Please note: This is a copy of the newsletter sent to students. The formatting is a little different to the email version, due to the content being converted into a PDF. Dynamic content (content specific to Faculty/campus/level etc.) features at the end of this document but for students it's integrated into the body of the newsletter.

Exam adjustments, assessment feedback and resit information

View in browser



<u>myUWE</u> <u>Support</u> <u>Infopoints</u>



## Looking after yourself during the summer

We hope you're having a good summer so far whether you're working, travelling, volunteering or studying - or just making the most of your break.

We want to remind you that we're still here to support you over the summer - even if you're away from campus. You may be about to graduate, preparing for resits or maybe you're just struggling with the change of routine - there are support options available.

# Guardian League Table 2020

# We're in the top 30 in the Guardian university league table!

Moving up nine places from last year and our fourth consecutive rise up the table, we are now ranked 28th out of 121 UK institutions in the newspaper's latest annual guide for students.

We have been ranked 2nd in the country for the satisfaction with course score, 6th in the country for our value-added score, which compares students' degree results with their entry qualifications to show how effectively they have been taught, and 10th for satisfaction with teaching.

Six of our subject areas are in the top ten nationally, namely:

- 3rd for Film Production and Photography
- 6th for Architecture
- 6th for Philosophy
- 7th for Building, Town and Country Planning
- 8th for Earth and Marine Sciences
- 9th for Journalism, Publishing and Public Relations

Vice-Chancellor Steve West said: "I'm so proud to be continuing our steady rise through the Guardian University Guide rankings this year. This rise is a real reflection of the scale of our ambitions for the future, including further investment in services and facilities across all our campuses."

#### Are your resit exam adjustments in place?

If you're entitled to exam adjustments and haven't requested these yet, contact our <u>Disability Service</u> as soon as possible, and have your supporting evidence ready. Apply by **Monday 1 July.** 

#### Find out more and check criteria

# Make the most of your assessment feedback

When you start working on your next piece of coursework, it's useful to look back at any feedback you've had about previous work.

Our guide to assessment feedback has examples of some of the comments you might have received and tips on how you can use them to improve.

Assessment feedback

#### Resit coursework

If you know that you've not passed all of the coursework for a particular module, you can get started on your resubmission as soon as you're able to - you don't need to wait for your confirmed marks in mvUWE.

Resit coursework is available on Blackboard - if it's not showing for a particular module, please contact your module leader or an <u>Information Point</u>.

The deadline to submit resit coursework is **Tuesday 16 July at 14:00**.

## Support if your results aren't what you expected

Some of you will receive results this week. The day will depend on your course and you can check the <u>exact dates</u> online. As usual, results will be available on MyUWE. If they're not what you expected, don't panic - failing an exam isn't the end of the world.

Our <u>Student Support Advisers</u> are available for one-to-one appointments, providing support and information that you need for resits. Contact an <u>Information Point</u> as soon as possible to make an appointment.

If you're finding things overwhelming, ask for help. Chat online with a counsellor, access 24/7 text support or take a look at the other <u>support options</u> available to you.

#### Are personal circumstances impacting your resits?

If you think that you'll be unable to submit resit coursework due to difficult personal circumstances, please contact an <u>Information Point</u> as soon as you can - you may be able to use the missed assessments process.

Please be aware, five day extensions are **not** available for resits.

Personal circumstances





# Volunteer for St. Pauls Carnival

On **Saturday 6 July**, we're supporting St. Pauls Carnival as a 'Friend of the Carnival'. We're even printing the programme as a contribution!

Lots of volunteering positions are available to help the event run smoothly, so take a look at the website for ways to get involved!

Get involved

### Volunteer for Bristol Pride

We'll be supporting this fantastic community event on **Saturday 13 July** by marching in the Pride Parade and staffing a UWE Bristol stall.

Come along and join the march, help staff the stall or pop along and see us on the day - everyone's welcome!

Show your support

#### How you access your student email account is changing

In the next few weeks IT Services will disable Legacy Authentication access to all UWE live email accounts, which means the way you access your email may change.

After this change, you'll only be able to access your student email account via:

- Outlook 2016
- Office 365 online
- Modern mail apps e.g. the Outlook app

Office 365 is provided free to all current students and includes Outlook 2016. Find out how to install it as a desktop application for Mac and Windows or on your mobile.

#### Why this change?

Legacy authentication presents a significant security risk and is superseded by more modern and secure authentication methods. The disabling of the Legacy Authentication will disable all POP, IMAP and SMTP protocols from accessing your UWE live email account.

If you have any questions, please contact the <u>IT Service Desk</u>.

## Library e-book upgrade

During the summer, the library will be upgrading its online e-book reader, VLebooks. The new reader will have more functionality, such as highlighting and advanced note-taking options. It's also designed to be more user-friendly for readers with disabilities.

During the changeover, all notes on VLE e-books will be lost. If you have notes you want to keep, you can follow these steps. It's also possible that Bookshelves on the VLeBooks website will be reset - so we recommend making a note of any titles you wish to re-add in the new reader.

> Please make sure you've done this by **Friday 12 July**. If you have any questions, please contact the library team.

> > Contact the team



News What's on

**BRING YOUR OWN BOWL GOES GLOBAL!** 

We're delighted to announce that our Bring Your Own Bowl campaign has been shortlisted for a major international environmental award. The Students' Union will represent the UK and Ireland in the Student Engagement category, along with finalists from higher education institutions from Africa, Canada, France, South America, New Zealand and the USA.

The awards are endorsed by the United Nations and recognise the exceptional sustainability initiatives being undertaken by the world's universities and colleges. Keep an eye out for further updates and get ready, because Bring Your Own Bowl is going global!

Find out more

#### FREDDIE GOUGH

VP Societies and Communications



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President



# #LETSTALKNOW PODCAST

Earlier this month, HallsLife Coordinator Chelsea Hopson and I took part in UWE Bristol's **#LetsTalkNow** podcast, discussing areas that students may struggle with when first starting university.

We also discussed The Students' Union Movember campaign - the stigma around men's mental health and what we can do to break down barriers around this. Tune in!

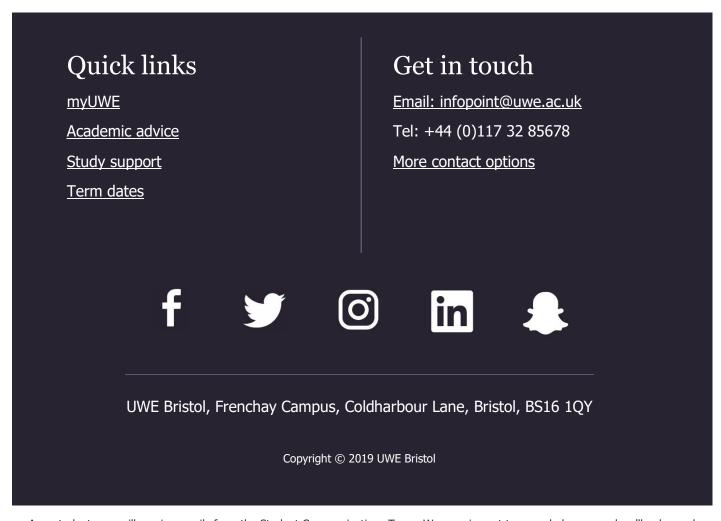
#LetsTalkNow

# BRISTOL'S GREEN GEMS

The weather may have been unseasonably wet recently, but with sunnier times hopefully on the horizon, why not get outside and check out some of Bristol's green spaces?

The city is packed full of natural gems, the biggest problem you'll have is deciding where to start. So gather your friends, pack a picnic and get ready to explore!

Start exploring



As a student, you will receive emails from the Student Communications Team. We promise not to overwhelm you and we'll only <u>send</u> you things that are relevant. You'll get a regular newsletter and some targeted communications. If you unsubscribe you'll miss important emails. <u>Contact us</u> if you have any questions.

#### **Dynamic content**

#### Level 3

#### Tidy up those loose ends...

We've created a helpful final year checklist to make sure you've done everything you need to before you leave!

In particular, please prepare to pay council tax! Your <u>council tax exemption</u> will end this **Friday 28 June** - so after this date, you will need to contact your council for an amended bill.

Final year checklist

#### International students'

# Do you want to meet and spend time with families across the UK?

<u>HOST UK</u> connects international students with UK families who would like to meet and spend time together for cultural exchange.

Spend a day,	a weekend	or even long	er with a Ul	family	volunteering	across the	country a	as a host	t with
HOST UK.									

Find out more and take part

#### Level 0 & 1

### Health and wellbeing survey

Last year, before you joined the university, you might remember filling in a pre-arrival health and wellbeing survey on your applicant portal.

Now we're checking in to see how things have been doing during your first year with a follow-up survey. It's entirely anonymous and the findings will be used to identify priorities for the university.

After the survey you'll be directed to a separate webpage where you can enter your email address to be entered in our prize draw - there's over £300 worth of Amazon vouchers to be won!

