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Christmas closure and events, Student Space and assessments.

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**This is yourUWE Bristol.**

## Christmas is just around the corner

Our campuses will be closed from **16:30 on Friday 18 December 2020** and will re-open from **08:30 on Monday 4 January 2021**. Most services will be unavailable during this time, but some areas will remain open.

Please check the [Centre for Sport webpages](#) and [The Students' Union at UWE website](#) for their Christmas opening hours. And don't forget the [IT maintenance weekend](#) this weekend!

Security and Accommodation staff will be on site every day, and wellbeing support will be available online via [Kooth Student](#).

[Holiday closures >](#)

## Are you staying in Bristol over the Christmas break?

We're running a range of free events every day over the vacation period for students who are staying on campus or in Bristol over the holidays, including Christmas Day lunch and films!

If you would like to attend Christmas Day lunch, please [book your place](#) so we know that you're coming!

[Christmas events >](#)

## Student Space is here for you over the holidays

Given the uncertainty of the pandemic, you may be worried about what might happen during the Christmas break. [Student Space](#) has put together a range of articles to help you think about, plan for and manage the end of term.

They also offer 24/7 [text](#) and [email](#) support. If you want to get in touch with them by [phone](#), they are available from 15:00 - 00:00 everyday, and 16:00 - 23:00 everyday via [webchat](#).

[Find out more >](#)

**feel good** festive countdown. 

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## Look after your wellbeing during the festive period!

The Feel Good Team have put together some [virtual events](#) and a helpful blog post offering advice on how to look after your wellbeing this Christmas!

[Read the post >](#)

## Library opening hours

Our libraries will remain open during the Christmas vacation but with reduced opening hours. Make sure you check the [Christmas vacation access page](#) before you arrive - you will need your student card for access and to borrow any books.

## IT maintenance weekend

Don't forget, the next IT maintenance weekend will take place this **Friday 18 - Monday 21 December**.

This means all UWE Bristol IT services, systems and network provisions will be unavailable. You should not plan to hold events or carry out work that requires access to UWE Bristol IT services and systems during these times.

[Find out more >](#)

## Value for money

Getting value for money from your tuition fees is about more than just making sure you have great academic staff to learn from. That is an important part of it, but University is a much more rounded experience.

It involves having somewhere pleasant to study, having opportunities to build your employability skills and career prospects and getting help and support in your academic and personal life.

You can find out what we spent our money on during 2019/20 in this helpful [blog post](#).

## Centre for Music Christmas song 2020

The winner of the Centre for Music Christmas song competition is Will Spicer, a second year Creative Music Technology student!

[Listen to the winning song >](#)



## Don't miss our Resilient PAL sessions

Our managing mental health and wellbeing workshop focuses on improving your mental health through managing stress and re-framing negative thoughts.

For the run up to the Christmas vacation period, these sessions will include even more opportunities for friendly and supportive discussions, conversations and tips for dealing with any challenges the holiday season might bring.

[I'd like to take part >](#)

## Assessment information and support

### Frequently asked questions

How, when and where do I submit coursework? When will I receive results? Will I be given feedback? What happens if I have a problem? What's the pass mark for a module?

Answers to all of these questions and more can be found on our assessment pages.

[Find out more >](#)

### Deadline support

If you're struggling with any upcoming assessment deadlines, make sure you check the assessment support options available to you to find out what help is available.

If you need additional support, you can book an appointment with a [Student Support Adviser](#) via an [Information Point](#).

[Find out more >](#)

### Assessment offences

It is considered an assessment offence for you to attempt to achieve a higher grade or mark through unfair means such as cheating or plagiarism etc.

You can find out more from our [Assessment Offences Policy](#).

[Find out more >](#)

### Assessment feedback

You should normally receive marks/feedback within 20 working days following the deadline of your assessment.

Find out [how to use your feedback](#) to improve your future marks.

[Find out more >](#)

## Take part in Active Advent!

UWE Bristol Sport are sharing ways to keep active every day of advent. From workout videos to fresh ideas for getting out and about, follow them on Instagram [@uwebristolsport](#) for your daily dose of active advice!

[What's on >](#)

## Share your views in this period poverty survey

Tell us about your experience of period products so that The Students' Union and University know what to do to improve period education and supplies.

The survey should only take you around 10 minutes to complete and your responses are anonymous and confidential - so please be as honest as possible!

[Complete the survey >](#)

## Do you want to volunteer this Christmas?

### Caring in Bristol

[Caring in Bristol](#), a local homelessness charity is looking for people to register their interest to volunteer over the Christmas period.

They will update interested volunteers with information about support, including help in their night shelters, putting together food parcels and wellbeing checks.

### Post Pals

[Post Pals](#) is a small charity run solely by volunteers who are dedicated to making seriously ill children and their siblings smile

### St Mungo's

[St Mungo's](#) are advertising for volunteers to support in hotels where people experiencing homelessness are being housed during the pandemic.

They're also keen to hear from anyone interested in volunteering with them in other areas, including supporting their operations to sharing a skill in a workshop.

### Aid Box Community

Aid Box Community are recruiting volunteers for their 'Refutrees' Christmas Tree shop. It's a festive role which helps

by the sending of cards, letters, little gifts, support and friendship.

If you'd like to spread a little cheer, Post Pals is a great way to do it!

them raise vital funds for the work they do throughout the year.

It's for a great cause, so why not [sign-up](#) today?

## Upskill with LinkedIn Learning

Looking for something to do over the Christmas break? LinkedIn Learning has thousands of online training videos for software, design, business skills and more.

You can use your own equipment (computer, tablet or phone) or a UWE Bristol computer - so take a look at what's on offer!

[Find out more >](#)

## Don't get caught out without a parking permit

You must display a valid parking permit to park on any of our campuses - without one, you risk receiving a Parking Charge Notice (PCN). If you don't pay a PCN it could result in court action and debt recovery.

Remember, paying at a machine does not give you permission to park on campus unless you have a permit. You're not allowed to park in unauthorised areas including visitor car parks, double yellow lines, disabled bays (unless you have a blue badge) and pick-up bays.

[Car parking guidance >](#)

## Last chance to complete module feedback surveys

These are your chance to feedback on how your modules are going - what's working well and what could do better. Your comments will help staff understand your experiences so they can make improvements - you may even see changes in time for Teaching Block 2 in February!

[Watch this short video](#) from final year student, Chloe, explaining why it's so important! Look out for the surveys on Blackboard.

## Domestic abuse support

Our homes have become even more important to us during lockdown, particularly with spending more time at home. For most, home will be a place of sanctuary, but there will be some living in difficult and unsafe situations.

The University's [Speak Up campaign](#) raises awareness about domestic abuse and what you can do if you or someone that you know is experiencing it.



## Bristol Photography Festival partnership

We've teamed up with [Bristol Photography Festival](#) and [IC Visual Lab](#) for a new, three-year partnership. The partnerships will open up a wide range of work experience placements and live briefs for both undergraduate and postgraduate students.

You'll also have access to industry talks and events, as well as opportunities to display your work at prestigious exhibitions and venues!

[Find out more >](#)

## UWE Low Income Bursary

If you are awaiting notification on whether you have been allocated the £500 Low Income Bursary, payable in February 2021, you will be notified via your Student Finance account during January 2021.

For more information on this bursary and its criteria, please see our [UWE Bursary webpages](#).

## Do you want to be our Equity Intern?

Would you like to be part of the award-winning [Equity programme](#) to provide personal and professional development opportunities for Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) students?

If you have experience organising events, creating content and posters for social media, and have new ideas for engaging with students, apply for our [Equity Intern position!](#)



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## CHRISTMAS AT THE STUDENTS' UNION

We know this Christmas is going to be different, and that especially if you are staying on campus, this could be a challenging time. Well, don't worry, because we have planned some activities to help you chat with new people and have a whole load of festive fun.

We've got a Netflix Christmas Movie Night, Let's Get Quizzical and our Winter Warmers event, which comes with a FREE box of Christmassy goodies including hot drinks, snacks and a gingerbread house kit. As well as this, there will be a physical Christmas lunch in OneZone!

So have a look at everything on offer, sign up to a few events and get ready to feel festive.

[Find out more >](#)

**JOEY ANTE**  
VP Community  
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**JOSH EDJE**  
VP Sports  
and Health





## OUR U BLOCK SHOP IS OPEN

The Students' Union U Block on Frenchay Campus will be open over the festive period. It has all the essentials you need, saving you a trip off campus!

You can pick up a takeaway lunch from the in-store bakery or get a meal deal for just £3.30. If you're looking for food to cook at home, we've increased our range of chilled and frozen foods and we stock ready meals, fresh and frozen pizzas, a selection of meat and meat-free alternatives, as well as daily essentials like bread, milk, and eggs. We also stock paracetamol, cleaning products and that all-important toilet paper!

[Opening hours >](#)

## CHECK OUT THE EYE CLINIC

We are delighted to announce that the Glenside Eye Clinic will be open from Tuesday 5 January 2021, and you can book appointments online now.

Our final year students need your help to qualify and to thank you for your support, all UWE Bristol students can have a sight test, contact lens assessment and fitting for FREE.

As well as this, the Eye Clinic also stocks a wide range of frames from £29 and all students can get a 20% discount on frames over £69 – all you need to do is show your student card!

[Book your free test >](#)

### Quick links

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### Get in touch

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## Dynamic content

## International

### Don't miss it!

#### Global Cafe at Christmas

Join us this **Thursday 17 December** at **14:30** to explore and discover the things we do in the UK to celebrate Christmas - from own tradition facts, food, gifting and wrapping!

This is an opportunity to share how you normally spend your Christmas period as an international student in the UK, and make it an unforgettable experience, together with us!

[Join in online >](#)

#### Virtual Christmas Fair

It has become tradition in the faculty that we put on a Christmas Fair in the Atrium of Bristol Business School, and this year the fair is going virtual!

The fair will showcase products produced by students, staff and local businesses. Get in time for some Christmas Shopping.

[Book online for free >](#)

#### BISC's Christmas celebration

Ever wondered why the UK celebrates Christmas the way that we do? Join us this **Friday 18 December** from **17:30 - 18:30** to learn all about it.

Test your knowledge in our quiz, experience traditional carol singing 'of sorts', and engage with a short talk about how and why we celebrate Christmas...Santa may even pop in for a visit!

[Join in online >](#)

#### Practice English with Franie!

Would you like a free opportunity to practice your English online over a two week period from **Monday 11 - Friday 22 January 2021**, plus the chance to win a prize?

If you're speak English as a second language and you'd like to take part, make sure you sign-up to take part!

[Sign-up online >](#)