  | Public Transport Bus Stop |  | Third Entrance Access Point (Ramp) |
|  | Vehicle Access Routes Local to the ECA Main Building | | |

Parking

There are numerous parking bays located in and around the Lauriston Campus but no free parking; all parking bays being permit or pay and display.

Pay and Display Parking

City of Edinburgh Council pay and display parking is available along Lady Lawson and Keir Street. Please note that Lady Lawson Street is a one way street with a steep gradient. **See Location Map**



Parking on Lady Lawson Street

Disabled Parking Bays

There are two disabled parking bays located close to the ECA Main Building.

The first disabled parking bay is located within the University car park to the front of the ECA Main Building. This disabled parking bay has a smooth tarmac surface and is located within close proximity to Entrance 1. There is good level access to Entrance 1 from this parking bay via a dropped kerb and a level paved footpath.

The second disabled parking bay is located on a level tarmac surface within the Hunter Building car park. Please note that this parking bay is not recommended for wheelchair users without assistance. There is a moderate gradient leading from the Hunter Building car park to the ECA Main Building



ECA Main Building disabled parking bay



Hunter Building disabled parking bay

University Car Parks

There are four University car parks located within the Lauriston Campus. If you do not hold a valid permit and require use of a University parking bay, it is recommended that contact is made with your host or the Transport & Parking Office prior to making your journey. **See Location Map**

The first car park is located to the front of the ECA Main Building. This car park can be accessed via a gate from Lady Lawson Street. The car park has a smooth tarmac surface and has a limited number of parking bays.

The second University car park is located to the front of the Hunter Building. This car park has a tarmac surface with a shallow gradient and can be accessed from Lauriston Place.



Entrance to the ECA Main Building car park



Hunter Building car park

The third University car park is located to the rear of Evolution House. This car park has a level paved surface and can be accessed via a secure gate from Lady Lawson Street. Please note that a key fob is required to gain access to this car park.

The fourth car park is located to the rear of the Architecture building and can be accessed from Kier Street via a steep tarmac gradient. Please note that this car park has a loose stone surface and is not recommended for persons with mobility difficulties or persons in a wheelchair.



Evolution House car park



Architecture Building car park entrance

Access Routes

There are two pedestrian access routes to the ECA Main Building. Please note that neither access route is recommended for wheelchair users without assistance. **See Perspective View**

Access Route 1

There is access to the ECA Main Building from Lady Lawson Street via a stone archway, a single width gate and a concrete footpath with a moderate gradient. Please note that footpaths along Lady Lawson Street have a steep gradient.



Footpath along Lady Lawson Street



Footpath leading to the ECA Main Building

Access Route 2

There is access to the ECA Main Building from Lauriston Place via a footpath to the front of the ECA Hunter Building. This footpath has a paved surface with a moderate gradient and does not incorporate handrails. The footpath leads to a gated archway which remains open throughout the day.

From the archway the footpath leads down into the Lauriston Campus courtyard. From the courtyard there is level access to the ECA Main Building and the University car park. Please note that there are no dropped kerbs leading into the University car park from the courtyard.

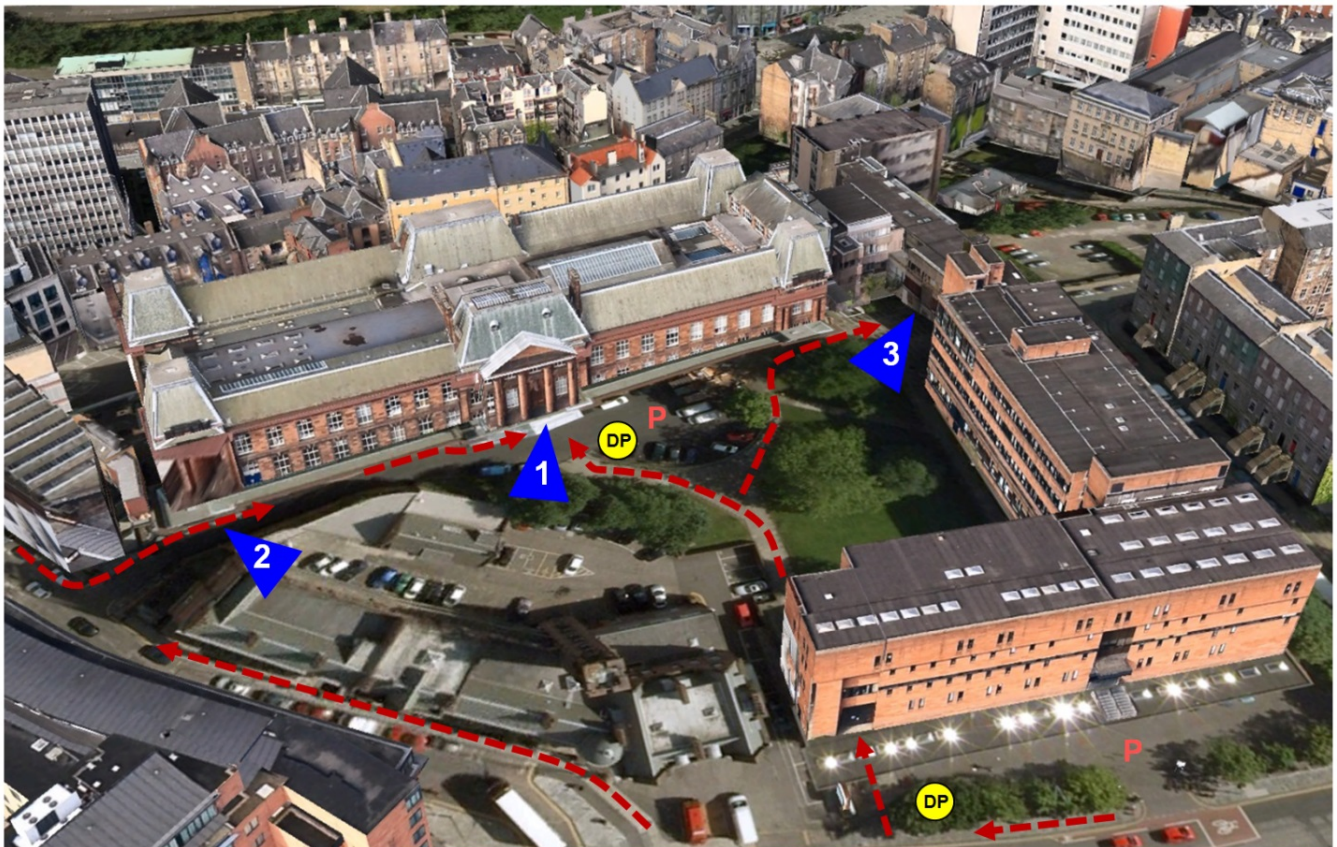


Footpath to the front of the Hunter Building



Footpath leading into the campus courtyard

Perspective view Lauriston Campus



Key

- P** University Parking (Permit)
- DP** Disabled Parking Bays (Permit)
- Assisted Wheelchair Access Route
- 1** Main Entrance Access Point (Ramp)
- 2** Secondary Entrance Access Point (Level/ Ramp)
- 3** Third Entrance Access Point (Ramp)

Outside Access

There are three entrances to the ECA Main Building. **See Location Map**

If you are a wheelchair user or have mobility difficulties and intend to access the ECA Main building, it is recommended that contact is made with the ECA Health and Safety Officer prior to your journey. **See Contact Information**

Entrance 1

Please note that the ramp at Entrance 1 is only recommended for wheelchair users with assistance.

This entrance is located to the front of the building and is the recommended wheelchair access point. Entrance 1 provides access to the Ground Floor lobby and can be accessed via a short tactile ramp with a moderate gradient. There are level surfaces at the top and bottom of the ramp but there are no handrails. There is a doorbell located on the wall to the right of the ramp which is within comfortable reach of a wheelchair user and is linked to the servitors desk.

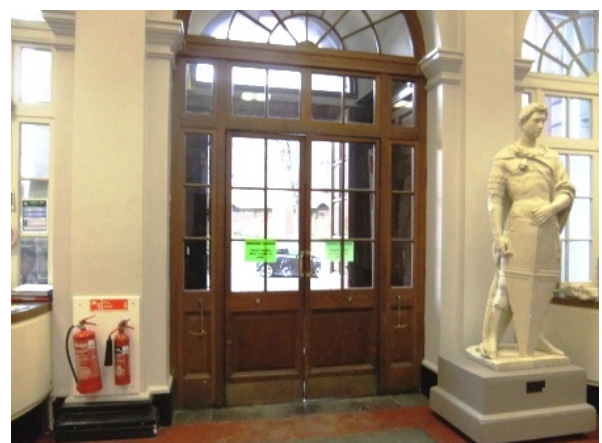


Ramp at Entrance 1

Entrance 1 consists of a large set of manual timber double doors. These doors remain open during normal building opening hours and lead to a set of internal timber double doors. The internal double doors are fairly light, open in both directions and incorporate door handles/ viewing panels at an accessible height. Please note that both doors must be opened fully to permit the passage of a wheelchair.



Entrance 1



Internal double doors

Entrance 2

Please note that Entrance 2 does not remain open at all times and that it is only recommended for wheelchair users with assistance. If you require the use of this entrance please make contact with your host of the buildings servitor prior to making your journey. This entrance is located to the left of Entrance 1 on a fairly level concrete surface. Entrance 2 provides access to the Ground Floor of the building and can be accessed via a concrete footpath with a shallow gradient.

Entrance 2 consists of a large set of heavy manual timber double doors. These doors open inward, will permit the passage of a wheelchair and incorporate door handles at an accessible height. The external doors lead to a vestibule area and a secure internal sliding door. The sliding door is automated, will permit the passage of a wheelchair and requires a swipe card to gain access. The swipe card point is located to the right of the doorway within comfortable reach of a wheelchair user.



Entrance 2



Internal sliding door

Entrance 3

This entrance is located within the campus courtyard and is the main entrance to the ECA Architecture Building. Entrance 3 can be accessed from the campus courtyard via a concrete ramp with a shallow gradient and handrails to both sides. From this entrance there is access to the ECA Main Building, the adjoining Hunter Building and the Architecture Building. The ECA Shop, reprographics and the wheelchair accessible toilets are located within close proximity to this entrance. **See Floor Plans for more details**

Entrance 3 consists of a secure set of glazed double doors. These doors are automated, will permit the passage of a wheelchair and require a swipe card to gain access. There is a swipe card point located on a pillar to the right of the ramp. Please note that the swipe card point is located beyond the adjacent handrail and that it may prove difficult for those with mobility difficulties or persons in a wheelchair to reach/ operate.



Entrance 3



Swipe card point at Entrance 3



Internal Access

There is good level access to the Basement, Ground and First Floors of the ECA Main Building. There is no level access to the Mezzanine Floors and parts of the First Floor which can only be accessed by stairs. Corridors within the building incorporate good circulation space, directional signage and doors which will permit the passage of a wheelchair. The majority of doors within the building incorporate door handles at an accessible height.

Please note that each floor of the ECA Main Building has a corresponding letter. This is displayed on floor directories located throughout the building.

- Basement Floor – A & B
- Ground Floor – C
- Ground Floor Mezzanine – D
- First Floor – E
- First Floor Mezzanine – F
- Upper First Floor Mezzanine – F

Photography Studios

There is currently no level access to the photography studios located on the Ground and First Floors. The photography studios can only be accessed by stairs.

Ground and First Floor Studios

Studios located off the main corridors on the Ground and First Floors are large open spaces with ample circulation space. The majority of studios can be accessed via a set of large timber double doors which incorporate door handles at an accessible height. **See Floor Plans**

Basement Floor Mezzanine Studios

The metal and woodwork workshops on the Basement Floor Mezzanine can be accessed via a stair lift or a short flight of contrasting steps with a handrail to one side. **See Floor Plans**

First Floor Mezzanine Studios

There is restricted access to studios on the First Floor Mezzanine for persons with mobility difficulties; particularly to rooms E01 to E09 and admin offices. **See Floor Plans**

Internal Access Route to the Architecture Building

This access route is suitable for self-propelled wheelchair users.

There is good level access between the Ground Floor of the ECA Main Building and the Ground Floor of the Architecture Building. This route passes through the Andrew Grant Gallery and incorporates three sets of manual double doors. These doors open outward, will permit the passage of a wheelchair and incorporate door handles/ viewing panels at an accessible height. **See Ground Floor Plan for more details**

Internal Access Route to the Hunter Building

This access route is only recommended for wheelchair users with assistance.

There is level access between the Ground Floor of the ECA Main Building and the Basement Floor of the Hunter Building. There are six sets of manual double doors along this access route and a single ramp with a moderate gradient. All doors open outward, will permit the passage of a wheelchair and incorporate door handles/ glass panels at an accessible height.

See Ground Floor Plan for more details



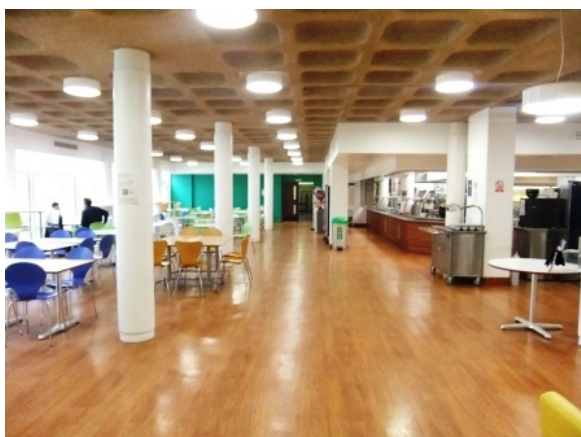
Hunter Building access point

Hunter Building Cafe

Please note that all access routes leading to the café incorporate a ramp or steps and are only recommended for wheelchair users with assistance.

The café is located on the Ground Floor of the Hunter Building and serves all buildings within the Lauriston Campus. The café can be accessed externally from the campus courtyard or internally from the ECA Main Building. The access route from the ECA Main Building incorporates several sets of timber double doors, a ramp with a moderate gradient and an internal lift. Please note that the lift car controls within the Hunter Building are above the recommended wheelchair accessible height. **See Floor Plans for Locations**

The café has ample circulation space and incorporates seating with 700mm clear height underneath. Please note that the café counters and self service facilities may prove difficult for wheelchair users to reach/ operate. There is a Smart Service Point (SSP) located to the rear of the café within comfortable reach of a wheelchair user. **See Links for More Information**



Café layout



Café servery

Exhibitions and Events Spaces

There are two exhibition/ event spaces located within the ECA Main Building.

The Sculpture Court

The Sculpture Court is located on the Ground Floor of the building within close proximity to the reception. The Sculpture Court has a smooth timber surface and offers ample manoeuvring space for wheelchair users. Doors leading to the sculpture court from the main lobby are held open to promote ease of access. **See Ground Floor Plan for Location**



Sculpture Court

The Andrew Grant Gallery

The Andrew Grant Gallery is located on the Ground Floor of the building. The gallery can be accessed via a set of timber double doors from the Sculpture Court or an additional set of timber double doors from the Architecture Building. The gallery has a smooth vinyl surface and offers sufficient circulation space for wheelchair users. **See Ground Floor Plan for Location**



Andrew Grant Gallery

Reception

The reception is located adjacent to Entrance 1 on the Ground Floor of the building. The reception desk can be easily approached by wheelchair users but it does not incorporate a lowered section and it is currently not equipped with an induction loop system. The reception can provide information on departments within the building and answer general enquiries. **See Ground Floor Plan**



Reception desk

Servitors Desk

The servitor is located adjacent to Entrance 1 on the Ground Floor of the building. The servitors desk can be easily approached by wheelchair users but it does not incorporate a lowered section and it is currently not equipped with an induction loop system. The servitor can provide information on departments within the building and answer general enquiries. **See Ground Floor Plan**



Servitors desk

Student Support Office

The student support office is located on the Ground Floor of the building. The support office can be accessed from the lobby via a large set of timber double doors, a short corridor and two single width timber doors. All doors will permit the passage of a wheelchair and incorporate door handles at an accessible height. Please note that the large doors leading from the lobby may prove difficult for wheelchair users to operate without assistance.

Lifts

There is one lift within the ECA Main Building which serves the Basement, Ground and First Floors. **See Floor Plans for Location**

The lift call points and car controls are at an accessible height.

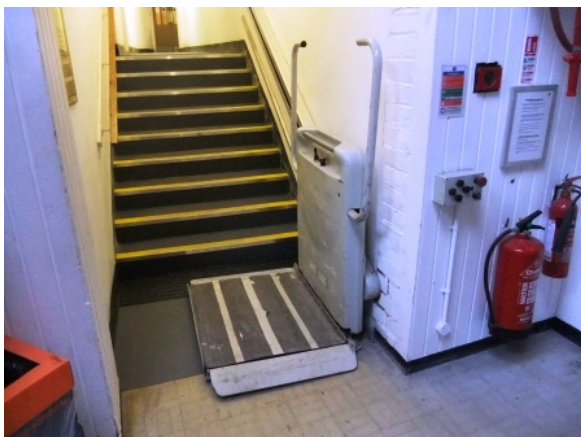
- The lift car controls are within comfortable reach of a wheelchair user.
- The internal control panel has braille markings.
- The lift has an alarm and emergency call point.
- The contrast between floor and wall surfaces is fair.
- There is no induction loop system.
- There is an audible announcer.
- The lift does not incorporate a mirror.
- The lift car interior has no handrails.
- There is a visual floor indicator.
- The lighting level in the lift is good.
- Lift doors have pressure sensors.

Stair lifts

There are two stair lifts located within the ECA Main Building. Both stair lifts remain active at all times and incorporate lift controls within comfortable reach of a wheelchair user.

The first stair lift is located on the Basement Floor of the building. This stair lift provides access to the workshops on the Basement Floor. **See Basement Floor Plan for Location**

The second stair lift is located on the First Floor of the building. This stair lift provides access to studios and offices located on the First Floor Mezzanine. Please note this area is not recommended for wheelchair users due to restrictive corridor dimensions. If use of this stair lift is required please contact your host to the buildings servitor. **See First Floor Plan for Location**



Basement Floor stair lift



First Floor stair lift

Stairs

There are seven main staircases within the ECA Main Building and several individual flights of steps. The majority of stone staircases within the building do not incorporate contrasting nosings or tactile coverings on steps but all staircases incorporate handrails to one or both sides.

See Floor Plans for Locations

The seven staircases are listed below:

Staircase 1

This is the main staircase which can be accessed from the main lobby. Staircase 1 is of stone construction and serves the Basement, Ground and First Floors.

Staircase 2

This staircase is located adjacent to the student support office on the Ground Floor of the building. Staircase 2 provides access to offices and a viewing gallery on the Ground Floor Mezzanine. This staircase is of steel construction with handrails to both sides and contrasting nosings on steps.

Staircase 3

This stone staircase is located to the side of the building and can be accessed from the Ground Floor lobby. Staircase 3 provides access to the sculpture offices on the Ground Floor Mezzanine and the First Floor.

Staircase 4

This stone staircase is located to the side of the building and can be accessed from the Ground Floor lobby. Staircase 4 serves the Ground and Basement Floors.

Staircase 5

This concrete staircase incorporates contrasting nosings on steps and is located to the left hand corner of the building. Staircase 5 serves the Ground and First Floors.

Staircase 6

This staircase is located on the Ground Floor of the building within close proximity to the Sculpture Court. This staircase provides access to the photography department and Staircase 7.

Staircase 7

This concrete staircase can be accessed from the First Floor or the Ground Floor via Staircase 6. Staircase 7 provides access between the Ground Floor Mezzanine and the First Floor Mezzanines. This staircase incorporates contrasting nosings on steps and a handrail to one side.

Toilets

Toilets are available on floors as follows:

- Standard Male and Female toilets are located on the Basement, Ground and First Floor Mezzanines.
- There is an accessible toilet located on the Basement Floor. Please note that this toilet is not recommended for wheelchair users.
- There is an additional accessible toilet located on the Ground Floor of the adjoining Architecture Building. This toilet offers good manoeuvring space, right hand transfer space and is suitable for wheelchair users.
- There are two standard showers located adjacent to the accessible toilet on the Basement Floor of the building. Showers have a tiled surface and bench style shower chairs.

See Floor Plans for Locations

The accessible toilet within the ECA Main Building incorporates the following:

- There is limited lateral transfer space.
- There is limited manoeuvring space.
- There is an emergency pull chord.
- The door opens inwards.
- The width of the accessible toilet door is suitable for wheelchairs.
- There are suitable dropdown and support rails to assist transfer.
- The tap type is push operation.
- There is no coat hook.
- The contrast between the grab rails and wall is poor.
- The contrast between the walls and floor is good.
- The lighting levels are good.



Basement Floor accessible toilet

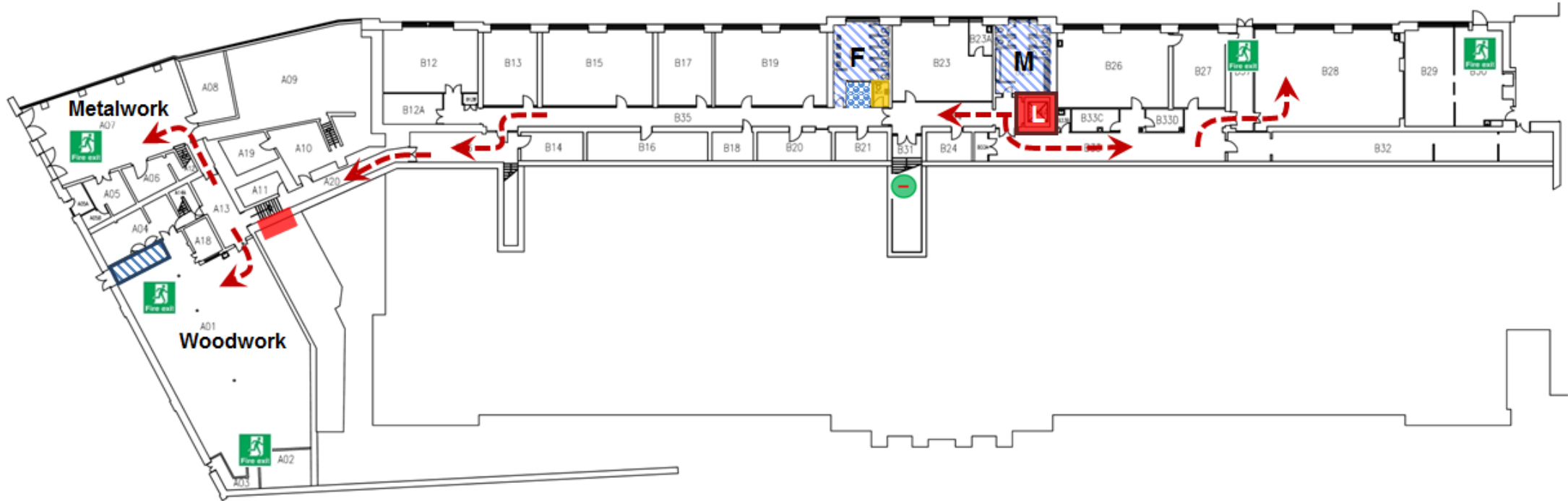


Architecture Building accessible toilet

Department Locations

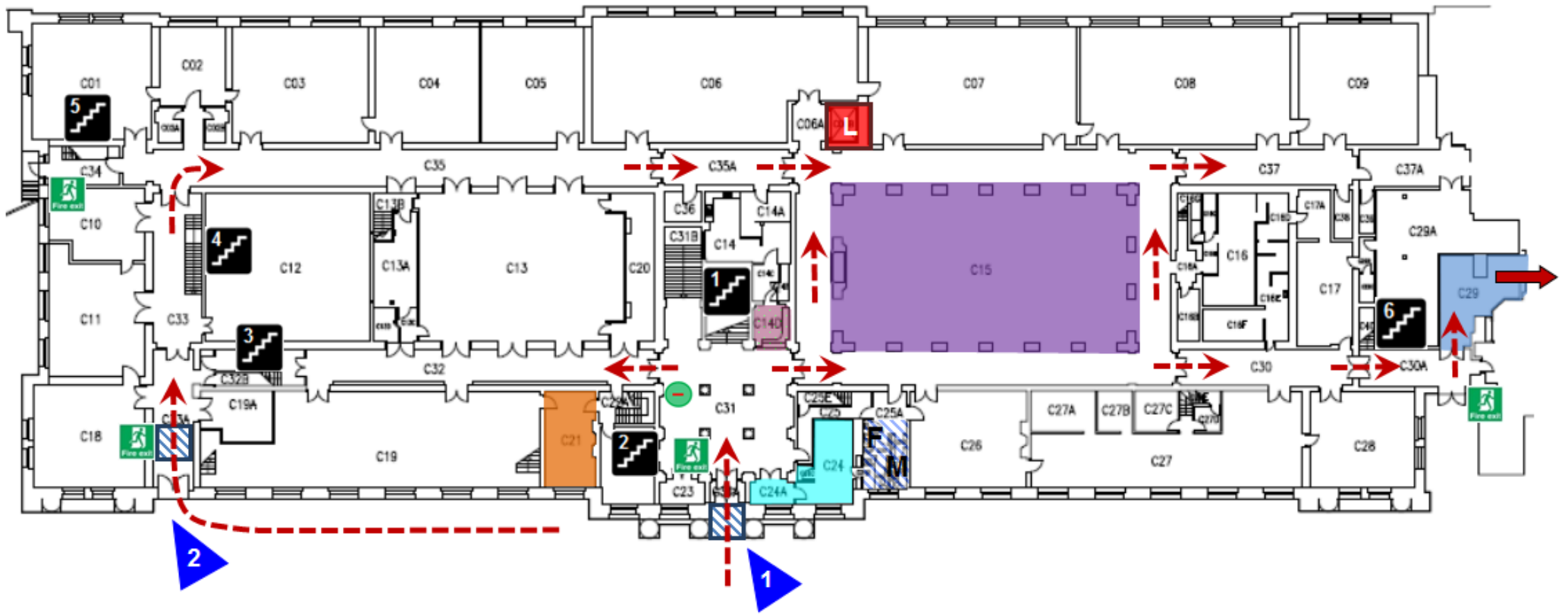
First Floor Mezzanines	Painting Studios
First Floor	<p>Animation D&P Offices D&P Studios E1 – E6 D&P Studios E10 Main Lecture Theatre Photography E18</p>
Ground Floor Mezzanine	<p>Photography Offices Staff Offices Sculpture Office</p>
Ground Floor	<p>Andrew Gant Gallery Sculpture Court Architecture Studio J2 D&P Studio C8 D&P Studio C9 Photography</p>
Basement Floor	<p>Printmaking Spray Room B12a Toilets Showers Metal Workshop Wood Workshop</p>

Floor Plans



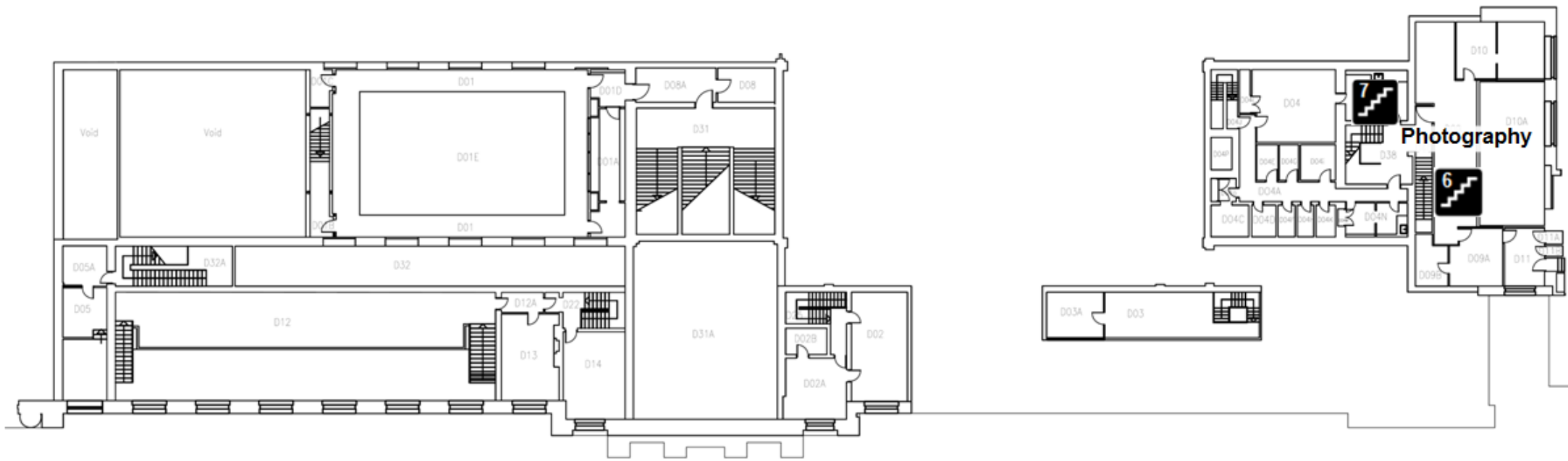
Basement Floor Plan – ECA Main Building

- Wheelchair Access Route
- Ramp
- L Lifts
- Stair Lift
- Fire exit Fire Exits
- F - Female Toilets
- M - Male Toilets
- Standard Toilets
- Accessible Toilets
- Standard Shower
- Evacuation Chair



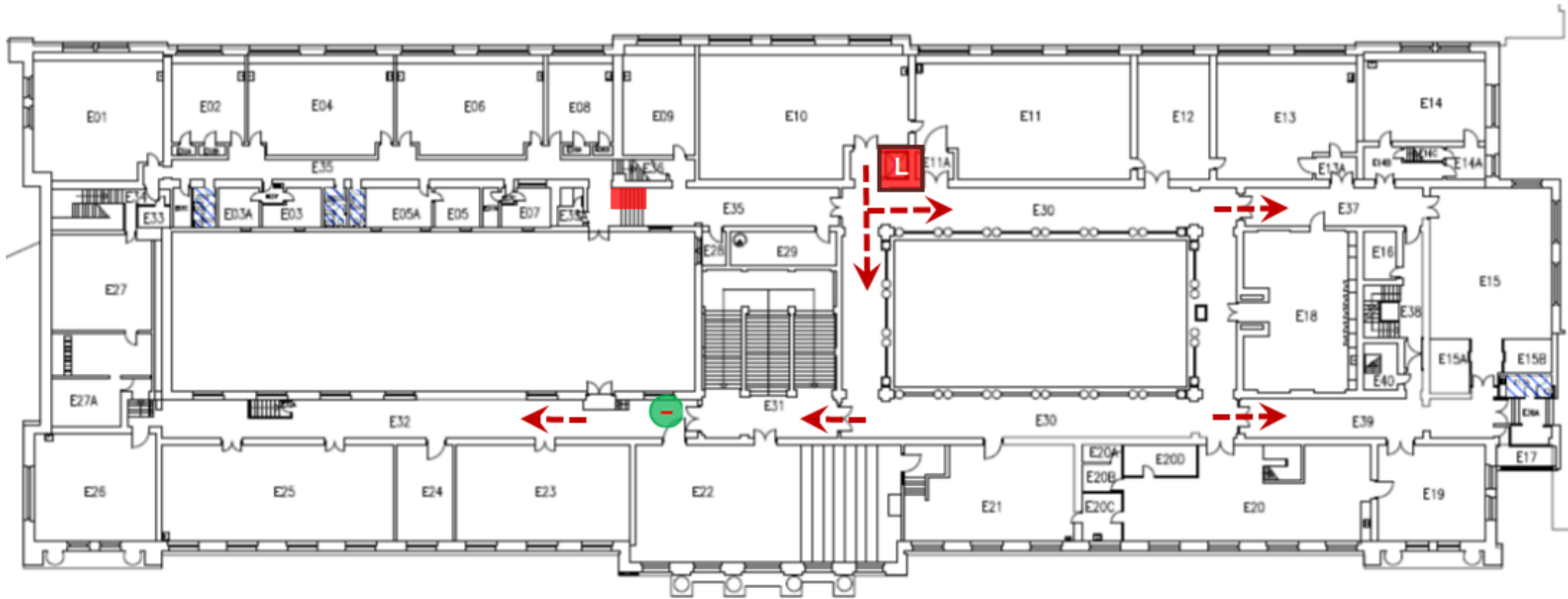
Ground Floor Plan – ECA Main Building

- Entrances
- Wheelchair Access Route
- Ramp
- Lifts
- Access Route to the Architecture and Hunter Buildings
- Fire Exits
- Stairs
- Reception
- Servitors Office
- Student Support Office
- F** - Female Toilets
- M** - Male Toilets
- Standard Toilets
- Accessible Toilets
- Evacuation Chair
- Sculpture Court
- Andrew Grant Gallery



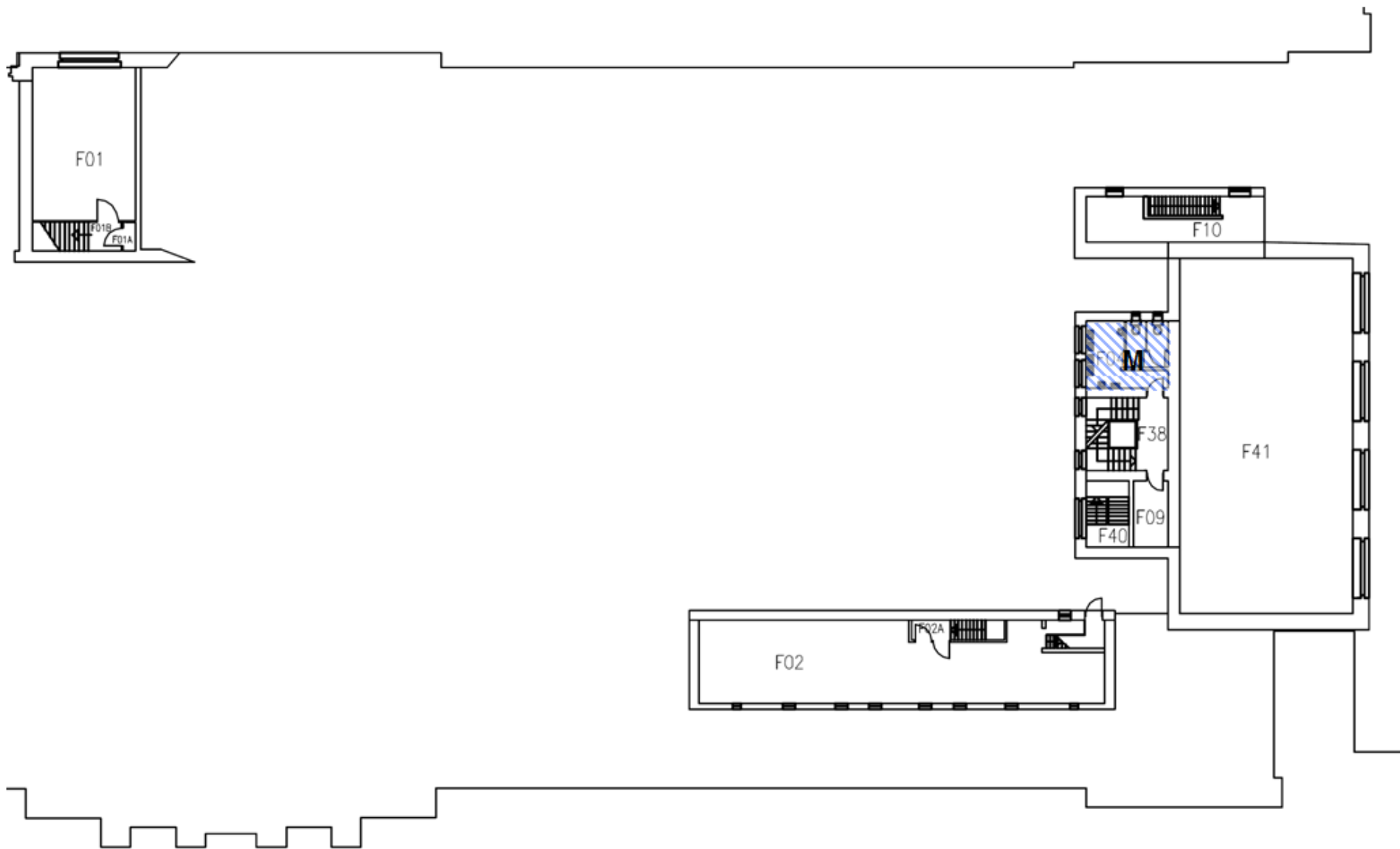
Ground Floor Mezzanine Plan – ECA Main Building





First Floor Plan – ECA Main Building

- Wheelchair Access Route
- Stair Lift
- L Lifts
- Standard Toilets
- Evacuation Chair



First Floor Mezzanine Plan – ECA Main Building

M - Male Toilets  Standard Toilets



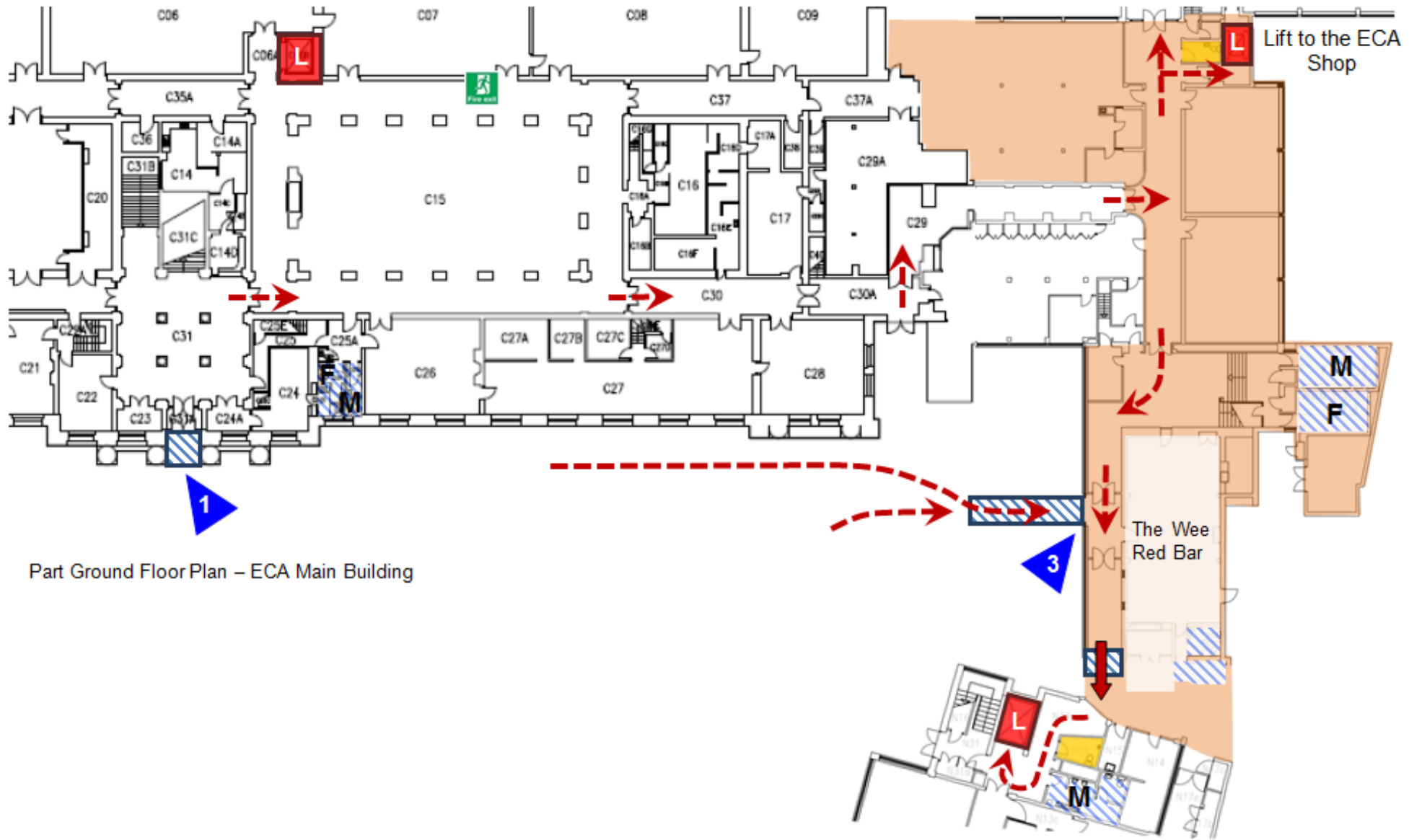
Upper First Floor Mezzanine Plan – ECA Main Building

F - Female Toilets



Standard Toilets

Floor Plan Showing Access Routes



Part Ground Floor Plan – ECA Main Building

- Entrances
- Assisted Wheelchair Access Route
- Ramp
- Lifts
- Access to the ECA Hunter Building
- F** - Female Toilets
- M** - Male Toilets
- Standard Toilets
- Accessible Toilets
- ECA Architecture Building



Opening Hours

ECA Main Building

Monday	7:00am-9:30pm
Tuesday	7:00am-9:30pm
Wednesday	7:00am-9:30pm
Thursday	7:00am-9:30pm
Friday	7:00am-9:30pm
Saturday	9:00am-4:00pm
Sunday	9:00am-4:00pm

Student Support Office

Monday	10:00am-4:00pm
Tuesday	10:00am-4:00pm
Wednesday	10:00am-4:00pm
Thursday	10:00am-4:00pm
Friday	10:00am-4:00pm
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed

Please note that the student support office is closed between 12am - 2pm.

ECA Architecture Building

Monday	7:00am-9:30pm
Tuesday	7:00am-9:30pm
Wednesday	7:00am-9:30pm
Thursday	7:00am-9:30pm
Friday	7:00am-9:30pm
Saturday	9:00am-4:00pm
Sunday	9:00am-4:00pm



Contact Information

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