

September 2026

International 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.

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

Events hosted by the University:

go.uwe.ac.uk/orientation

Events hosted by The Students' Union:

welcome.thestudentsunion.co.uk/events

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**.

Starting Block Week One:

Monday 14 September 2026 to Sunday 20 September 2026:

Welcome Hub runs from **Thursday 10 September to Friday 2 October, 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

| Event / Description | Date/ Time | Location |
|---|--|---|
| Transport in Bristol | | |
| <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>Monday 14 September 10:00–11:00</p> | <p>Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay Campus</p> |
| Campus Tour: International | | |
| <p>Join our friendly Global Buddies, who are 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 14 September 11:00–13:00</p> | <p>Meet us: Outside P Block by the bench on Frenchay</p> |

| Event / Description | Date/ Time | Location |
|---|---|--|
| Glenside Welcome Fair | | |
| <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 15 September 11:00–15:00</p> | <p>Glenside Playing Field, Glenside campus</p> |
| Boat trip with cream tea | | |
| <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 15 September 18:00 - 19:00</p> | <p>Book your place:</p> <p>Online store</p> |

| Event / Description | Date/ Time | Location |
|---|---|--|
| Global Morning Coffee | | |
| <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, Student Money Services and Global Buddies who will be there to help you with questions on topics such as registering with a doctor, accessing emergency treatment, money saving tips, and how to open bank accounts!</p> <p>Join us for a free hot drink and pastries.</p> | <p>Wednesday 16 September 09:00–10:00</p> | <p><u>Purdown View Cafe, Frenchay Campus</u></p> |
| Meet the Global Support Teams | | |
| <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>Wednesday 16 September 10:00–11:00</p> | <p>Room TBC, Frenchay Campus</p> |

| Event / Description | Date/ Time | Location |
|---|--|--|
| Love Food? Love Waste Too! | | |
| <p>Enjoy free snacks and refreshments while learning about food waste, recycling, and sustainable living in Bristol. Discover how recycling and food waste systems work in the UK, pick up practical tips for reducing waste, and find out how small changes can help make a positive impact on the environment.</p> <p>This is also a great opportunity to meet other international students, ask questions, and learn about the support and initiatives available to help you settle into life at UWE Bristol</p> | <p>Thursday 17 September 12:00–13:00</p> | <p>Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay</p> |
| Food Tours of Bristol | | |
| <p>There's no better way to spend an afternoon than enjoying delicious food with other students from around the world!</p> <p>Love street food or trying new flavours? Join us for a 'Food Tour of Bristol' and discover some of the city's best independent food spots while exploring Bristol's rich history and culture.</p> | <p>Friday 18 September 11:30–12:30</p> | <p>Book your place:</p> <p>Online store</p> |
| Bristol City Tour | | |
| <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>(Look out for the Bristol Street Art Tour on Saturday 26 September, 11:00–12:30)</p> | <p>Saturday 13 September 11:00–12:30</p> | <p>Ka Fei coffee hub (Blue shipping container) in City Centre at 10:45</p> |

Starting Block Week Two:

Monday 21 September 2026 to Sunday 27 September 2026

| Event / Description | Date/ Time | Location |
|---|---|--|
| Transport in Bristol | | |
| <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>Monday 21 September 11:00–12:00</p> | <p><u>Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay Campus</u></p> |
| Global Coffee Morning | | |
| <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, Student Money Services and Global Buddies who will be there to help you with questions on topics such as registering with a doctor, accessing emergency treatment, money saving tips, and how to open bank accounts!</p> <p>Join us for a free hot drink and pastries.</p> | <p>Tuesday 22 September 09:00–10:00</p> | <p><u>Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay Campus</u></p> |

| Event / Description | Date/ Time | Location |
|--|---|--|
| Life in the UK: What to Know | | |
| <p>Join UWE Police Officers to learn how to protect yourself from common scams affecting students, including how to spot warning signs and keep your personal information safe.</p> <p>The session will also cover hate crime awareness, how to recognise it, and the support available at UWE Bristol, alongside insights from the SU President on their international student experience and the support that helped them thrive. A practical and welcoming session designed to help you feel informed, confident, and supported as you settle into university life.</p> | <p>Tuesday 22 September 10:00–11:00</p> | <p><u>Room TBC, Frenchay Campus</u></p> |
| UWE Freshers' Fair | | |
| <p>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> <p>(Repeated Thursday 24 September, 11:00–16:00)</p> | <p>Wednesday 24 September 11:00–16:00</p> | <p>Just turn up!</p> <p><u>The Students' Union at UWE</u></p> |

| Event / Description | Date/ Time | Location |
|--|--|---|
| Arnolfini Global Coffee Morning | | |
| <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 25 September 10:00–11:00</p> | <p><u>Arnolfini cafe</u></p> |
| Bristol Street Art Tour | | |
| <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>Saturday 26 September 11:00–12:30</p> | <p>Meet us: <u>Ka Fei coffee hub (Blue shipping container) in City Centre</u> at 10:45</p> |

| Event / Description | Date/ Time | Location |
|--|--|---|
| Welcome to UWE | | |
| <p>Welcome Party for New Students!</p> <p>Join us for a fun and relaxed afternoon designed to help you settle into university life, meet new people, and start building friendships</p> <p>Join us for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food and Refreshments • Music and Entertainment • Fun Games and Activities • Opportunities to Meet Fellow Students <p>Whether you're feeling excited, nervous, or a bit of both, this is the perfect chance to connect with other new students, have some fun, and discover the vibrant community around you.</p> | <p>Sunday 27 September 11:00–12:30</p> | <p><u>Walled Garden, Frenchay</u></p> |

Teaching term commences:

Monday 28 September 2026 to Sunday 4 October 2026

| Event / Description | Date/ Time | Location |
|---|---|--|
| Transport in Bristol | | |
| <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>Monday 28 September 11:00–12:00</p> | <p><u>Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay Campus</u></p> |
| Global Café: Muffin Decorating & Tea | | |
| <p>Join us for a fun and delicious Global Café where you'll get hands-on experience decorating your own classic British muffin while enjoying a selection of traditional British teas.</p> <p>It's a great opportunity to meet other international students and try something new in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. There will also be a surprise goody bag for the best-decorated muffin, so get ready to get creative!</p> <p>Come along, sip some tea, and enjoy a sweet taste of British culture.</p> | <p>Wednesday 30 September 12:00–13:00</p> | <p><u>Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay Campus</u></p> |

Teaching term commences:

Monday 28 September 2026 to Sunday 4 October 2026

| Event / Description | Date/ Time | Location |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| City Campus Welcome Fair | | |
| <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 1 October 11:00–15:00 | <u>The Hub, A Block, Bower Ashton Campus</u> |

Teaching term commences:

Monday 5 September 2026 to Sunday 11 October 2026

| Event / Description | Date/ Time | Location |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| Global Café: Cyber Security | | |
| <p>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.</p> <p>There will also be freebies and cookies up for grabs!</p> | Wednesday 7 October 10:00–13:00 | <u>Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay Campus</u> |

Teaching Block:

Monday 12 October 2026 to Sunday 18 October 2026

| Event / Description | Date/ Time | Location |
|---|--|---|
| Global café: Wellbeing Get-2gether | | |
| <p>A get together to have fun and meet new friends. There'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 14 October 12:00–13:00 | <u>Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay Campus</u> |