As you enter the old Georgian Square in Bloomsbury London, the domestic facades facing east mask what lies behind – an international and cultural referent for the production of new and relevant forms of inquiry, discourse and radical practice in the form of an architectural school. Initially founded as a night school in 1847, the Architectural Association opened as a day school in 1901, and needing more space moved into the houses at 34–35 Bedford Square in 1917.

Today the AA London campus consists of ten buildings and 68,000 square feet of unusual and idiosyncratic space. Generations of students and tutors have occupied these rooms through an attitude of appropriation, transforming them into events, models, experiments, drawings, projections and multi-use programmes that use the domestic heritage and charm of the buildings as a backdrop.

The plans shown in this guide provide a map of how to navigate from space to space and floor to floor. For students and staff, treat these rooms as your home and feel free to occupy them in any way you see fit – there are no rules. For the general public we invite you into our home as 36 Bedford Square is open to all; please feel free to come to the bar, have a drink, join in a conversation, attend a lecture or venture into the AA Bookshop located at 33 Bedford Square.

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Disability access for entrances and exits around the AA School are indicated in each Floor Plan sections. Please contact Reception for assistance in navigating School grounds.

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HOOKE PARK CAMPUS

Point your digital compass southwest and travel 144 miles from the AA's London campus and discover Hooke Park – a 150-hectare working forest that is owned and operated by the school and contains a growing educational facility for design, workshop, construction and landscape-focused activities.

Located in the county of Dorset, England, it has been designated as Ancient Woodland and forms part of the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The surrounding area includes an active farming community and the market towns of Beaminster and Bridport and just a few miles inland from the Jurassic Coast, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The woodland is a mixture of broadleaved and conifer species that provide the prime source of timber for students’ construction activities. This ethical premise, of using the immediate material resource for building, was established in the 1980s for the three original campus buildings for the Parnham furniture college designed by architects ABK, Frei Otto and Edward Cullinan, and engineers Buro Happold. Following exchange of ownership to the AA in 2002, the campus development has continued with new workshop and accommodation facilities designed and built by students of the AA’s Design + Make postgraduate programme. The plans in the guide provide a localised map for these campus buildings, but we encourage all who visit to venture beyond this immediate vicinity and feel free to get lost in the forest.