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Christmas information and events, exams and more

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## We're so close to the end of term!

And what a term we've had! From welcoming thousands of new faces in September to rounding off the year with lots of Christmas social events over the holidays, it's been a busy one.

This will be our last newsletter of the year, so we're letting you know about Christmas arrangements and giving you some handy information about January exams. Enjoy a break from teaching and we'll see you in 2019!

## Christmas at UWE Bristol

The University and most of its services will be officially closed for Christmas **from 16:30 on Friday 21 December**. We will re-open at **08:30 on Thursday 3 January 2019**.

If you're staying on campus or in Bristol over the break, some areas of the University will be accessible and we'll be putting on social events every day.

Security and Accommodation staff will be on campus every day, and Wellbeing support will be available online via [Kooth Student](#).

You can find out what's open, what's closed, what's on and where to find support on our Christmas webpage. Book your place at social events now via [The Students' Union website](#) so we know you're coming!

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## Module feedback surveys

You can provide [anonymous feedback](#) on modules finishing this term through Blackboard. Check to see if your module evaluation is live and complete it now - we want to hear from you.

[Access Blackboard via myUWE](#)

## Reminder: IT maintenance and Blackboard upgrade starting this weekend

From **16:30 on Friday 14 December to 08:30 on Monday 17 December** Blackboard and all university IT systems will be unavailable. There will be a loss of service to wired and wireless networks for extended periods.

From **Monday 17 December to Friday 28 December** Blackboard will be read-only but you'll have access to course materials in the usual way. Don't post or add any content during this period unless your tutor has asked you to.

If you have a January deadline, please **do not** submit coursework between Friday 14 December and Saturday 29 December.

From Saturday 29 December onwards Blackboard will be fully available and you can submit assignments as usual.

[More information](#)

# Exam information and support

## Exam essentials

You'll find everything you need to know about exams on our [exams webpages](#), including what to expect, what to bring and what not to bring.

## Order a replacement student card

You'll need to display your student card on your desk at every exam. If you've lost yours [order a replacement now](#) and collect it from an Information Point.

## Check your exam timetable

Double-check your January exam timetable on [myUWE](#) and continue to do so regularly in the lead up to your exam. Your timetable is personal to you so don't rely on others, even if you're on the same course. You might be in a different room!

If you're entitled to extra time, your full exam writing time will show on your timetable. Breaks will not show on your timetable, but will be known by your invigilator.

## If personal circumstances affect your assessments

If you can't submit coursework or attend an exam due to difficult personal circumstances, there are a number of [assessment support options](#) available to you. Please talk to us for advice as soon as possible in advance of your deadline.

If you've missed an exam or a deadline, you may be able to use the [missed assessments](#) process.

If you submitted an assessment or attended an exam but you feel you shouldn't have done so, you may be able to use the [removal of marks](#) process.

[Talk to an Information Point for advice](#)

## Update on free printing pilot

At the beginning of September, we announced that black and white printing would be free for a trial period until February 2019. This was as a result of a campaign led by your fellow students and The Students' Union.

As long time champions of sustainability, we've been monitoring print usage closely to measure the environmental impact of this decision. Since the introduction of the pilot, printing has doubled.

Please ensure that you are only printing what is absolutely necessary to minimise waste. At the end of the pilot, the University and The Students' Union will decide whether free black and white printing will continue.

[Printing FAQs](#)

## What do you think about our Careers and Enterprise services?

Let us know what you think about Careers and Enterprise services at UWE Bristol. It doesn't matter if you've accessed the services available or never come into contact with Careers, all feedback welcome.

Complete the survey by **Monday 17 December** and you'll be entered into a prize draw to win a £25 Amazon voucher or one of five £5 Boston Tea Party vouchers. The survey takes 5-10 minutes to complete.

[Complete the survey](#)

## New professional printing and binding service

Printworks, based in 4D30 on Level 4 of Frenchay Library, offers professional printing and binding including A3, A2, A1 and A0 posters and dissertations.

Pop in Monday - Friday 10:00 - 16:00, email [printing@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:printing@uwe.ac.uk) or call 0117 32 84670 to discuss your printing requirements.

[Find out more](#)

## Submit your abstract for the Student Conference

Don't forget that undergraduate and postgraduate taught students from any course or year can present their work at our Student Conference. It's a great experience for your CV and an opportunity to shout about a piece of work you're proud of.

[Submit a 250 word abstract by Friday 25 January](#)



John Fajardo's Toronto photo, one of last year's runners up

## Take part in our global experience photo competition

Show off your international experience by entering our photo competition, open to all students who are working, studying, volunteering or teaching abroad this academic year.

The competition is open until Thursday 30 May 2019, so you've got plenty of time. If you win you'll receive a £150 Amazon voucher and two runners up will win a £50 Amazon voucher.

[Find out how to enter](#)

## Beating the winter blues

The winter can be a fun, festive time with many of you looking forward to the Christmas vacation. However, for some people the shorter days and prospect of returning home or not having support over the Christmas period can make this a difficult time of year.

We've compiled some tips to help you beat the winter blues.

[Read our winter wellbeing tips](#)

## Are you interested in learning or teaching languages?

If you're interested in learning or teaching languages, why not become one of our Language Exchange volunteers?

Whatever language you speak (even if it's just English!) and whatever level, you can come along and be paired with other students from around the world to help each other improve.

[Email us if you'd like to get involved next term](#)

## What do you think about our Speak Up campaign?

The [Speak Up](#) campaign aims to raise awareness and to prevent sexual violence, harassment and inappropriate behaviour on and off campus. Have you heard of it? Would you like to find out more?

[Answer four quick questions about the Speak Up campaign](#)

# Issue with slow logins and IT storage now resolved

You may have recently noticed an intermittent issue affecting our central IT storage system causing slow logins and H:/S: drive issues. This has now been resolved and will continue to be monitored.

IT Services understand the impact this had and apologise for the inconvenience caused. If you experience any issues with any university IT systems, please email [itonline@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:itonline@uwe.ac.uk) or visit our [walk-up desks](#).



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## #UWEMOVEMBER RAISES OVER £3,700

### FREDDIE GOUGH

VP Societies and  
Communication



We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who supported the [#UWEMovember](#) campaign last month. You helped us to raise over £3,700 for The Movember Foundation, all in aid of men's health and suicide prevention.

Whether you fundraised, donated, attended one of our events or just had an open conversation about mental health, we have been overwhelmed by the response to the campaign and the money raised.

Now here's to being clean shaven again!

## JADE MARSELLA

VP Sports and Health



## AUGUSTA CHIDINMA NNAJIOFOR

VP Community and  
Welfare



## 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

This week we're giving you the chance to win some amazing retro prizes in our 12 Days of Christmas competition.

Everyone loves a bit of nostalgia, and you could win yourself a special edition of Stranger Things Monopoly or an Inflatable Playstation Chair, just in time for the festive holidays!

Head on over to our Instagram account ([thesuatuwe](#)) to take part and be entered into the prize draw.

[Enter now](#)

## CHECK OUR CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

You can check the opening times for The Students' Union offices, shops and bars on your campus over the festive period online.

Please note that all Students' Union sites will be closed on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 December.

The Students' Union at Frenchay and Glenside will then operate on reduced hours from Monday 17 - Thursday 20 December. Other campus sites will remain closed until the new year.

[Check our Christmas opening hours](#)

## Quick links

- » [myUWE](#)
- » [Academic advice](#)
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## Contact us

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## Dynamic content

Frenchay:

# Don't miss tomorrow's Christmas Fair

Get in the festive spirit by popping in to our [Christmas Fair tomorrow](#) (Tuesday 11 December) between 11:00 – 15:00 in the Bristol Business School atrium (X Block).

Pick up some Christmas gifts, visit Santa's grotto or simply enjoy all the Christmas music you could hope for!

## Would you like to see a Makerspace on campus?

We are considering creating a Makerspace on Frenchay Campus. A Makerspace is "a place in which people with shared interests, especially in computing and technology, can gather to work on projects while sharing ideas, equipment, and knowledge." (Oxford Dictionaries).

Would you use a space like this? What equipment would be on your wish list?

[Answer a few quick questions](#)

## Have a Christmas clear out to help others

### Donate clothes, toiletries or food to homeless people in Bristol

Caring at Christmas provides crucial support to homeless and vulnerable people in Bristol over the festive period. There are [donation points](#) at various locations across Frenchay campus.

### Surplus food collection

If you live on campus and you have any unwanted (in date, non-perishable) food, please take it to the accommodation reception areas where we will donate it to [Fareshare South West](#). Fareshare South West redistributes food across the region to tackle food waste and food poverty.

### **Donate unwanted items to raise money for the British Heart Foundation**

If you're living on campus and heading home for the holidays, now's the perfect time to have a clear out and donate any books, clothing or household items to raise money for charity. You may have a donation bag in your kitchen, or you can use the big red banks on campus (outside the accommodation blocks or the nursery).

## **Glenside**

### **Have a Christmas clear out to help others**

#### **Donate clothes, toiletries or food to homeless people in Bristol**

Caring at Christmas provides crucial support to homeless and vulnerable people in Bristol over the festive period. Check [what's needed the most](#) and bring your donations along to Glenside Information Point or Glenside Library.

#### **Donate unwanted items to raise money for the British Heart Foundation**

If you're living on campus and heading home for the holidays, now's the perfect time to have a clear out and donate any books, clothing or household items to raise money for charity. You may have a donation bag in your kitchen, or you can use the big red banks outside the Hollies or at the back of Glenside halls.

## **City**

### **Have a Christmas clear out to help others**

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Caring at Christmas provides crucial support to homeless and vulnerable people in Bristol over the festive period. Check [what's needed the most](#) and bring your donations along to the Bower Ashton Information Point.

## **Gloucester**

### **Christmas celebration at Alexandra Warehouse**

Join us at our end of term Christmas celebration this **Wednesday 12 December**, 13:00 – 15:00 in AW204. Bring along some food to share and expect lots of festive merriment!

[Let us know if you're coming](#)

# Two hour disruption to internet, Wi-Fi and computers at Alexandra Warehouse

Please note that due to a router upgrade there will be no internet, Wi-Fi or access to computers at Alexandra Warehouse between 07:30 - 09:30 on Tuesday 18 December.

## Tier 4

### Information and support for Tier 4 students

#### Ask a question at our Visa Hub

Our Visa Hub is open Monday - Friday 10:30 - 12:00 and Monday - Thursday 14:00 - 15:30 in 2P04 Frenchay Campus. We can answer any questions you have about your visa.

#### Working during the vacation

The Christmas vacation runs from Monday 17 December until Sunday 6 January 2019.

All undergraduate students can work full-time during this period, unless your BRP states that work is prohibited. If this is listed on your BRP please come and talk to us as it could be an error.

If you are studying a postgraduate course the 20 hour per week limit on work continues to apply until you have submitted your final piece of work (typically your dissertation).

#### Travel advice

If you are planning to travel outside the UK in the Christmas break you could be asked to provide evidence of your studies when you return to the UK. Our [arriving in the UK](#) webpage has further information.

#### Keep your documents safe

Whether you're travelling or staying in Bristol during the holidays please keep your documents safe.

If you lose your BRP or passport it will cause real difficulty in returning to UWE Bristol for the assessment period. If you do lose your documents please follow [advice from UKCISA](#).

Do not use your passport or BRP as proof of age or identity in Bristol. A [CitizenCard](#) is accepted as proof of age without risking documents that will be expensive to replace.

#### Applying for placements

If you are planning to do a placement as part of your studies next academic year please make sure you get approval from our [Placements Team](#) and make sure you understand the [impact on your visa](#).

## Level 3/PGT

# Thinking ahead... are you interested in postgraduate research study?

We are delighted to announce the availability of Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) funded studentships at UWE Bristol as part of the South West Doctoral Training Partnership (SWDTP).

We are currently inviting applications to the pathways of Health and Wellbeing and Sustainable Futures for a start date from September 2019. These fully funded studentships could be '1+3' (MRes and PhD), or '+3' (straight to PhD), as a Master's degree is not a prerequisite for studying at the SWDTP. As well as fees and a monthly maintenance bursary, a range of training programmes are also available based on an assessment of the applicants' prior learning and training needs.

For further information, eligibility and details about how to apply please visit our Graduate School's [SWDTP studentship opportunities page](#). The closing date for applications is **12:00 (noon) on Tuesday 29 January 2019**.

[Find out more](#)