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.

Return to campus, asymptomatic testing and accommodation funding.

View in browser



We're getting ready to return to campus!

Those of you who need to access specialist facilities and equipment will be gearing up to return to campus, and we can't wait to have you back!

You'll hear from your Programme Team whether or not your programme will resume oncampus teaching, so make sure you're checking Blackboard and email for updates.

We understand you'll be excited to get back onto campus but we must be vigilant and <u>continue to follow the rules</u>. If we do, we could see life returning to normal in the summer!

Look out for updates and guidance on our <u>coronavirus guidance pages</u> - most of your questions will be answered there and we'll update pages as quickly as we can.

<u>Returning to campus ></u>

Make sure you get tested regularly

lf you're joining us on campus to use facilities or if you're currently living on campus, you need to have asymptomatic tests regularly to help keep our community healthy.	u
You might not have symptoms, but you could be carrying the virus which means you are likely to spread it to others.	e
<u>Book your test ></u>	

Accommodation Costs Support Scheme

The UWE Bristol Student Support Fund is now offering the Accommodation Costs Support Scheme - deadline to apply is **Monday 22 March**.

The Scheme is intended to support those of you who are paying for private accommodation which you've been unable to live in due to the national lockdown starting on **4 January 2021**.

Full details of the scheme, including the eligibility criteria can be found <u>online</u>.

<u>Find out more ></u>

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It's UWE Bristol Women's History Month!

It's Women's History Month, and this year's theme #ChooseToChallenge is an opportunity for us all to take an active role in championing gender equality.

Don't miss our Meet the Employers Fair

Our Meet the Employers fair takes place this Wednesday 10 March and will be hosted by <u>Handshake</u>, a leading career network created by students. We have a range of events happening, and all are welcome! The University has also put together an uplifting film featuring a joint reading of Maya Angelou's inspirational poem 'Phenomenal Woman' - <u>take a look</u>.

<u>What's on ></u>

As usual, you can engage with employers from a variety of sectors, ask them questions, network and find new opportunities.

Find out how to create a profile online.

<u>Find out more ></u>

Have you heard about Enactus?

Enactus UWE is a society with a difference! They are the next generation of socially responsible young leaders, building a better and more sustainable world.

Would you like to gain experience in VP projects, marketing, social media, fundraising, commercial projects and more all whilst making a difference to your community? If so, <u>fill</u> <u>out an application form online</u>.

As a committee member, you'll help by contributing to solve the UN Sustainable Development Goals. You'll also help develop the group into the largest, most sustainable student-led organisation in Bristol.

Find out more >

Don't miss it

Bristol Distinguished Address Series

Coming up next in the Bristol Distinguished Address Series on **Wednesday 10 March** is Professor Lyndsay Duthie, CEO, The Production Guild of Great Britain with her talk 'pushing past the pandemic, what's next for film and television?'.

'Oops, I didn't realise' - Building Anti-Racist Classrooms

The next session in the 'Oops I didn't realise' series of Building Anti-Racist Classrooms is 'Politics from a Black Woman's insides: medicine, health services and racism'. Join the discussion on **Tuesday 17 March from 14:00-16:00**.

<u>Register to attend ></u>

<u>Find out more ></u>

Study skills workshops

Are you taking advantage of our online study skills workshops?

The library run regular study skills workshops covering a range of topics including critical writing and referencing. The workshops take place virtually and are booked via Infohub.

Explore workshops online >

Happy Mind Collective

Have you completed the free mindfulness course yet?

The Happy Mind Collective has designed an introduction to mindfulness course for busy students offering free, 15 minute videos tackling the most persistent problems such as focus, planning and workload.

<u>Find out more ></u>



Are you cyber security aware?

Are you a cyber security expert? Take part in our <u>cyber security quiz</u> and test your knowledge! Complete the quiz by midnight on **Sunday 14 March** and you could win a £50 Amazon gift card.

And don't forget to play the free online game <u>Infiltrators</u>, created by UWE Bristol PlayWest students. In the game, you look to be on the wrong side of the law and it's you who is the hacker!

Report and Support

We know there has been some recent discussion in the media of antisemitism which may be triggering and upsetting for many people. We do not tolerate antisemitism or any other form of discrimination or harassment at UWE Bristol. If you see or experience any form of discrimination or harassment, you can report this to the university using <u>Report and Support</u>. Our <u>Speak Up</u> programme is being expanded and developed to ensure everyone in the university understands our values and knows how to recognise and challenge inappropriate behaviour including discrimination and harassment.

It's about the future of our communities

Census Day is 21 March

Office for National Statistics

The answers you give help plan public services you and your family need.

it's about us census 2021

It's time to complete the Census 2021 survey!

What is the Census?

The census is an important national survey that takes place every 10 years and gives a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales. The census is unique. There's simply nothing else that gives so much detail about the society we live in.

Why is it important for me to complete?

By taking part, you'll be helping make sure you and your student community get the services needed now and in the future. The information you give informs decisions that affect student life, such as university campus bus links and bike lanes, jobs and training. Therefore, it is key that **you complete the form for your university address**.

How do I complete the census?

Census Day is **Sunday 21 March**, but you can fill in yours in now. You can find out more information on how to <u>complete it online</u>.

If you have not received your code, you can <u>request a new one online</u> if you have lost or cannot access your code. Your code will be sent via SMS.

March Feel Good Focus

The Feel Good team are continuing with their monthly Feel Good Focus, helping

Student Space

you to try new things to stay positive and improve mental health!

For their March Feel Good Focus, placement student Afiya will be sharing with you her 'top tips to takeaway from 2020', helping you to reflect on what was a hard time for many of us, and focus your attention on what we can learn from those experiences.

<u>Read the blog ></u>

With University Mental Health day just behind us, we want to remind you that now more than ever, it's important to talk about mental health.

Student Space is a dedicated service for students navigating studying and the challenges of the pandemic. So if you haven't already, <u>check out their website</u>!

However you're feeling, help and guidance is available.

Student Space >

Meet our Wellbeing Team!

Our wonderful Wellbeing Team want to introduce themselves, let you know about the services they offer and the continued support they have been providing during lockdown.

<u>Take a look at the short video</u> they've put together and find out how they can help you during your time with us.

<u>Wellbeing support options ></u>

What's on at the Centre for Music

Free 1-2-1 instrument lessons

Our professional team of tutors will provide you with an introduction to Centre for Music and tips and advice on how to improve your own performance!

Once you have received your free 1-2-1 lesson you may continue at a cost of £32 per hour - bursaries are available for students who qualify.

<u>Find out more ></u>

Amplify Festival 2021

Amplify is a joint Centre for Music and Students' Union project combining the Centre for Music Amplify project (which every year celebrates and promotes the work of hip hop, grime and rap artists and producers at UWE Bristol) and The Students' Union Celebrating Black Excellence campaign.

Submit a video performance of an original track for your chance to win a professional music video shoot and a professional mix and master from our expert studio partners in Bristol!

<u>Find out more ></u>

Update to Bristol railway

From **Saturday 6** until **Friday 26 March**, scaffolding installations will be in place meaning platform 3-6 will not be in use. Please allow a little extra time to get to the right platform for your train if you need to travel.

<u>Find out more ></u>



EXPERIENCE AWARDS

The Student Experience Awards are back, and you have until Friday to get your nominations in.

The awards recognize the hard work and dedication that students and staff have put in to improve the student experience at UWE Bristol. We are looking for individuals who have had a positive impact on your time at University.

The award ceremony will premiere on **Thursday 29 April** at **19:00** on The Students' Union YouTube Channel. You will be able to live chat with others throughout the awards, and we will also be live-tweeting on the night to keep you updated!

STUDENT SPORTS AWARDS

We want to make sure our sports clubs and their members are celebrated for everything they have done in a year that has been challenging for all clubs.

The Sports Awards are going to be virtual and will take place at **19:00** on **Wednesday 26 May**. The awards are an opportunity for your club to celebrate its achievements for the academic year and are also a chance for The Students' Union to thank all clubs for their passion and continued efforts.

Nominations close on **Sunday 28 March** and all awards will be deliberated by a panel made up of Students' Union and UWE Bristol Sport representatives.

<u>Nominate ></u>

Find out more >

IT'S WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Today is International Women's Day, and we are excited to not only celebrate the achievements of all self-defining women but are delighted to confirm that we will be celebrating women's history for the whole month!

The theme for Women's History Month is Choose to Challenge, and this year, The Students' Union will be focusing on sustainability and intersectionality. Activities include; sustainable period product trials, which will allow you to review sustainable period products, free vulva cupcakes kits, which aim to celebrate body positivity and gender identities, and more!

So get involved, let all of the amazing women in your life know how great they are, and celebrate Women's History Month with The Students' Union.

Find out more >



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

Level 1

Become a PAL Leader!

PAL Leaders play an important role in helping students to help themselves, whether these students are brand new to the University or just in need of additional support - and applications to join the team are now open!

Join one of our upcoming information sessions to find out how the experience will benefit you, and find out more about the application process.

Information sessions >

Level 3

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International

Global Centre events

Student Career & Employability opportunities

Are you looking for ways to promote your employability and get a kickstart on your future career? Join us this Thursday 11 March to find out more.

Discover tips on how and where to find work opportunities in and outside of the UK. And, get an overview of your permissions to work before and after your studies as well as the resources available to support you.

<u>Find out more ></u>

Global Café: Graffiti - Street art or vandalism?

Bristol is famed for one of the best places in Europe for street art, but it's a question which prompts different answers around the world.

Street art is a highly polarising phenomenon. On the one hand there are those who believe graffiti is a powerful form of art and improve the look of a neighbourhood in decline. Then there are those who see graffiti as an illegal act of vandalism regardless of its type.

Join us at the Global Café for a fun graffiti debate on Thursday 11 March, 14:00.

Writing academic English: being formal

Join us on Thursday 11 March at 13:00 for a workshop on writing academic English!

This session will explain when and why you need to be formal in your academic writing and how to do this. You will learn to identify the differences between formal and informal

language and have the opportunity to practice looking for the differences, and how to apply this in your writing.

<u>Join in online ></u>

International Student Chat Room

Are you an international student? Are you missing talking to other people in English? Do you wish you had a chance to speak more and practise your informal English?

We understand that you are missing out on meeting people and using English in day-to-day life due to the current lockdown restrictions. The International Student Chat Room is a place for you to come along, meet new people and talk in a relaxed environment.

Join us on Blackboard on Friday 12 March from 14:00-15:00.