**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.



# This is yourUWE Bristol.

# Black lives matter.

The killing of George Floyd has had a tremendous impact. Over the past few weeks we have seen racism significantly exposed, in the UK and across the globe. We have, I hope, all reflected on our own values and actions, both as individuals and as communities.

UWE Bristol supports the #BlackLivesMatter movement through lawful and peaceful protest. There can be no doubt that in Bristol we have seen the welcome rise of this agenda and I hope this signals a new beginning for Bristol citizens. Together we must learn from our failings of the past and act to build a new fair and inclusive society, where we do not tolerate racism, we call it out and act on it. No more silence and empty words - action must be our focus.

At UWE Bristol we strive to be an inclusive and diverse place, where difference is respected and celebrated. Where all people can feel supported, respected and valued. Where opportunities are equal and where the lived experiences for everyone live up to our values and statements. As such, we commit to the following actions.

# We recognise we must do better. This is how.

All students will be expected to participate in an induction programme that makes clear our zerotolerance approach to racism and other forms of harassment and discrimination. We are **reviewing our** conduct policies and investigative approaches to racism and other forms of harassment and discrimination ensuring that the consequences are clear and appropriate. We will extend our campaigns that challenge discrimination,

strengthening our language and making sure that our students feel confident to report incidents to the university.

We are developing a training programme for staff, focusing on our zerotolerance approach to racism, discrimination and harassment. The rollout will be phased, with studentfacing staff as a priority. We will continue to diversify our university -

this means our curriculum, staff and students - ensuring we create a university community where all voices are heard, respected and valued. To make sure all voices are heard and listened to, these actions will be developed in a partnership between colleagues, students, The Students' Union at UWE and expert external agencies.

### Have you been affected?

**Has it affected your studies?** We recognise that the Black Lives Matter movement has affected our community. If you were at a protest, upset or just unable to focus on your assessments, remember that our <u>no-detriment approach</u> is still in place and personal circumstances have already been applied.

**Have you been a victim or have you witnessed something?** If you see or hear anything that is racist, harassing or discriminatory, please Speak Up using our <u>Report and Support tool</u>.

**Has this affected your mental health?** All of our <u>wellbeing support options</u> are detailed online including Kooth Student which provides online counselling. We also partner with <u>Nilaari</u>, a Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) led community-based charity that delivers culturally appropriate social care support and talking therapies.



# Moving out of your accommodation

We've compiled some pointers to help you sort, shift and recycle your stuff.

#### Moving out tips

# Library books gathering dust?

Keep them safely stacked for now - we're in the process of implementing a range of options to support you to return your items, including Freepost for non-returning students and outside drop-off locations. And we'll waive any fines resulting from lockdown.

If you're leaving the UK and not returning, let us know and we'll hatch a plan!

Find out more

# Provisional marks due out this week

For the majority of you, you'll be done with online assessments and coursework and will be waiting for results. This week many of you will be able to see your provisional marks in <u>myUWE</u>. These should give you an indication of whether it's likely you'll need to resit anything.

We recommend making a start on any coursework or exam prep based on your provisional marks rather than waiting for your final marks. Final results will be released week commencing Monday 20 July - so that gives you four weeks head start.

Check your marks and head to the relevant module on Blackboard to see your next steps.

# Blackboard maintenance

Blackboard will be unavailable from **17:00 on Friday 10 July** until **17:00 on Sunday 12 July**.



## **Resit timetables**

Resit timetables are due out in myUWE week commencing **Monday 6 July**. Check yours over when it goes live and let an <u>Information Point</u> know if something doesn't look right.

## Shape our path to recovery

We're looking for students across the University to join our Student Consultation Panel as we map out our path to Covid-19 recovery - we want your voice at the centre.

Sign up and you'll have the opportunity to work with us to develop, shape and test actions that will enhance the student experience for the upcoming academic year.

All activities will be held virtually over the summer and you can take part as little or as often as you like! Activities may include panel discussions, focus groups, workshops and interviews.

Sign up

# St. Pauls Carnival goes digital - starting today!

Join in with two weeks of online fringe events - preparing you for the day itself - a massive online celebration on Carnival Day on Saturday 4 July.

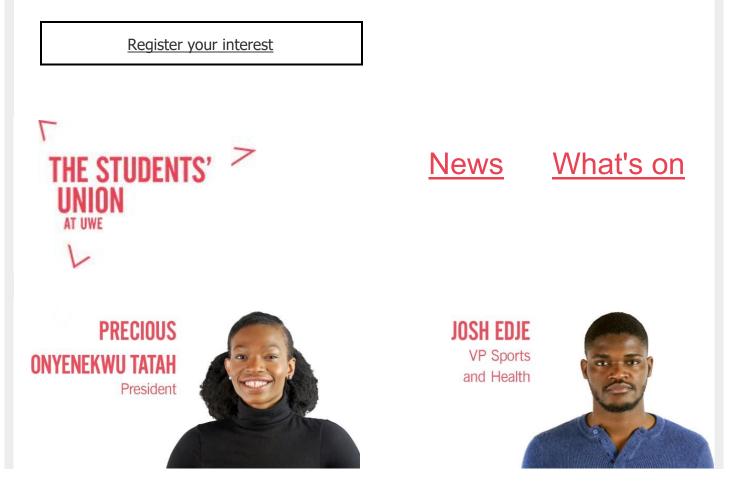
Find out more



# Sing your heart out with our Summer School

Keen to sing with others and enhance your musical abilities? Join the Centre for Music's Summer School for Singers! All abilities welcome. We'll meet on Zoom from **19:00-20:00** on **Tuesday 30 June**, **Tuesday 14 July** and **Tuesday 28 July**.

The School is free to join and will be led by our brilliant choral director Elinor Cooper.



# I STAND – BY DONNELL ASARE

Third-year law student, Donnell Asare has written the poem 'I Stand', which we're honoured to share with you.

Donnell is a spoken word poet from southeast London and has been a member of the Bristol Equity committee and the University's BAME leadership and Talent Programme for the last three years. During this time, Donnell has championed race equality and equal opportunities for ethnic minority students.

As a Union and Presidents Team, we want to help educate our community, so together we can create an inclusive campus, and we will keep working with you and UWE Bristol to tackle systemic and institutional racism.

# ARE YOU FOLLOWING US?

Now more than ever, our social media is the place to be, and we reckon you should give us a follow.

Our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter are the channels where we share all of our news, updates from us as a Presidents Team and is where we hold competitions (we've got some coming up next term, so get ready).

Each channel is updated daily and has a range of different information, so best to follow all of them so you don't miss out! From celebrating important dates to sharing some incredible snaps of Bristol, we're here to try and make you laugh and put a smile on your face.

Follow us

How you can get involved



Study support

Term dates

# Get in touch

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As a student you'll 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**

EU and overseas students

### Scam targeting Chinese students

There is currently a scam targeting Chinese students in the UK.

#### What is the scam?

It involves a student being contacted by someone reporting to be from Chinese authorities. They tell you that you've been identified as being involved in a crime in China and that you're going to be arrested. They then request a large sum of money to prevent further action being taken. False official identification and reports are used to convince you that this is genuine.

#### What should you do?

If you receive such a call, seek urgent advice from a trusted person and also <u>contact us</u>. We can then help you establish the nature of the call - it's most likely a scam.

# **Global Centre: Virtual Reception**

Every **Wednesday** from **11:00** – **11:30** (UK time) the Global Student Support team are available to answer your enquiries, joined by an Immigration/Visa Adviser.

Join us

# Global Café: Staying active

Find out how to stay active and keep moving from home - wherever you are in the world. Join us from **14:30-15:30** this **Thursday**, **25 June**.

Join in

# In your final year >>

# Stay connected

Keep up-to-date with the University's happenings by signing up to Alumni news.

We'll email your personal email address - make sure that's up-to-date in myUWE before you lose access.

I'd like to receive Alumni News

# Career support

We'll continue to support you in your career and professional development after you've completed your course - you'll be able to access a range of support from the careers and enterprise team including coaching appointments and online resources.

Support available

Health care students

## Essay competition: Holistic lessons from a pandemic

Healthcare students are invited to enter the British Holistic Medical Association's annual student essay competition.

This year the theme is 'Holistic lessons from a pandemic', and entrants are to radically and critically consider the lessons learned from pandemics in relation to holistic healthcare.

There are three prizes available with a first prize of **£250**.

Find out more