

January 2026

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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 book your place at any of the orientation events, you must sign up:**

Events hosted by the University:

[go.uwe.ac.uk/orientation](https://go.uwe.ac.uk/orientation)

Events hosted by The Students' Union:

[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, in addition to helping you navigate life in the UK and at UWE throughs signposting you to support services available to you.

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

## Monday 19 January 2026 to Sunday 25 January 2026:

**Welcome Hub** runs from **Thursday 15 January to Friday 6 February, 11:00 to 15:00** 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>	<p>Monday 19 January 11:00–12:30</p>	<p>Meet us: <b>On Frenchay campus by the bench outside P Block</b></p>
<b>Global Morning Coffee</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 20 January 09:00–10:00</p> <hr/> <p>Thursday 22 January 09:00–10:00</p>	<p><b>Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay Campus</b></p>

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<b>Life in the UK: What to Know</b>		
<p>Join our friendly UWE Police Officers to learn how to protect yourself against common frauds that target students. You'll discover how to spot warning signs, keep your personal information safe, and know what to do if you encounter suspicious activity. The On Your Side team will also guide you through understanding hate crime in a clear, interactive way, helping you recognise it and access the right support.</p> <p>You'll also hear from the SU President, who will share their personal journey as an international student -including the challenges they faced and the services that helped them thrive.</p> <p>Come along to gain practical advice and useful insights to help you settle into university life feeling informed and supported.</p>	<p>Tuesday 20 January</p> <p>10:00–11:00</p>	<p><b>Room 3X105, Frenchay Campus</b></p>
<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>	<p>Wednesday 21 January</p> <p>11:00–12:00</p>	<p><b>Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay Campus</b></p>
<b>Global Café: A Sweet Taste of the UK</b>		
<p>Join us for a fun and delicious Global Café where you'll get hands-on decorating classic British treats like scones, biscuits, and cupcakes!</p> <p>Whether you're a baking pro or just here for the sweets, this relaxed session is all about creativity, culture, and connection. Come along, try something new, and enjoy a taste of Britain - no baking experience needed!</p>	<p>Wednesday 21 January</p> <p>12:00–13:00</p>	<p><b>Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay Campus</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>Thursday 22 January 10:00–11:00</p>	<p><b>Room 5X104, X Block, Frenchay</b></p>
<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>Sunday 25 January 11:00–12:30</p>	<p>Meet us: <b>Ka Fei coffee hub (Blue shipping container) in City Centre at 10:45</b></p>

## Starting Block Week One:

Monday 26 January 2026 to Sunday 1 February 2026

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<b>Transport in Bristol</b>		
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.	Monday 26 January 11:00–12:00	<b>Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay</b>
<b>Arnolfini Global Coffee Morning</b>		
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!  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!  Meet us at the Arnolfini for a free hot drink.	Tuesday 27 January 10:00–11:00	<b>Arnolfini cafe</b>
<b>Global Café: Cyber Security</b>		
Come along to the Global Café: Cyber Security event and play Frank's Café—a series of games designed by UWE Bristol students. You will find out about how to keep yourself safe online and our friendly Cyber Security team will be there to answer any questions. There will also be freebies and cookies up for grabs!	Wednesday 28 January 10:00–13:00	<b>Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay</b>