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Meet the Employers Fair, study support, grants and more

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Get ready for a busy October!

It's coming up to October and there's loads going on around UWE Bristol - our Meet the Employers Fair, Big Green Week, Black History Month and The Students' Union By-Elections to name a few.

Make sure you take the time to check all these things out - there's an app for the Meet the Employers Fair to make sure you know who to talk to.

We hope you're enjoying the term so far and things are going pretty smoothly. As always, if you have any problems or need support, just contact our [Information Points](#).

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Self-certification for a missed assessment

We've worked with The Students' Union to introduce a new self-certification form, which can be used as evidence to accompany an Extenuating Circumstances application if no other form of independent evidence can be provided (e.g. if you miss one exam due to a 24 hour virus and can't get a doctor's note).

You can only use the self-certification form **one time** per academic year and for **one single assessment** only.

If your Extenuating Circumstances affect a number of assessments, or you have already used self-certification once in the academic year, you'll need to provide independent evidence in the normal way.

What can't self-certification be used for?

- As evidence for absence from a group assessment.
- As evidence for a five working day extension, or for an extension based on reasonable adjustment.
- As evidence to support an Extenuating Circumstances application made on the grounds of illness during a controlled conditions assessment.
- As evidence to support an Extenuating Circumstances application submitted after the assessment and made on the grounds of your decision-making being affected at the time.

Submitting the form

The self-certification form accompanies your Extenuating Circumstances application form – so you need to complete both. They're available on our [Extenuating Circumstances webpage](#).

If you need any help completing the form, or understanding the Extenuating Circumstances process, please contact an [Information Point](#) before applying.

Meet the Employers Fair - who's attending?

Our [Meet the Employers Fair](#) is less than two weeks away - it's on Wednesday 12 October between 11:00 – 15:00 at the Exhibition and Conference Centre on Frenchay Campus.

We'll have lots of employers who specifically want to meet students from your faculty, as well as many who don't mind what subject you're studying.

Employers will be recruiting for all areas of their business – so don't dismiss a company just because it doesn't appear to be in a sector you want to work in.

The full list of employers all 170 employers attending is available on the UWE Bristol Career Fair Plus app or [as a PDF](#).

Join our Facebook event for updates

Download our UWE Bristol Career Fair Plus app



We've created a free app to help you make the most of the Meet the Employers Fair. Download the app now to:

- see the full list of employers attending.
- filter companies by sector and faculty.
- save your favourite employers so you can go back to them quickly.
- read about the companies and the roles on offer.
- view the Fair's interactive floor plan.

Download the app [from the App Store](#) or [from Google Play](#).

You can also search 'UWE Bristol Career Fair Plus' on your App Store. Make sure you have the latest version of the app under the 'more' button.



Apply for a grant for your projects



Become a Student Ambassador

We offer [Student Experience Grants](#) that you can use to support academic projects or extra-curricular activities.

There's no limit of how much money you can apply for, but your project must enhance the experience for a large number of students.

Previous grants have funded 12 sports wheelchairs for wheelchair basketball, a mascot for our Cheerleaders, props and costumes for the Drama Society and activities during Feel Good February.

[Find out how to apply for a grant](#)

As a Student Ambassador, you'll be trained and paid to support events and activities on behalf of the university.

It's great work experience, counts towards your [UWE Bristol Futures Award](#) and fits around your studies.

We need ambassadors from all courses, campuses and year groups – so you can apply even if you've only just joined us.

The deadline to apply is 09:00 on Monday 17 October.

[Find out more and apply](#)

Don't get caught out by scams

Please be cautious of any emails, texts or phone calls that ask you for personal information - even if they appear to be from genuine sources. Never click on any links, open attachments or reply to suspicious emails.

Emails from the university will always end in either @uwe.ac.uk or @comms.uwe.ac.uk. Be cautious of emails that appear to be from the university that are sent to your personal email account, as normally we will email your university email address.

Sometimes suspicious emails can get through to your UWE Bristol email account – so if you're ever in doubt if an email is genuine, contact our [IT Helpdesk](#).

If you need advice or you think you've been a victim of fraud, please contact our [Money Advice and Funds team](#) or [The Students' Union Advice Centre](#) for support.

[Phishing guidance](#)

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Gone global?

[Apply to be our Global Experience Student of the Year.](#)

Helped the community?

[Apply to be our Volunteer of the Year.](#)

Involved in sustainability?

[Apply to be our Sustainability Student of the Year.](#)

Make sure your term-time address is up to date

It's really important that we have an up-to-date term-time address for you. Check your address via the myUWE 'My Details' tab - if it's not right, add a new address.

Having trouble updating it? Contact an [Information Point](#).

Check your term-time address via myUWE

Big Green Week: 10 - 14 October

Big Green Week is our annual festival of eco ideas, events and smart living.

We want to inspire you to get involved in sustainability – so we're running activities where you can learn, try new things and meet others.

Events include a talk on sustainable fashion, bike check-ups, autumn walks and fairs.

See all Big Green Week events

Study skills

We've got loads of online resources and tutorials to help you master study skills, including advice on common problems like referencing, time management and how to avoid plagiarism. More personal support is available at our [study skills workshops](#).

If you need help with a mathematical, statistical or programming problem, you are welcome to come to one of our [espressoMaths](#) or [espressoProgramming](#) drop-in sessions.

You also have access to thousands of online training videos through [Lynda.com](#), which can help with software, design and business skills.

Study skills

Software to support your studies

You'll find software on all of our student computers across the university that can help you with your studies.

ClaroRead is a text-to-speech program which can read text and documents back to you – useful if you prefer to listen to information rather than read.

Mindview allows you to organise, collate and structure ideas in a visual way by creating a mind map or spider diagram – useful to help you plan an essay or create a flow chart.

Find out more about assistive software

Be your own boss workshops

Interested in running your own business? We run a series of 10 workshops to help you develop the skills you'll need to get started.

Try out your business ideas with a pop-up shop

We'll help you arrange your very own pop-up shop on Frenchay Campus so that you can test your business ideas.

The deadline to apply is 09:00 on Friday 7

We recommend that you try to attend all 10 workshops so that you have the full training, but you can sign up to sessions individually.

Sign up

October. Any questions? Contact the Enterprise team via [My Questions](#).

Find out how to apply

Pitch to business experts

Ready to take the next step? Pitch your business ideas at the Business Showcase South West exhibition on Wednesday 5 October.

Ten entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to pitch a 60 second idea to an audience and a panel of experts including representatives from NatWest, Worldpay, and current 'The Apprentice' winner Joseph Valente.

Find out how to get involved

Inclusivity 2020: have your say

Did you know that the University is about to launch a new single equality scheme called Inclusivity 2020? It's about ensuring that equality and diversity are embedded in everything we do.

The scheme will set out the university's plans to support all students to reach their full potential. It will run from 2016 to 2020, so you'll want to know what's in it for you.

Take a look at the plans and let us know what you think.

See the plans and have your say

OFFICERS RAISE MONEY FOR PAPYRUS

Your Students' Union Officers raised a huge £777.44 for POPYRUS (the prevention of young suicide charity) by taking part in the Glenside Colour Run.

Serena Smith (VP Sport and Health), Sian Hampson (VP Community and Welfare), Jamie Jordon (VP Education) and Lauren Sykes (Community and Welfare Officer) all took part in aid of the charity.

[Read more](#)

JAMIE JORDON
VP Education



AHMD EMARA
President



SPEAK UP: BY ELECTIONS

Want to help lead your Students' Union? You are now able to put yourself forward to stand in October's By-Elections.

As well as a number of part-time officer roles, we're also looking for Department Reps and students to represent us on the

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

October is Black History Month, so we're holding a series of events and activities in celebration of black culture.

We'll have a hall of fame gallery online and around our campuses, themed quizzes and films, theatre performances and a speech

Democratic Procedures Committee and at NUS conferences.

As a previous NUS Conference Delegate and current VP Education, I would highly recommend that you consider putting yourself forward for one of these roles.

[Read more about standing for election](#)

on 'Black people in Britain' by Akala.

We'll also have an original Bristol double-decker bus on Frenchay Campus to commemorate the Bristol Bus Boycott. We're adding events all the time, so make sure you keep checking back.

[See what's happening](#)

JOIN IN: #LETSGETQUIZZICAL

Release your inner Quiz-team-a Aguilera at The Students' Union pub quiz every other Thursday at Frenchay Campus. Winners receive a cash prize of £100 and second and third place will win drinks vouchers. The next quiz is on Thursday 6 October - will we see you there?

thestudentsunion.co.uk

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Level 3 Undergraduate:

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Completed your Futures Award? (final years only)

[Apply to be our UWE Bristol Futures Award Student of the Year.](#)

Postgraduate:

Postgraduate dissertations: Extenuating Circumstances application deadline

The deadline to apply for Extenuating Circumstances for postgraduate dissertation modules is 14:00 on Friday 14 October.

If you need any advice about applying for Extenuating Circumstances, please contact an [Information Point](#).

Find out how to apply for Extenuating Circumstances

BA(Hons) Primary Education (ITE) and BA (Hons) Early Childhood:

Make sure you've completed your annual declaration

If you haven't completed your good health/good character annual declaration form, you must complete it by Friday 7 October.

We have sent all the details to your UWE Bristol email address - look out for an email from ACE.SAT@uwe.ac.uk.

If you don't complete the declaration by Friday 7 October (or by the time you are due to go on placement if that is earlier), you will be unable to attend your placement and will need to be seen under our professional suitability policy.

Gloucester:

Meet the Alexandra Warehouse Library team

Alexandra Warehouse Library is run by Wendy, Jane, Amanda, Megan and Debbie, and they'll soon be joined by Helen. They're the people to ask if you have any questions about resources or equipment and are happy to help you in any way that they can.

They run a [variety of study skills workshops](#) for you at Gloucester (although you are also welcome to attend workshops at our Bristol campuses too). If you can't make any of the workshops, please speak to them and they will try to arrange an alternative for you.

City Campus:

Extended opening hours at Bower Ashton Library

Bower Ashton Library is now open from 08:30 – 00:00 (midnight) every day of the week up until to the Degree Shows, including bank holidays, Christmas and university closure days. Remember, you'll need your student card to get in.

We are also exploring options to extend summer vacation opening hours, and will keep you updated on any changes.

[Check when Library staff are available](#)

Vote for Spike Island to receive funding

Spike Island has been shortlisted for the M&S Energy Community Energy Fund - and they need your votes!

If they win they will be able to install a new solar thermal system to heat hot water throughout the building.

Voting only takes a minute and is free. Make sure you've voted by Monday 10 October.

[Vote now](#)

Enriching Britain - through our creativity and heritage



We run a series of free public lectures from senior business leaders in the region, called the [Bristol Distinguished Address Series](#).

On Wednesday 5 October, Vikki Heywood CBE, Chairman of The Royal Society of Arts will visit the Arnolfini talk about "Enriching Britain – through our creativity and heritage". All students are welcome to attend.

Register for this event

Home students:

Learner Support Fund now open for applications

If you're a UK undergraduate or postgraduate student you may be eligible to apply for financial support from our Learner Support Fund.

Check if you're eligible

FBL:

Study skills

We run study skills workshops and one-to-one appointments for students from the Faculty of Business and Law at our [Academic Success Centre](#). They'll help you with things like time management, referencing and critical thinking.

You also have access to [Lynda.com](#), where you'll find thousands of online training videos to help you with your software, design and business skills, plus all of the online tutorials on our study skills web pages.

Study skills

FBL:

The certain challenge of managing in uncertain times



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[Register for this event](#)

Frenchay:

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Events include a talk on sustainable fashion, autumn walks and fairs.

We've also created a virtual map of [21 green things to see on Frenchay Campus](#) - so get out there and discover our hidden gems.

[See all Big Green Week events](#)

Ever tried walking to Frenchay Campus?

As part of Big Green Week, we want to find out how you travel to Frenchay Campus and whether you've ever considered walking. We'd really appreciate it if you complete our [quick walking survey](#).

If you live near Filton Avenue and fancy giving walking a try, you can join our Feel Good team for a [walk from Filton Avenue to Frenchay Campus](#).

It's a free, easy way to get to campus and you're guaranteed to be on time for lectures – we'll even throw in a voucher for a free breakfast.

[Complete our walking survey](#)

City and Glenside campuses:

Get involved in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning tomorrow

Friday 30 September is the [World's Biggest Coffee Morning](#), which raises money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The Students' Union will be selling cakes between 11:00 - 14:00 at the Frenchay Engagement Space (Union 1), Glenside Student Centre and the bar at Bower Ashton.

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Friday 30 September is the [World's Biggest Coffee Morning](#), which raises money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

You can get involved by popping into any catering outlet on Frenchay Campus and picking up a slice of homemade tiffin for 50p.

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Level 1 undergraduates:

Are you getting the right amount of UWE Bursary?

When you accepted your place at UWE Bristol, we would have automatically assessed your [eligibility for the UWE Bursary](#).

We've already emailed your university email account to let you know if you're eligible or not, or to ask you to contact us with more information so that we can assess your eligibility.

If you can't remember seeing an email from us please double check your inbox, as we want to make sure you're getting all the support you're entitled to. Any email we send you will come from an address that ends @uwe.ac.uk - at the beginning of term some [scammers may attempt](#) to get your personal details so please be cautious.

Priority groups eligible for a £3,000 bursary include care leavers, students permanently estranged from their family and carers. £500 bursaries are also available for students with a household income of less than £25,000.

If you think you might be eligible for the UWE Bursary and you haven't heard from us, or if you think you're not getting the right amount of bursary, please contact us.

Contact the UWE Bursary team