Welcome to Centre of the Cell

A visual story
This is where you’ll come into the building. As well as Centre of the Cell, there is a lot of science research going on in here.

These are the chairs for you to sit and wait until your session starts.
Some people who may be around

**Students**
Students study and have lectures in this building and so may be around.

**Scientists and other staff**
There are lots of people you will see working in the building. This means there may be noise around, but also that you will have to keep quiet too.
Some people you may meet

Centre of the Cell Team
They will run your sessions for you. You can recognise them by their blue t-shirt or hoodie.
If you have any questions or need anything on the day, ask one of these people.
Some people you may meet

Volunteers
Sometimes we will have volunteers helping out in our sessions as well. You can recognise them by their lanyard that says ‘Volunteer’.

Scientists and other staff
In some of our sessions, a scientist who works in the building will join us as well. You can ask them any questions you may have about their work.
Some useful places

Toilets

Water Fountain

Café
What happens next

A member of the Centre of the Cell team will greet you and take you to your next space.

They will take you up the stairs to one of our Pods. There is also a lift if you need it.
You might leave your belongings in the shop or at the back of the Neuron Pod.
Centre of the Cell Pods

Pods are rooms where we will deliver our sessions.

Neuron Pod

STEM Pod
Neuron Pod

If you are having a show or a workshop, this will be in Neuron Pod.
If you have a break between sessions, this will also happen in here.
If you are coming for a show, you will be asked to sit in rows of seats and a member of our team will talk through a topic at the front of the room.

We will use videos, props, demonstrations, and games.

These shows are interactive and we often ask for volunteers from the audience to help us but you don't have to take part.
Neuron Pod - Workshops

In our workshops, a series of activities will be set up on several different tables in the Neuron Pod. You will be sitting in groups and will have a set amount of time to complete each activity before being asked to move to the next one.
Our STEM Pod experience involves videos, games, and medical specimens on show. You will start by sitting around the edge of the room to watch a video before moving around the room to play the games. A member of our team will talk you through each section.
Other sights and sounds you might hear during your visit

- Sound effects and voices in the games
- Lighting changes
- A presenter speaking through a microphone
- Videos with sound
- Sound effects and voices in the games
- A warning signal, voiceover, and flashing lights
- Music
- Touch tables are used to play the games
Gift Shop

You might also go to the shop.

If you don’t get an opportunity to, we also have an online shop that you can access.
At the end of your visit, a member of our team will take you back to the chairs in reception where you started.

If you left your bags in the shop or Neuron Pod, you will be taken via there to collect them.
Other sounds you might hear during your visit

- Doors opening and closing (some of them beep when opening).
- Nearby traffic (including hospital vehicles – ambulances and helicopters).
- People talking and moving around the building.
- Sounds in the videos that we use in our shows.
If a fire alarm goes off, follow somebody in a blue Centre of the Cell hoodie or t-shirt. They will take you to a safety or refuge point. This is very unlikely to happen during your visit.
If you need anything on the day, just ask somebody wearing one of our Centre of the Cell blue hoodies or t-shirts.
If you have any feedback about this visual story please us know by emailing:

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