# ACCESS TO WEST

**BY PLANE**

The closest airports to WEST are:

**Cardiff International Airport** *(15 miles)*

To get to WEST from the airport, you can either get a taxi directly to WEST (approximately £20), or get the shuttle bus from the airport to Rhoose train station (the shuttle bus meets each incoming flight and is free to passengers in possession of a valid train ticket). Then take the train to Bridgend (http://www.arrivatrainswales.co.uk/). For details on how to get from the train station in Bridgend to WEST, please see the section "By train".

**Bristol Airport** *(64 miles)*

The Bristol International Flyer bus links the airport to the main train station in Bristol: Bristol Temple Meads. The journey takes approximately 30 minutes with buses leaving every 10-15 minutes. An adult return costs (at time of printing) £8 and is purchased on the coach. Train tickets can be booked online and will be cheaper if done in advance. A return journey to Bridgend (composed of two single tickets – this can often be cheaper) starts at £8. You can book your tickets on www.firstgreatwestern.co.uk

**Heathrow Airport** – London (*150 miles*) The journey from Heathrow is usually quickest and cheapest by coach. The company National Express (www.nationalexpress.com) operates direct journeys between the airport and Bridgend in 3 ½ -4 hours. An average return ticket costs just under £45 and the coach will take you to the M4 motorway junction number 36 from where you can get a taxi to WEST (around £7)

**Gatwick Airport** – London *(190 miles)*
The same coach company as above operates direct journeys between this airport and Bridgend. It will take approximately 5 hours and a return ticket will cost around £100.

**BY TRAIN**

Bridgend train station is in the town centre, some 2 miles from WEST. Nowadays, it is often cheaper to buy 2 single tickets rather than a set return. You can order tickets online at www.firstgreatwestern.co.uk or www.thetrainline.com. Tickets will be cheaper if purchased in advance. WEST is situated just under 2 miles away from the station. It is easiest to take a taxi cab from outside the station to WEST. If the driver doesn't know WEST, they usually do know the "Bible College on Bryntirion Hill". This should cost you around £5 depending on the time of day.

**BY ROAD**

Bridgend is just off the M4. If you are coming from the:

**East**
Exit the M4 at Junction 35. You will come across 2 roundabouts (including the one just off the motorway). Take the 1st exit at these roundabouts. Then, for the next 5 roundabouts, always take the 2nd exit. At the traffic lights, turn left. WEST is on your left after 200 metres.

**West**

Exit the M4 at Junction 37. At the roundabout just off the motorway, follow "Pyle". After this, follow the signs to Bridgend. Drive through Laleston. WEST is on your right about half a mile after Laleston. If you come to a set of traffic lights, you have gone too far.

## STAYING IN WEST

Residential accommodation at WEST comprises study bedrooms in two areas, a number of which are double rooms. All of the bedrooms are furnished and all have washbasins. Two of the rooms have en-suite facilities. Each accommodation area has ample toilet and shower facilities, as well as lounges and kitchens.

Pillows and blankets are provided but students must bring their own sheets and towels. The latter can be provided for visitors coming from abroad but must be requested in advance.

Visitors should make every effort to arrive at WEST during office hours (Monday-Friday: 9am-1pm /2-5pm) so that they can check in at Reception. If this is not possible, arrangements will need to be agreed pre-arrival. Keys will be supplied upon arrival.

All residents at WEST are self-catering. Students and visitors use the appropriate students' kitchens which have normal modern conveniences. A shop just across the road from WEST should provide all necessary foods.

There is also an Evangelical Movement of Wales bookshop on site, where registered students can get 25% discounts.

For accommodation tariffs please see the Fees section of the college website.