

Navigate your visit to the RDS

Overview:

There is comprehensive traffic management plan in place for WorldSkills Ireland 2023 and The Irish Times Higher Options, which are running concurrently at the RDS this year. This plan involves input from the RDS, Security Suppliers and the Gardai.

In order to accommodate the high number of student visitors attending on coaches, we have very limited parking facilities available to exhibitors, examiners and competitors during the event. Therefore, the recommended mode of the travel to the RDS each day is by Public Transport.

All cars entering the Simmonscourt campus will be required to be parked by 08:00hrs on each day of the show and will not be permitted to leave until after 16:00hrs.

Traffic Management Plan:

Traffic is being managed by Garda, Frontline Security, & APOCA (RDS).

Buses will be told to approach the RDS and Simmonscourt Road from the Anglesea Road.

Simmonscourt Road will be coned off by the Garda.

Teachers will be emailed 2 passes ahead of arrival (attached – one for HO first and one for WSI first).

- If a bus has a **BLUE** pass, it will be pulled into the layby on Simmonscourt Road and the students will disembark and follow the blue route to Higher Options. The bus will then either drive off or enter Simmonscourt via Embassy gate to park for the day/ session.
- If a bus has a **PINK** pass, they will be directed straight into Simmonscourt for parking.



Buses will be numbered upon arrival into Simmonscourt and parked according to length of stay (full or half day)

Any exhibitors/examiner/competitors looking to park onsite for WSI on the Simmonscourt campus will need to be onsite pre-8am and won't be able to leave until after 4pm as we will be pedestrianizing Simmonscourt Avenue inside the RDS grounds from 8am-4pm.

Note: All traffic into Simmonscourt will exit via Shrewsbury gate.



Pedestrian Plan:

There will be two manned pedestrian routes through the RDS complex:

- i. BLUE Route going to HO
- ii. PINK Route going to WSI



These routes will be manned by Frontline security and also wayfinding staff. There will be one entry point into RDS main complex.

There will only be one exit point from RDS main complex – Wiley gate

There will be one crossing point manned by the Garda at Wiley Gate into Simmonscourt Complex

Simmonscourt Avenue will be pedestrianized in a one-way system also.

Queue management:

Arriving via Bus:

Teachers are instructed to leave students on the bus, Head to the registration area alone, check-in and retrieve their students' wristbands, distribute wristbands on the bus, and then the group enter together via the pink route.

Arriving via walking:

Groups will follow the pink route and split off into the Purple route, the teacher will leave the students in the temporary holding area, check-in and retrieve their students wristbands, distribute wristbands, and then the group enter together.

(Bus Signs below)

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