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Easter closures, safety net measures and support

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This is your UWE Bristol.

Looking forward

As we march steadily on towards a post-pandemic world, there will be lots of change. While we're all looking forward to the lifting of restrictions and getting back to a life we recognise, it's normal to feel anxious so remember to look after your wellbeing and reach out if you need <u>support</u>.

Looking forward, September isn't too far away now and we're sure you're wondering what the plans are for the 21/22 academic year. We're pleased to tell you that we are planning for it to be a return to on-campus delivery across all of our programmes - with campuses and services open as they were before the pandemic. This will, of course, be dependent on government guidelines, but we will keep you updated over the coming months.

Over the past year we've learned how to use digital learning to enhance your experience and this is something we will continue to build on. But we'll be able to also offer a great oncampus experience as well.

Easter closures and travel

Our campuses will be closed for Easter from **17:00 on Thursday 1 April** and will re-open from **08:30** on **Wednesday 7 April 2021.**

Make sure you're aware of updated <u>closure times</u> for campus facilities including our <u>Covid Support Team</u>.

We would recommend that you stay in your term-time accommodation where possible over the Easter break but if you do decide to head home, please <u>get tested</u> before you travel.

Easter closures >

Safety net measures

The University is no longer operating under a full set of alternative academic regulations (also known as the 'force majeure' regulations). However, we want to make sure during a continuing period of uncertainty, that the regulations are able to support you in achieving your awards.

We have a number of 'safety net' measures in place if you are completing your award this academic year or if you will be continuing beyond this year. The safety net includes actions which will be taken by our examination boards when considering your marks and individual profiles.

<u>Alternative academic regulations ></u>

Accommodation Costs Support Scheme extended

Applications for the Accommodation Costs Support Scheme have been extended until **Wednesday 31 March**.

It 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.

How to apply >

Tuition fraud

Results certificates

Please be aware that students are being targeted by fraudsters when paying their tuition fees.

Fraudsters might offer you a special rate, discount or means to pay your fees. For reference all legitimate payment methods are listed on our <u>webpage</u>.

Find out more >

Due to coronavirus, all certificates are being printed and sent to home-time addresses.

If you need to make any updates to your home address (not term address) please do so in myUWE before your results are published.

Login to my UWE >

Disruption to Eduroam on Wednesday 7 April

Please be aware that there will be disruption for students using wi-fi on campus (or in Eduroam hotspots) due to planned updates.

Give us your thoughts on our open spaces

Open spaces are designed to support your wellbeing and improve your experience and time at UWE Bristol.

So we want your thoughts on how these open spaces might be used recreationally in the future. The survey is open now and will close on Monday 12 April.

Due to project funding, this survey is mainly focussing on development at Frenchay campus currently but we would like to hear your thoughts for other campuses.

Take the survey >

Equity Webinar Series 2021

Join the Equity Team next **Wednesday 24 March** at **12:30** for their next webinar, How to network to reach your goals.

The session will be hosted by Bobbi O'Gilvie, Founder of <u>Ready to Blog Designs</u> and Director of <u>Startupgrind Bristol</u>. She's also an avid runner, reader, and adventure-seeker!

The session aims to empower you overcome the fear of networking and use it to reach your goals.

Join the session >

Windrush Generations Project: Health, Medical Services and Nursing

Join us on Wednesday 24 March from 18:00-20:00 for our <u>online guest lecture</u> by Anndeloris Chaccon.

Anndeloris' passion to support and empower others, has been accomplished through her nursing profession, community work, managing Bristol Black Carers the award-winning charity, and now as an author.

This workshop is part of the Windrush Generations Project, which features mini lectures from leading artistic and community leaders in Bristol.

Register now >

Same day support chats

Feeling overwhelmed? Homesick? Lonely? Having difficulties with your housemates or tackling a difficult decision?

Then our same day support chats might be for you. We offer short, focused meetings to address whatever your issue is and help you look at next steps.

Get in touch >

Next Link Bristol

<u>Next Link Bristol</u> provide a range of domestic and sexual abuse support services to women and children.

This includes safe houses, support for victims of sexual abuse, dedicated Black and Ethnic Minority services and a crisis response service.

Find out more >

Wellbeing and arts discussion

Why not register for one of our <u>wellbeing and arts discussion</u> workshops? Topics range from, how the pandemic has affected our ability to connect, to asking, who even are we?

The next workshop, <u>The Queer and Now</u>, takes place on **Wednesday 31 March** and will celebrate the struggles and triumphs of the LGBTQ+ community.

Find out more >

Is this pandemic making you feel unproductive and isolated?

The Feel Good team want to know how lockdown has affected your experiences with productivity and isolation. This will help us to enhance your student experience in relation to health and wellbeing.

The survey will take no longer than five minutes to fill out and you could be the lucky winner of a hamper of prizes to brighten up your day. The closing date for the survey is **Friday 9 April**.

Take the survey >

Save the date: Building anti-racist classrooms event

On **Thursday 15 April** from **14:00-16:00** you can attend the next session in our Building anti-racist classrooms series.

This is session is called, Equality vs Equity: How to make a difference. On the day just click on the join event link below.

<u>Join event ></u>

Undergraduate internship scheme now open!

This is your chance to participate in an eight-week, remote-working internship over the summer, to gain valuable work experience in a range of employment sectors.

As well as getting a chance to build your skills and confidence, you'll earn £370 a week (based on a 37-hour working week).

More details >

Climate Emergency Day of Action video playlist

Back in February, UWE Bristol students were invited to the University of Bristol Students' Union landmark event, the Climate Emergency Day of Action 2021.

You can now catch up on the events and discussions from the event via their video playlist.

Speakers include Dr Mya-Rose Craig aka Birdgirl, Mayor Marvin Rees, Frank Water CEO Katie Alcott and many more.

Get involved in our air quality courses

UWE's Air Quality Management Resource Centre (AQMRC) offers a series of online air quality <u>short courses</u>.

The series consists of five distinct courses which can be taken all together or as individual days. The courses are accredited by the Institute of Environmental Sciences and the Institute of Air Quality Management.

Online materials will be available from **Monday 19 April** and live sessions week commencing **Monday 17 May**.

More information >



News What's on





BLACK HALL OF FAME

As part of our Black excellence campaign, we're pleased to announce our second Black Hall of Fame for the 2020/2021 academic year.

The Black Hall of Fame celebrates the successes of Black students, staff, and alumni of UWE Bristol and aims to empower other prospective Black students and professionals.

Those who were recognised in last year's Black Hall of Fame can be nominated again as this campaign is a reflection of their continuous work in the UWE Bristol community.

If you know someone that you think should be recognised, nominate them before, **Wednesday 31 March**.

Nominate

SIGN UP TO UWE'S GOT TALENT

UWE's Got Talent is back, and this year, we want to make it even bigger and better.

Taking place at **17:00** on **Wednesday 31 March** on Zoom, the talent show will celebrate and raise awareness about the diverse talent that exists at UWE Bristol and will provide the perfect platform for you to show others your talent.

Whether you're a dancer, musician, comedian, or something unique, we want you to get involved. There are cash prizes of £150, £100, and £50 to be won so get involved!

Submissions close on **Tuesday 30 March**, so sign up and show your interest to participate in this year's show!

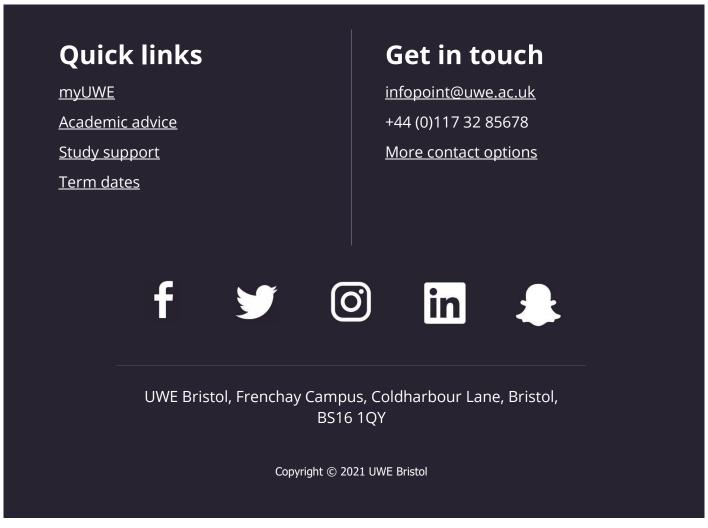
Sign up

THE SOCIETY AWARDS ARE COMING

The Society Awards are just around the corner, and they are going to be, you've guessed it, virtual! The awards are a chance to celebrate the amazing work of our societies and their members. Your VP of Societies and Communication, Samuel, will be hosting the events on Microsoft Teams on **Friday 21 May** and is delighted to confirm that this year will have a 90s theme!

Societies always matter, and a pandemic isn't going to stop us from celebrating this year's achievements.

Get your free ticket



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

Global Centre events

Support our Asian community

At this difficult time, UWE Bristol continues to ensure our spaces are inclusive and accessible to all students, with the available support for you to seek for any support that is needed.

We ask that students support each other and encourage you to report any incidents that you may feel uncomfortable with by using our <u>Report and Support tool</u>.

Support options are available.

Want some peer support?

Get in touch with our Global Student Support and they can set you up with a Global Buddy!

Whether you want support settling into University life, are feeling homesick or lonely, or need some additional support on the new academic and cultural environment they're here to help!

You can also meet new people at our next Global reception on Monday 24 March.

Global Cafe: Spring into action

Join the UWE Bristol Sustainability Team and students from UWE Bristol Green Team, for a relaxed and friendly chat about climate change and what we can do to help our planet!

The session will focus on sharing our experiences and feelings, and will look at ways forward to take positive action and to care for ourselves and the planet.

Join us on Thursday 25 March, at 14:30.

The new Graduate Route

<u>UKCISA</u> (UK Council for International Student Affairs) are running a special webinar for students about the new Graduate Route.

Following the recent publication of detailed guidance, we can now provide more information on how the Graduate Route will work in practice. The webinar will cover eligibility, applications and work options.

The session will run on 25 March 2021 from 14:30 - 16:00. Register now.