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Your fortnightly newsletter - assessments, support and more

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Life in lockdown continues...

We hope you've found new routines as most of life has turned virtual. Just a reminder that all our support services are up and running virtually.

Life on lockdown tips from a fellow student

Our new website launches tomorrow

We've developed it with you in mind, user-testing the new site with current students, enquirers and applicants and incorporating staff feedback.

You'll see a new design and better navigation, plus lots of refreshed content. When you first open the new site, you'll see a pop-up asking for feedback, so take a look around and let us know what you think of our work so far. If you currently have your frequently used pages saved in your favourites, these should continue to work.

Take a look around (it'll look different from Tuesday)

'I didn't submit last Thursday - what happens now?'

As you'll have seen last week, we've published a set of Alternative Academic Regulations which we're operating under during this exceptional time.

In light of this, there are a range of possible outcomes for you depending on whether you pass or fail the module where you didn't submit the piece of work.

If you're required to resit, this will not be capped (unless the module is already capped from a previous sit).

Why not take a few minutes to familiarise yourself with the Alternative Academic Regulations? Then if you need to chat through the implications for any of your modules, speak to a <u>Student Support Adviser</u>.

Alternative Academic Regulations

Online assessments start today

In most cases, your assessment will be released on Blackboard at the time stated on your exam timetable. You'll then have a minimum of 24 hours to complete the assessment.

Ignore the location on your exam timetable – you'll complete the assessment at home.

See Blackboard for more information



Take a look at our 'Empty Streets' film to see what Bristol looks like as a city under lockdown - and the message of hope that emerges as we wait for normal life to resume.

Looking after your wellbeing in lockdown

New mental health response line

Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Trust (AWP) have launched a <u>24/7 telephone line</u> to provide advice, guidance and support to all existing patients, families and carers who may be worried about their own or someone else's mental health.

Take care of your mind with NHS One You

Take a look at <u>NHS One You</u> for tips and advice on how to keep on top of your mental wellbeing, and access coping techniques during this challenging time.

Keep moving during isolation

<u>The Centre for Sport</u> go for virtual wellbeing walks every Thursday - just visit <u>UWE Bristol Sport</u> on Instagram. Plus check out their tips, advice and home workout videos on social.

Wellbeing support online or by phone

It's normal to feel anxious or scared at the moment. If you'd like to speak to someone or get some advice, we have a <u>range of support available</u> - support is available, just in a different format to what you may be used to!

Ramadan

Ramadan is now underway and will end around Saturday 23 May. This year it will be observed differently in light of coronavirus.

If you're a Muslim student observing Ramadan, the guidance is to offer all prayers at home. If you find yourself isolated whilst observing Ramadan, why not reach out to others who are observing it too?

More about Ramadan

In case you missed it...

There's still time to apply to be a PAL Leader

Being a <u>Peer Assisted Learning</u> Leader helps you develop the soft skills employers look for through planning, organising, time management and liaising with students and staff.

Not submitted your application yet? You still have time - the deadline has been extended to 23:59, this **Sunday**, **3 May**.

Apply now



News What's on



ACCOMMODATION SUPPORT

In recent weeks, you've expressed the financial impact that coronavirus is having on you in terms of meeting the demands of paying rent.

To help with any discussions, The Students' Union Presidents Team and I have produced a <u>letter template</u>, which you can send to your landlord to help voice your concerns.

We know that this a difficult time for landlords as well, but student welfare is our number one priority.

If you need any further support, our <u>Advice</u> <u>Centre</u> is still contactable via email and is on hand to support with accommodation questions and a range of other queries.

THE 10K IS NOW... VIRTUAL!

The Great Bristol 10k may not be physically taking place this year, but we want you to join us for the UWE Bristol Virtual 10k!

Taking place between 26 April – 3 May, this is a chance to stay active and smash your PB. All you need to do is run 10k either in one or over multiple runs, record your run and share it. Either send it to running@uwe.ac.uk, share it on social media using the hashtags #uwestillactive and #uwefeelgood or submit it to the TeamUWE 10k Strava group.

Everyone who takes part will be entered into a prize draw – it really is a win-win situation. So dig out your trainers, download Strava and get running!

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Dynamic content

FBL students

Online assessments for Business and Law students

Your online assessments will be released on Blackboard. In most instances, this will be at 09:00 BST.

There have been some changes from the published exam timetable – **please check your** individual module Blackboard sites to ensure you have the correct date, time and information to complete your assessment(s).

If you're a professional law student (BPTC, GDL or LPC), please check your Blackboard programme site for assessment release dates and timelines.

Ignore the location on your exam timetable as you'll complete the assessment at home.

See Blackboard for more information

EU and international students

Write for us! Call for international student bloggers

Share with us and other students your experiences of adapting to life in the UK, making new friends, dealing with homesickness and fulfilling your dreams. You might want to share with us how you adapted to studying and socialising online during the coronavirus pandemic or how an aspect of UWE Bristol made you feel at home. You choose your topic!

We want to hear from you and to publish your personal insight into studying at UWE Bristol and living in Bristol. Send us a blog entry of at least 1000 words with a photo of you for a chance to win a £50 Amazon voucher. We look forward to hearing from you!

Email your blog post by Friday 15 May

Online socials with BISC

Bristol International Student Centre (BISC) have created an <u>online programme of events</u> for the summer term - book your place through their website as usual.

For the most up-to-date information, <u>follow them on Facebook</u>.

Global cafe: every Thursday morning

Every Thursday from 08:00-08:30 (UK time) the Global Student Support team is available to answer your enquiries.

Join in to catch up with the team and other students.

Tip: use Chrome and enable your microphone.

Join us

Global cafe: every Thursday afternoon

Every Thursday from 14:00-14:30 (UK time), the Global Student Support team, together with Library staff, host an online cafe focusing on various themes each week including culture, home study and English language support.

Tip: use Chrome and enable your microphone.

Join us