

UWE Bristol
International and EU Student Orientation
 September and October 2021

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

Monday 6 September 2021 to Friday 10 September 2021

Event	Description	Date/ Time	Location
Student Panel Discussion: my life at UWE Bristol	Ask questions and hear life experiences from our Global Buddies. They will be sharing their top tips on adapting to the UK as an international student. This will be the chance to find out how to get the most out of your time at UWE Bristol and ask questions.	Tuesday 7 September 10:00 – 11:00	Online Blackboard webinar go.uwe.ac.uk/globalcafe
Glenside Hospital Museum self-guided tours	Only for a limited time you can take a free self-guided tour through the fascinating history of Glenside Hospital and learn all about the history of healthcare on UWE's gorgeous campus. (Repeated same time Saturday 11 September, 10:00-12:30)	Wednesday 8 September 10:00 – 12:30	Book your place: thestudentsunion.co.uk/ents/event/10554/
Food Shopping Trip	Join us on a trip to the local supermarket so you can start stocking up on food and other essentials to help you settle into your new home! ASDA is one of the UK's largest and best value supermarket chains where you will be able to buy anything from food to bedding, pots and pans, stationery, clothes and much more! This is your chance to check out the shops surrounding Frenchay Campus.	Thursday 9 September 11:00 – 12:00	Meet outside the SU, Union 1, Frenchay
Global Café: Welcome to Bristol	Life in a new social, cultural and academic environment is exciting but can also feel challenging. Join our global café to find out about some of the things to do in this fantastic city - from the centuries-old heritage and where to find the latest Banksy creation, to where to eat out and the best markets to find a bargain. There will be a fun Bristol quiz to take part in too!	Thursday 9 September 14:30 – 15:30	Online Blackboard webinar go.uwe.ac.uk/globalcafe

Monday 13 September 2021 to Sunday 19 September 2021

Event	Description	Date/ Time	Location
An Introduction to British Culture	An informal session designed to help you settle into your new cultural environment. The session will give you the chance to explore common traits in British thinking and behaviours and will give you an opportunity to ask questions you have about British culture.	Tuesday 14 September 10:00 – 11:00	Online Blackboard webinar go.uwe.ac.uk/globalcafe
Food Shopping Trip	Join us on a trip to the local supermarket so you can start stocking up on food and other essentials to help you settle into your new home! ASDA is one of the UK's largest and best value supermarket chains where you will be able to buy anything from food to bedding, pots and pans, stationery, clothes and much more! This is your chance to check out the shops surrounding Frenchay Campus.	Thursday 16 September 11:00 – 12:00	Meet outside the SU, Union 1, Frenchay
Pizza and Board Games	Come along down to the Glenside SU! We'll have pizzas, board games, Wii, and the Nintendo Switch too!	Friday 17 September 16:00 – 19:00	Book your place: thestudentsunion.co.uk/ents/event/10572/

Monday 20 September 2021 to Sunday 26 September 2021

The **Global Reception** is available from **Monday to Friday**, between **11:00 to 14:00** (GMT). This is a space where the Global Student Support team together with Global Ambassadors will be available to help you with any enquiries. We can provide guidance on finding accommodation, help with returning to campus queries, and we can explain how to use the UWE online system. We can also signpost you to other support services.

Come visit the Global Lounge located in **P Block Foyer (South Entrance) on Frenchay Campus**.

Event	Description	Date/ Time	Location
Household Trip	Whether you've recently arrived in Bristol or you've been here for some time, there's lots of support to help you feel at home. Join us on a trip to the Abbey Wood Shopping Park to help you start settle in to your new place! Abbey Wood Shopping Park has all the shops you need, from big supermarkets such as ASDA, B&M to gyms and restaurants! (Repeated Wednesday 13 October, 14:00-15:00)	Wednesday 22 September 14:00 – 15:00	Meet outside the SU, Union 1, Frenchay
Food Shopping Trip	Join us on a trip to the local supermarket, Asda so you can start stocking up on food and other essentials to help you settle into your new home! ASDA is one of the UK's largest and best value supermarket chains where you will be able to buy anything from food to bedding, pots and pans, stationery and clothes and much more! Here's a chance to check out other available shops surrounding the Frenchay Campus.	Thursday 23 September 11:00 – 12:00	Meet outside the SU, Union 1, Frenchay
Societies Drop-in session	Being part of a society is one of the best ways to boost your university experience! Drop in to find out more about joining a society or setting up a new one.	Thursday 23 September 12:00 – 14:00	The Students' Union at Glenside
Bristol City Centre Tour	Get to know Bristol City Centre with new friends on an informative and interactive walking tour led by a professional guide. Visit the famous street art, cultural sights, and wander around to discover the best places in Bristol (Repeated Sunday 26 September, 11:00-12:00)	Friday 24 September 15:00 – 16:00	Meet outside the SU, Union 1, Frenchay
Student Parent Picnic	Enjoy the lovely community garden on campus, bring along your packed lunch or treat yourself to hot food from any of UWE's eateries! We will then find a beautiful spot for us to sit and enjoy the scenery! Everyone is welcome to join, so please feel free to bring along your family members and children - the more the merrier! (Repeated Monday 4 October, 13:00-14:00)	Saturday 25 September 11:00 – 12:00	Meet outside the SU, Union 1, Frenchay

Starting Block Week One:**Monday 27 September 2021 to Sunday 3 October 2021**

Event	Description	Date/ Time	Location
Global Welcome Breakfast	A morning welcome from the Global Student Support team who are here to provide you with all the support and guidance you may need to settle into student life at UWE Bristol!	Monday 27 September 09:00 – 09:45	Atrium Foyer, Bristol Business School (X Block), Frenchay
	Come and meet us for a free breakfast which will include pastries as well as fresh fruit.	Wednesday 29 September 09:00 – 09:45	Glenside Campus
	We've been looking forward to meeting you!	Friday 1 October 09:00 – 09:45	Atrium Foyer, Bristol Business School (X Block), Frenchay
Glenside Welcome Fair	Glenside Campus is showcasing the very best of what the campus has to offer with stalls from Student societies, Sports clubs, Support services, Student-friendly companies & more! They'll have plenty of information, sign-ups, live demos and freebies galore!	Tuesday 28 11:00 – 16:00	The Students' Union at Glenside
Bristol City Centre Tour	Get to know Bristol City Centre with new friends on an informative and interactive walking tour led by a professional guide. Visit the famous street art, culture, sights and wander around to discover the best places in Bristol. (Repeated Sunday 3 October, 14:30-15:30)	Saturday 2 October 11:00 – 12:00	Meet outside the SU, Union 1, Frenchay
Boat Party	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. This tour gives you a chance to explore Bristol's iconic graffiti art and vibrant creative culture! (Repeated Wednesday 6 October, evening)	Saturday 2 October Evening	Book your place: welcome.thestudentsunion.co.uk/events

**Starting Block Week Two:
Monday 4 October 2021 to Sunday 10 October 2021**

Event	Description	Date/ Time	Location
Global Welcome Breakfast	<p>A morning welcome from the Global Student Support team who are here to provide you with all the support and guidance you may need to settle into student life at UWE, Bristol! Come and meet us for a free breakfast which will include pastries as well as fresh fruit.</p> <p>We've been looking forward to meeting you!</p>	Monday 4 October 09:00 – 09:45	Atrium Foyer, Bristol Business School (X Block), Frenchay
		Wednesday 6 October 09:00 – 09:45	City campus at Arnolfini
		Friday 8 October 09:00 – 09:45	Atrium Foyer, Bristol Business School (X Block), Frenchay
Student Parent Picnic	<p>Enjoy the lovely community garden on campus, bring along your packed lunch or treat yourself to hot food from any of UWE's eateries! We will then find a beautiful spot for us to sit and enjoy the scenery! Everyone is welcome to join, so please feel free to bring along your family members and children – the more the merrier!</p>	Monday 4 October 13:00 – 14:00	Meet outside the SU, Union 1, Frenchay
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 are fresh out of school, coming to us as a mature student, or returning for your second or third year.</p>	Thursday 7 October 11:00 – 16:00	<p>Just turn up!</p> <p>thestudentsunion.co.uk/ents/event/10618/</p>
International Social Sports Tournament	<p>Join us for some friendly competition. Together with Feel Good and our MOVE programme, we'll be running a Social Sports Tournament, featuring a range of fun team games.</p>	Friday 8 October 18:30 – 20:30	<p>Book your place:</p> <p>thestudentsunion.co.uk/ents/event/9330/</p>

Teaching Block:**Monday 11 October 2021 to Sunday 17 October 2021**

Event	Description	Date/ Time	Location
Global Welcome Breakfast	Come and meet the team over breakfast.	Monday 11 October 09:00-09:45	Bower Ashton
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.</p> <p>Expect giveaways, free food and fun activities all designed to help you get to know each other and life as a City Campus student.</p>	Monday 11 October 11:00 - 16:00	Bower Ashton
Household Trip	<p>Whether you've recently arrived in Bristol or you've been here for some time, there's lots of support to help you feel at home. Join us on a trip to the Abbey Wood Shopping Park to help you start settle in to your new place!</p> <p>Abbey Wood Shopping Park has all the shops you need, from big supermarkets such as ASDA, B&M to gyms and restaurants!</p>	Wednesday 13 October 14:00 - 15:00	Meet outside the SU, Union 1, Frenchay
Global Café: Get together!	<p>Come to our global Get Together to meet people from all over the world who are studying at UWE Bristol.</p> <p>This is also an opportunity to meet the Global Student Support team, Library team, The Chaplaincy, and many more!</p> <p>With traditional British afternoon tea tasters like scones & cakes, there will be some ice breaker activities, and you are bound to try something new and make exciting connections from around the globe.</p>	Thursday 14 October 14:30 - 15:30	The Lounge, Octagon, Frenchay

Teaching Block (Green Week):

Monday 18 October 2021 to Sunday 24 October 2021

UWE Bristol provides an informal space for you to learn about climate action. It is a great opportunity for you to research ideas and think about what you could do differently to create change. Explore topics from climate justice, eco-anxiety to sustainable gardening, growing and much more!

Get involved

www.uwe.ac.uk/about/values-vision-strategy/sustainability/get-involved

Green week events

thestudentsunion.co.uk/community/green-team/events/

Event	Description	Date/ Time	Location
Global Centre Party	<p>You are invited to the Global Centre welcome party! This is a great opportunity to discover what we have to offer international and EU students.</p> <p>The Global Centre can help you settle into university life, discuss English language support, provide immigration advice, and can explore your global employability options.</p>	Wednesday 20 October 13:00 – 15:00	Outside P Block, Frenchay
Welcome Pizza Party	<p>Just moved in? Welcome to UWE Bristol!</p> <p>Join our international and EU student pizza party for some free food and a chance to meet other new students.</p>	Wednesday 20 October 17:00 – 19:00	The Students' Union Bar, Frenchay
Global Café: Student Panel Discussion - My Life at UWE Bristol	<p>We are delighted to have our current Global Ambassadors and Global Buddies on this student panel. You can ask questions and hear real life experiences! They will be sharing their top tips on adapting to the UK as an international student.</p> <p>This will be the chance to find out how to get the most out of your time at UWE Bristol.</p>	Thursday 21 October 14:30 – 15:30	The Lounge, Octagon, Frenchay

Self-isolation events

If you need to self-isolate, keep connected!

The Global Student Support team encourage you to get involved by eating well, getting active, finding ways to relax and trying new things, all to help you enjoy a healthy mind and body.



TRY SOMETHING NEW

Join the **Student Panel Discussion: My Life at UWE Bristol**, Tuesday 7 September, 10:00-11:00

REFRESH

Joining a **sports club** is the perfect way to keep active and meet new people! Tuesday 28 September, 12:00-14:00

QUALITY TIME

Join the **Global Café: Welcome to Bristol**, Thursday 9 September, 14:30-15:30

SELF-ISOLATION ACTIVITIES

RELAX

UWE MOVE is bringing you **FREE** exercise classes! Tune in on Monday 27 September, 17:00-18:00

EAT WELL

Join to win a fabulous **Feel Good Hamper** (including comfort food, stress balls, and self-care goodies)! Visit SU webpage

EXPLORE & DISCOVER

Explore common traits in British thinking, & behaviours. **An Introduction to British Culture**, Tuesday 14 September, 10:00-11:00

KNOW YOURSELF

"Do more of what brings you joy"

Join the chat at the **Societies Drop-in Sessions**, Tuesday 21 September, 12:00-14:00

All self-isolation activities are delivered online using Blackboard Collaborate (go.uwe.ac.uk/globalcafe) or Microsoft Teams.

For any support during self-isolation, please contact us on globalstudents@uwe.ac.uk