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Christmas closure, exam prep, our student conference

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## Are you feeling festive yet?

Well, what a cold start to December it's been! It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas...

We hope you've had a good term. Thinking ahead to January, we want you to be as prepared as possible for your exams so we've prepared a workbook of essential information – things like what time to arrive, what to bring and our policies on calculators and mobile phones – and one about how to do better in written exams.

If you have any problems during exams themselves, Student Support Advisers will be onsite at the Exhibition and Conference Centre to help you out.

#### **Quick links**

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## You'll need your university ID card for your exams

You must take your university ID card to your exams. If you've lost yours, be sure to buy a replacement in time for your exams. Pay for one online and then our Information Point staff can print one for you as-you-wait. Easy!

## Christmas closure period

If you have any questions about your exams or anything else, remember to <u>ask</u> <u>us</u> before we close for Christmas! We'll be closed and unstaffed from Thursday 22 December 17:00 until Tuesday 3 January 08:30.

## Are you making the most of your assessment feedback?

Find out how to make the most of the feedback you get for your assessments - whether that's written, verbal, audio or from your peers - with our workbooks which focus on key feedback terms like 'poor essay structure' and 'insufficient analysis' (they're <u>accessible under 'Types of assessment feedback'</u>).

We also run study support workshops at all campuses.

How to use your feedback

### Our first ever Student Conference!

You'e invited to take part in the first UWE Bristol Student Conference celebrating research, enquiry and evidence-based practice from both undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Why not submit some coursework you've done or share an idea you have? There'll be prizes for the best paper and poster presentations.

The deadline for applications is Monday 2 January, registration opens on Monday 30 January and the conference will take place on Monday 10 April.

Find out more and how to submit your abstract

## IT maintenance weekend - this weekend

There will be an IT maintenance weekend from Friday 9 December 16:30 to Monday 12 December 08:30.

During this time our IT systems will be unavailable, including myUWE and Blackboard.

Be sure to download any resources you may need before then!

# Form for Extenuating Circumstances offline

Please note that the Extenuating Circumstances form will be offline on Tuesday 13 December and Wednesday 14 December for essential maintenance. It will be online again on Thursday 15 December.

If you have any questions about Extenuating Circumstances, check our <u>Extenuating Circumstances</u> webpages or contact an <u>Information Point</u>.

## Stoke Lane one-way system change

Due to MetroBus works, a one-way system on Stoke Lane has been in place since June. From Monday 12 December this <u>one-way system will be reversed</u> – meaning traffic will now be able to travel northwards (uphill) rather than southwards (downhill).

Make sure you leave plenty of time to get to January exams - traffic can be unpredictable!

Find out about the impact on buses

## Brush up your skills

<u>Lynda.com</u> has thousands of online training videos for software, design, and business skills. Why not brush up your skills over Christmas?



# Complete our travel survey

We're asking for feedback on your journey to campus so you can have your say on what you want improved.

There's a range of prizes up for grabs including £100 cash and 25 Pelico meals - lunch delivered to your desk or door!

Complete the survey



## Do you want to study abroad?

You have the opportunity to gain international experience by <u>studying</u> <u>abroad</u>as part of, or alongside, your studies. Have a look at <u>where you could</u> <u>study</u> and how to apply.

Apply by Friday 27 January 2017 midday.

Apply now

## Entrepreneur Support Programme

We offer a 3-month package of support to get you moving your start-up ideas through to the proof-of-concept phase. Our Enterprise Team will help you set milestones, gain an understanding of the steps to set up a business and give you opportunities to build your network.

The deadline to apply is tomorrow - **Friday 9 December, 09:00** - so if you're interested get in quick!

Find out more and apply

# Start Up drinks networking

A fantastic opportunity for students, budding entrepreneurs and professionals from around Bristol to network and collaborate.

**Tuesday 13 December 18:30-20:30** at **Engine Shed** 

Come along whether you're looking for a start-up partner, people to share ideas with or just want to meet and talk with likeminded people!

Book your place

## Could you donate something to charity?

We're collecting donations for homeless people in Bristol over Christmas - we need socks, dried fruit, wet weather ponchos, non-perishable foods, toiletries and clothing. There are donation points at Frenchay, Glenside and Bower Ashton.

Find out the list of collection points



News What's on

## DO YOU WANT THEIR JOB?



Register and recommend yourself or a friend for a position in the <u>2017 Leadership race</u>. We're on the search for passionate student leaders ready to represent 27,000 UWE Bristol students. There are 5 full-time paid and 14 part-time voluntary positions available.

Standing opens online on Tuesday 3 January 2017.

## Quick links

- » myUWE
- » Academic advice
- » Study support
- » Term dates

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## Christmas closure period

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#### **Frenchay Library**

Open 24/7 - <u>accessible via the OneZone /</u> <u>Community Hub doors</u>. Bring your ID card!

#### **Security**

Our team are on campus 24/7 every day of the year and contactable on 0117 32 86404.

#### **University Health Centre**

The Health Centre will be closed from Friday 9 December 13:30 until Tuesday 3 January 08:30. If you're registered with them you can be seen at the Old School Surgery during the holidays.

#### Glenside

## Christmas closure period

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#### **Glenside Library**

Open 07:30-00:00 throughout the Christmas closure. Don't forget your ID card!

#### **Security**

Our team are available 24/7 every day of the year - you can reach them on 0117 32 86404.

#### **University Health Centre**

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#### **City Campus**

## Christmas closure period

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#### **Bower Ashton Library**

Open from 08:30-00:00 during the Christmas closure period. Don't forget your ID card!

#### Security

Our team are available 24/7 every day of the year - you can reach them on 0117 32 86404.

## Christmas closure at Alexandra Warehouse

If you have any questions about your exams or anything else, remember to <u>ask</u> <u>us</u> before we close for Christmas! Alexandra Warehouse and all UWE Bristol campuses will be closed and unstaffed from Thursday 22 December 17:00 until Tuesday 3 January 08:30.

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## Brush up your skills

<u>Lynda.com</u> has thousands of online training videos for software, design, and business skills. Why not brush up your skills over Christmas? Interested in learning or improving how to code?

#### **Undergraduate students**

## Submit your Futures Award activities

Have you been involved in employability events or intercultural activities? Have you been a PAL leader, an ambassador, a student rep or worked for The Students' Union? Have you been on placement - or volunteered, studied or worked abroad?

If so, add these to your <u>UWE Bristol Futures Award</u> to make them count! If you're involved in something and you're not sure if it counts, check our <u>list</u>.

Submit your activities (log in required)

#### **Female students**

## Participate in body image research



We're looking for 18-30 year-old women to take part in a body image research programme that aims to improve the way young women feel about their physical appearance. The programme is entirely online and you'll receive a £10 gift voucher or 2.5 research credits for taking part. If you'd like to get involved, get in contact with Jessica, one of our researchers.

I'm interested