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Assessment support, student conference and more

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This is your UWE Bristol.

Before you leave for Christmas

It's almost the end of term and we hope you're getting on well with your assessments.

If you've got exams in January, there are a few things to check before you leave for Christmas, including your exam timetable, your student card and any exam adjustments. We've got more details below.

If you've got any questions about your exams, ask our [Information Points](#) now so that you're ready to go when you get back in January.

Finally, we'd like to wish our American students a very Happy Thanksgiving!

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January exam timetables now available

The January assessment period runs between Tuesday 3 January - Friday 13 January 2017.

Exam timetables are now available on myUWE - double-check it, and if something doesn't look right contact an [Information Point](#).

Remember, **you must display your student card** on your table at your exams. If you need a new one, [order it now](#) and pick it up from an Information Point so it's all sorted before Christmas.

Check your timetable

Adjustments for January exams

If you're entitled to exam adjustments (e.g. extra time), check the [myUWE](#) Personal Details tab to confirm they're in place.

If your adjustments aren't showing, please make an appointment with the Disability Service (via an Information Point) by **Friday 2 December** so that we can get things sorted in time for your January exams.

Please note that exam timetables only show the standard duration of the exam - not your extra time. But don't worry - your invigilator will know about your extra time and any other adjustments.

Make an appointment with the Disability Service



Problem with an assessment?



Take part in our first Student Conference

It's a busy time of year for assessments, and we know that sometimes things don't go to plan.

If you can't meet a deadline or have a problem with an assessment, there are a number of ways we can help you.

Options include extensions, extenuating circumstances, reasonable adjustments and more. If you're not sure which is right for you, contact an [Information Point](#) for advice.

[Assessment support options](#)

Share your research at the first UWE Bristol Student Conference!

Undergraduate and postgraduate students from any course or year can get involved - we'll have prizes for the best paper and poster presentations.

If you're interested in taking part, please submit a 250-word abstract by **Monday 2 January 2017**. You can use existing coursework material, or present a new idea.

[Find out how to submit your abstract](#)

Booking rooms on campus

You can book rooms for [group study or other academic purposes](#) online. Choose from group study rooms in the Library, or teaching rooms that aren't being used.

If you want to book a room for your society or network activities, you can do this through The Students' Union's [online booking system](#). If you're inviting an external speaker on to campus, you'll need to let the Students' Union know who they are with at least two weeks' notice.

Online study skills advice and tutorials

Confused by referencing? Worried about a presentation? Can't make sense of your notes? Take a look at our online study skills guidance and tutorials.

[Study skills advice](#)

Last chance to apply for a grant

If you're keen to set up a new volunteering project in the local community, you only have until **Friday 2 December** to apply for a grant of up to £3,000.

[Apply for a grant](#)



Can you donate something for charity?

We're working with [Caring at Christmas](#) to collect donations for homeless people in Bristol over Christmas.

Top of the list is socks, dried fruit and wet weather ponchos – but we also need other non-perishable foods, toiletries and clothing.

We'll have donation points on Frenchay, Glenside and Bower Ashton campuses.

[Check where to donate](#)



Volunteer in a school next term

As one of our school volunteers, you'll help out a couple of hours a week for six weeks at a local school.

You could help children explore the outdoors as a Forest School Leader, support them with their reading or make maths fun through number games.

Apply by **Wednesday 14 December**.

[Apply now](#)

Internet outage - Tuesday 29 November

There will be intermittent internet outages across the university between 07:00 - 09:00 on Tuesday 29 November due to maintenance.

You might experience several one minute outages on eduroam Wi-Fi during this time.

StudentCom (Wi-Fi and wired connections

IT maintenance weekend - plan your access

University IT systems (such as myUWE, Blackboard, email and Wi-Fi) will not be available from 16:30 on Friday 9 December - 08:30 on Monday 12 December due to an IT maintenance weekend.

Details of [how this may affect you](#) are available online. Please plan your access to resources and download anything you may

in accommodation) will not be affected.

need for the weekend in advance.

If you have any questions, call our [IT Helpdesk](#) on 0117 32 83612.

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What does it take for a creative small business to thrive?



Simon Belsham, CEO of [notonthehighstreet.com](#), is visiting Frenchay Campus on **Wednesday 30 November** to speak about what it takes for creative small businesses to thrive in today's world.

All students are welcome to attend.

[Register to attend](#)

Check who's registered to vote in your house

Bristol City Council have sent a letter to every house in Bristol to tell you who's currently registered to vote at that property. **You need to check the information** and update it with your name (if it's not already on there).

Each house must reply to the form to say they've checked it - even if the details haven't changed. It's a legal requirement and you could be fined if you don't reply. They'll be visiting properties where the form hasn't been returned.

If all of the details are correct, you can reply quickly online, by phone or by text.

[Find out more](#)

Mindfulness courses

On Wednesday 30 November we'll be running a [one-hour introduction to mindfulness](#), followed by a visit to the Frenchay Campus secret garden.

We also run an eight-week [mindfulness-based stress reduction course](#). Come along to a free orientation session in December or January to see whether it's right for you.

Appearance Matters showcase

Our Centre for Appearance Research is the world's largest group of psychologists focusing on the role of appearance, disfigurement and body image in people's lives.

Discover how their research is making a difference at their [showcase event](#) on **Wednesday 7 December**.

As part of the showcase they'll be screening *The Illusionists*, a documentary about the marketing of unattainable beauty ideals around the world.

[Register to attend](#)

In case you missed it...

What's the history of your surname?

Our researchers have led a study into the origins of 45,600 surnames!

You can search for your surname in the online dictionary for free until **Wednesday 30 November**.

[Find out more](#)

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT ALCOHOL?

The Students' Union, in partnership with the National Union of Students (NUS) want to know more about your views and experiences of drinking alcohol. You don't have to drink alcohol to take part.

Complete the confidential survey by **Sunday 4 December** and you'll be in with a chance of winning the top prize of £100, or one of ten £25 runner up prizes.

[Complete the survey](#)

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VP Community
and Welfare



DON'T RENT YET - ACCOMMODATION FAIR

Need somewhere to live next year? Come to our Accommodation Fair on Thursday 26 January.

We'll have accommodation providers and

SPEAK UP - LEAD THE STUDENTS' UNION

The elections to choose your Presidents and Officers for the 2017/18 academic year are coming up next term.

If you want to lead The Students' Union - or

experts on hand to answer your housing queries - from contracts to tenants' rights.

know someone who should - register your interest or recommend a friend now.

[Find out more](#)

[Register or recommend](#)

How was this edition?

We're always looking to improve - so let us know how we did.



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You'll get a regular newsletter and some targeted communications.
If you unsubscribe you'll miss important emails. [Contact us](#) if you have any questions.

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Undergraduate:

Work towards your Futures Award

The [UWE Bristol Futures Award](#) is an employability award that helps you learn new skills, gain confidence and improve your graduate job prospects.

All you need to do is complete three employability-related activities - so register now.

[Register for the Award](#)

City Campus:

Study spaces at City Campus

We know having space to concentrate on your work is important – that's why we improved Bower Ashton Library this summer.

We converted our old journals room to create more study spaces, enclosed the silent area to make it quieter and extended our opening hours.

If you fancy a change from the Library, you'll also find extra study space in the Bower Ashton Learning Zone.

[Find out more about study spaces](#)

Academic success workshops at City Campus

We run regular workshops at City Campus to help you succeed in your studies. Workshops coming up before Christmas include:

- How to reference and avoid plagiarism - [Tuesday 29 November](#) (Bower Ashton) and [Wednesday 30 November](#) (Arnolfini).
- How to put your reading into writing - [Monday 5 December](#) (Arnolfini) and [Wednesday 7 December](#) (Bower Ashton).

Please register for each event you'd like to attend.

[See all study support events](#)

Glenside Campus:

Study spaces at Glenside Campus

We know having space to concentrate on your work is important – that's why we increased study space in Glenside Library this summer. We put in more computers, new collaborative working tables and laptop tables.

If you fancy a change from the Library, you'll also find extra computers in Traders and the Glenside Learning Zone.

[Find out more about study spaces](#)

Frenchay Campus:

Study spaces at Frenchay Campus

We increased study space in Frenchay Library by 20% this summer – with over 700 study spaces available on Level 4 alone! You can quickly [check the availability](#) of Library computers online.

We've also improved our group study desks, with large shared screens so you can all see what you're doing, and the option to connect your own devices.

If you fancy a change from the Library, we also have a variety of other study spaces across campus.

[Find a study space](#)

FET:

The Hive too busy?

We have 39 computers in 4D025 (zone B, level 4 of Frenchay Library) which have the exact same software build as the computers in the Hive. Just look for the zig-zag desks!

You can book the computers on our online booking system (computers 1-39).

[Book a computer](#)

Level 3 HSC:

Nursing and Midwifery postgraduate and professional open event

We're hosting an [open event](#) at Gloucester Campus on **Tuesday 6 December** so you can find out more about our Nursing and Midwifery postgraduate and professional courses.

Postgraduate study is a great way to develop the skills, knowledge and confidence you need to move forward with your career – so come along and discover your options.

[Register to attend](#)

International/EU students:

Looking for UK work experience?

We're working with employers who are looking for international students to support their businesses.

It's all part of our [International Talent scheme](#), which allows you to develop your employability skills and gain work experience.

Opportunities include:

- translating and interpreting
- researching and identifying new markets
- providing cultural advice
- liaising with overseas suppliers, clients and customers.

[Register for alerts to find out about opportunities](#)

FBL:

360 degree walkthrough of the new Bristol Business School

Take a sneak peek inside the new Bristol Business School building - we'll be outside Cribs B on **Wednesday 7 December** with our VR headsets so that you can experience what it will look like once it's done!