

September 2025

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# **International and EU Student Orientation Events**



# Welcome!

Welcome! The events highlighted below will help you settle into your surroundings and make the most of your time here at UWE Bristol. The social events provide opportunities to meet your international peers and connect with other students as well as introduce you to life at the University and the UK.

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**To view Welcome events hosted by The Students' Union, please visit:**

[welcome.thestudentsunion.co.uk/events](https://welcome.thestudentsunion.co.uk/events)

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The Global Lounge is open daily from **Monday to Friday**, between **10:00 to 15:00** (UK time). This is a space where the Global Student Support team and Student Ambassadors will be available to help you with any queries. We provide guidance on finding accommodation, we also help with returning to campus queries and help you to navigate your way around UWE systems as well as signposting you to other support services available to you.

Come visit the Global Lounge located in **P Block, Room 2P4 on Frenchay Campus**.

## Monday 8 September 2025 to Sunday 14 September 2025

**\*Welcome Weekend** runs from **Thursday 11 September to Sunday 14 September, 10:00 to 16:00** at **The Space** in **room 2D11**. Come along and find out everything you need to know about registration, Whether you're a new or returning student, this is a perfect opportunity to speak to UWE support services who are all here to help you make the most of your university experience.

### Get involved

[uwe.ac.uk/life/preparing-and-arrival/registration](https://uwe.ac.uk/life/preparing-and-arrival/registration)

Event / Description	Date/ Time	Location
<b>Campus Highlights: Explore Frenchay with Global Buddies</b>		
<p>Join our friendly Global Buddies - current international students just like you - for a fun and informal tour of UWE Bristol's Frenchay Campus! Discover the best places to eat, grab coffee, shop for essentials, and find your favourite study spots.</p> <p>Whether you're looking for hidden gems or practical tips for everyday student life, this relaxed walkaround is the perfect way to familiarise yourself with your new campus and meet other students along the way.</p>	Friday 12 September 11:00–13:00	Meet us: <b>Outside P Block by the bench on Frenchay</b>
<b>Transport in Bristol</b>		
<p>New to Bristol and unsure how to get around? Join our Global Buddies as they share their top tips on using buses, bikes, coaches, and trains to explore Bristol and beyond. From how to catch your first bus to navigating rail apps and travel cards, this relaxed and friendly session will help you feel more confident and connected as you settle into your new home.</p>	Saturday 13 September 10:00–11:00	<b>Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay</b>

Event / Description	Date/ Time	Location
<b>Bristol City Centre Tour</b>		
<p>The UWE Global Student Support Team are excited to take you on a fabulous sightseeing trip around Bristol!</p> <p>Get to know Bristol City Centre on an informative and interactive walking tour led by a professional tour guide. You'll learn about Bristol culture, including the famous street art, and discover some of the amazing history of Bristol, making new friends along the way.</p> <p><b>(Look out for the Bristol Street Art Tour on Saturday 21 September, 11:00–12:30)</b></p>	<p>Saturday 13 September</p> <p>11:00–12:30</p>	<p>Register to attend:</p> <p><b>Get tickets</b></p>

## Starting Block:

Monday 15 September 2025 to Sunday 21 September 2025

Event / Description	Date/ Time	Location
<b>Global Coffee Morning</b>		
<p>A morning welcome from the Global Student Support team who are here to provide you with all the support and guidance you need to help you to settle into student life at UWE Bristol!</p> <p>Meet our Healthcare professionals and Global Buddies who will be there to help you with questions on topics such as registering with a doctor, accessing emergency treatment, and how to open bank accounts!</p> <p>Join us for a free hot drink and pastries.</p>	<p>Monday 15 September</p> <p>09:00–10:00</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Wednesday 17 September</p> <p>09:00–10:00</p>	<p><b>Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay</b></p>

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<b>Meet the Global Support Teams</b>		
<p>Join us for an overview on the most important things you need to be aware of with regards to your student visa, working in the UK and how to access international and EU student support and guidance throughout your course.</p> <p>This session will be run by members of our Global Student Support, Immigration Advice and Global Employability teams, with the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about being an international student in the UK.</p>	<p>Monday 15 September 10:00–11:00</p>	<p><b>4X113, Frenchay Campus</b></p>
<b>Glenside Welcome Fair</b>		
<p>Glenside Campus is showcasing the very best of what the campus has to offer.</p> <p>Say hello to student-friendly organisations, sign up to societies, see what our sports clubs have to offer and bag yourself some freebies along the way!</p> <p>As well as a whole host of stalls specifically tailored to healthcare students, our Fair also features activities to kickstart your academic year in style.</p> <p>Relax whilst enjoying live music, you'll also be able to get a massage and play garden games in our Chill Out Zone as well as claim a free ice cream!</p> <p>Come and say hello to the Global Student Support team whilst you're there!</p>	<p>Tuesday 16 September 11:00–15:00</p>	<p><b>Glenside Playing field, Glenside campus</b></p>

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<b>Life in the UK: What to Know</b>		
<p>We are excited to welcome our friendly UWE Police Officers to share everything you need to know about common types of fraud targeting students. Learn how to spot red flags, safeguard your personal information, and report suspicious activities such as Hate crime.</p> <p>The Home Office will also be here to highlight regulations that may affect your right to remain in the UK and provide top tips on student work rules.</p> <p>Empower yourself with knowledge, support, and practical advice at this essential session!</p>	<p>Wednesday 17 September</p> <p>10:00–11:30</p>	<p><b>4X113, Frenchay Campus</b></p>
<b>Transport in Bristol</b>		
<p>New to Bristol and unsure how to get around?</p> <p>Join our Global Buddies as they share their top tips on using buses, bikes, coaches, and trains to explore Bristol and beyond. From how to catch your first bus to navigating rail apps and travel cards, this relaxed and friendly session will help you feel more confident and connected as you settle into your new home.</p>	<p>Thursday 18 September</p> <p>11:00–12:30</p>	<p><b>Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay</b></p>
<b>Bristol Street Art Tour</b>		
<p>Come and join us to explore Bristol's amazing street art culture.</p> <p>This interactive walking tour is led by a professional tour guide who'll be revealing stories about art works by the world-famous Bristol artist Banksy and lesser-known artists. You'll be able to amaze your friends and family with your knowledge when they come to visit!</p>	<p>Sunday 21 September</p> <p>11:00–12:30</p>	<p>Register to attend:</p> <p><b>Get tickets</b></p>

## Starting Block Week Two:

Monday 22 September 2025 to Sunday 28 September 2025

Event / Description	Date/ Time	Location
<b>Global Coffee Morning</b>		
<p>A morning welcome from the Global Student Support team who are here to provide you with all the support and guidance you need to help you to settle into student life at UWE Bristol!</p> <p>Meet our Healthcare professionals and Global Buddies who will be there to help you with questions on topics such as registering with a doctor, accessing emergency treatment, and how to open bank accounts!</p> <p>Join us for a free hot drink and pastries.</p>	<p>Tuesday 23 September 09:00–10:00 <b>OR</b> Thursday 25 September 09:00–10:00</p>	<p><b>Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay</b></p>
<b>Meet the Global Support Teams</b>		
<p>Join us for an overview on the most important things you need to be aware of with regards to your student visa, working in the UK and how to access international and EU student support and guidance throughout your course.</p> <p>This session will be run by members of our Global Student Support, Immigration Advice and Global Employability teams, with the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about being an international student in the UK.</p>	<p>Tuesday 23 September 10:00–11:00</p>	<p><b>5X108, Frenchay Campus</b></p>
<b>Boat trip with cream tea</b>		
<p>Join us for a mini cruise down the beautiful River Avon from Bristol Harbourside. This is a great way to see some of the amazing Bristol sights and get to know your peers more.</p> <p>This tour gives you a chance to explore Bristol's iconic graffiti art and vibrant creative culture! All whilst enjoying delicious cream tea.</p>	<p>Tuesday 23 September 18:00–19:00 (17:30 meeting point)</p>	<p>Book your place: <b>Online store</b></p>

Event / Description	Date/ Time	Location
<b>UWE Freshers' Fair</b>		
Join in and find out about everything that the Students' Union, sport clubs, societies, the University and Bristol itself has to offer. With over 200 stalls there are plenty of things to do, people to meet and freebies to get! Our events and activities are for everyone: whether you're fresh out of school, coming to us as a mature student, or returning for your second or third year. All are welcome!	<p>Wednesday 24 September</p> <p><b>TO</b></p> <p>Thursday 25 September</p> <p>11:00–16:00</p>	<p>Just turn up!</p> <p><b>The Students' Union at UWE</b></p>
<b>How studying at UWE will be different as a new international student</b>		
This session will outline some of the main differences many international students experience when studying at UWE Bristol compared to studying in their countries. We'll focus on the different types of classes, the teacher-student relationship, and assessments.	<p>Thursday 25 September</p> <p>10:00–11:00</p>	<p><b>3X114, Frenchay Campus</b></p>
<b>Arnolfini Global Coffee Morning</b>		
<p>A morning welcome from the Global Student Support team who are here to provide you with all the support and guidance you need to help you to settle into student life at UWE Bristol!</p> <p>We'll be here to help you with questions on topics such as registering with a doctor, accessing emergency treatment, and how to open bank account!</p> <p>Meet us at the Arnolfini for a free hot drink.</p>	<p>Friday 26 September</p> <p>11:00–12:30</p>	<p><b>Arnolfini cafe</b></p>



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<b>Transport in Bristol</b>		
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<b>Museum and Steam Train Experience</b>		
<p>Step into the story of Bristol with a trip to the iconic M Shed Museum, where you'll explore the city's rich past - from its people and places to its role in global history.</p> <p>Wander through interactive exhibits that bring Bristol's culture and heritage to life, then hop aboard a real historic steam train for a scenic ride along the harbourside!</p> <p>It's a great chance to connect with other students while discovering your new city.</p>	<p>Sunday 28 September 11:00–13:00</p>	<p>Meet us: <b>Outside the main entrance to the Arnolfini</b></p>

## Teaching term commences:

Monday 29 September 2025 to Sunday 5 October 2025

Event / Description	Date/ Time	Location
<b>Global Café: British Bake-Off Fun</b>		
<p>Join us for a fun and delicious Global Café where you'll get hands-on decorating classic British treats like scones, cookies, cupcakes, and fruit tarts!</p> <p>No baking experience need, just come along for the sweets, this relaxed session is all about creativity, culture, and connection. Join us to try something new, and enjoy a taste of Britain.</p>	Wednesday 1 October 12:00–13:00	<b>Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay Campus</b>
<b>City Campus Welcome Fair</b>		
<p>Join us at Bower Ashton where you can find out about all things City Campus, with stalls from societies, The Students' Union services, UWE Bristol services and local businesses. Showcasing the very best of what your campus has to offer, the Bower Ashton Welcome Fair is your go-to for everything you need to know about life as a City Campus student.</p> <p>Meet our sports clubs, societies and support services, network with Bristol-based creatives and fill up a bag with freebies along the way.</p>	Thursday 2 October 11:00–15:00	<b>The Hub, A Block, Bower Ashton Campus</b>

## Teaching block:

Monday 6 October 2025 to Sunday 12 October 2025

Event / Description	Date/ Time	Location
<b>Global café: Tea, Traditions &amp; Tasting</b>		
Curious about British quirks and customs? Join us for a fun and interactive Global Café where we'll explore the charming (and sometimes confusing!) traditions of life in the UK - from the art of queuing and constant apologising to the national obsession with weather talk.  Of course, no British experience is complete without tea and biscuits, which will be Fairtrade and served by The SU Green Team. So come along, sip, snack, and learn something new with fellow students!	Wednesday 8 October 12:00–13:00	<b>Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay Campus</b>

## Teaching block:

Monday 13 October 2025 to Sunday 19 October 2025

Event / Description	Date/ Time	Location
<b>Global café: Wellbeing Get-2gether</b>		
<p>A get together to have fun and meet new friends. They'll be games, sharing, and the opportunity to taste some speciality refreshments.</p> <p>All students are welcome to join although spaces are allocated on a first come, first served basis so get there early to avoid missing out!</p>	Wednesday 15 October 12:00–13:00	<b>Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay Campus</b>
<b>International Welcome Party</b>		
<p>Whether you're new to UWE or already part of our global community, come along to our International Welcome Party - a fun and friendly afternoon to meet other international students, make new connections, and celebrate the start of your journey in Bristol.</p> <p>Enjoy free food and drinks, great conversation, and a relaxed vibe that's all about bringing people together! Remember to wear any traditional clothes from your home country if you have them with you!</p>	Wednesday 15 October 16:00–18:00	Register to attend: <b>Get tickets</b>