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April edition

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## The Easter holidays are almost upon us

The student vacation period officially runs from **Monday 15 April - Sunday 28 April**, with many students heading home for a well-deserved break.

With Easter being later than usual this year it's been a long term for our students, but it's been full of exciting opportunities for them to make the most of alongside their studies.

We celebrated Feel Good February - a whole month of activities to help our students feel great (take a look at our [film](#) for a flavour of what we got up to). We hosted our [Celebrating UWE Bristol Talent Awards](#), honouring the outstanding achievements of students in employability activities. And some of our international students even saw snow for the first time!

This newsletter will give you an overview of what's coming up for our students over the next couple of months.

## Easter closure information and support

Whilst we're open as usual for the majority of the vacation period, the University will be closed for Easter from **16:30 on Thursday 18 April**. We will re-open at **08:30 on Wednesday 24 April**.

For any students staying on campus our Security and Accommodation staff will be available 24/7, and they will be able to use the Libraries at Frenchay, Glenside and Bower Ashton. Wellbeing support will be available via [Kooth Student](#) and our [24/7 Crisis Textline](#).

A full round up of what's open, what's closed and details of support services can be found on our Easter at UWE Bristol web page.

[Easter information and support](#)

# Undergraduate students can now reapply for Student Finance

Undergraduate students who are continuing their studies in September can now apply for Student Finance for the 2019/20 academic year. Students need to reapply each year - it will not automatically carry over.

We're encouraging students to reapply as soon as possible to avoid delays in receiving their funding at the start of term. Applications can be made via your student's funding body (e.g. Student Finance England or equivalent).

## It's not long until our Student Conference

Our Student Conference takes place on **Monday 15 April**, with 115 students from all years of study and disciplines presenting their work as posters or verbal papers.

The conference is a great opportunity for students to practise their presentation skills, gain confidence and shout about the great work they've been doing this year.

We've been really impressed with the huge range of topics our students are going to be presenting on - take a look at the [draft conference programme](#) (PDF) to see for yourselves. We can't wait!

## Preparing for the upcoming assessment period

The summer assessment period runs from **Monday 29 April - Friday 24 May**. Not all students will have exams during this time - they may have other assessments to complete like presentations, practicals or coursework.

For students who were lucky enough to avoid January exams, this might be their first experience of a university exams environment. Most of our exams take place in our Exhibition and Conference Centre on Frenchay Campus, and this can be a bit daunting when a student first walks in. We're encouraging students to arrive in plenty of time to find their seat and familiarise themselves with the room layout, and we'll have plenty of staff on hand to point them in the right direction.

Students might want to spend some time over the Easter holidays revising for their exams or writing their coursework. Try to encourage them to find a happy balance between working and relaxing - we have some advice to help them [prepare for assessments](#).

If your student is concerned about their upcoming assessments, or experiences something that might affect their ability to complete an assessment, please encourage them to contact an [Information Point](#) as soon as they can. There's a lot we can do to help.

## New wellbeing support options web page

We've updated our website to make it easier for students to find wellbeing support that works for them.

Whether they'd like to talk to someone today, access anonymous online or text support or try some self-help resources, there are a huge range of options and there will always be someone who can help.

[See our wellbeing support options](#)

### Careers support for graduating students

If your student is finishing with us this year, they might be considering their next steps whilst juggling the pressure of their final assessments.

It's important for them not to panic - there's still plenty of time to figure it all out and our Careers team are here to help. They can come along to a drop-in session for immediate advice, submit their CV for feedback or attend a careers workshop. They'll find all the details on our [careers and employability](#) web pages.

They can also find inspiration by talking to one of our graduates on [Alumni Connect](#), who are ready and waiting to share their personal career stories and provide mentoring to our current students.

If they want to continue their studies they should take a look at our postgraduate courses - they'll receive a 50% tuition fee discount on [selected courses](#).

And for those who are branching out alone, applications are now open for students to join our graduate start-up incubator, [Launch Space](#).

### Career opportunities for continuing students

Students don't have to wait until their final year to start building the skills that will help them stand out from the crowd when they graduate.

We've got lots of opportunities currently open for students in the earlier years of their degree.

If your student is going to be at a loose end this summer and fancies earning a bit of money whilst gaining valuable work experience, why not encourage them to consider a summer internship? We have schemes for [undergraduate UK students](#) and [international students](#).

Budding entrepreneurs can apply for £1000 funding to bring their business ideas to life this summer, benefiting from the opportunity to test trade in a city centre location.

Or for those seeking a bit of sunshine and adventure, our [study abroad summer schools](#) may be a great option - they'll deepen their knowledge of their subject,

grow in confidence and experience a new culture - all brilliant for their CV.

## General information and reminders

### How to use this information

These emails will give you a general overview of some of the key activities taking place for students at this time of year. Use the information to start a conversation and support them - but don't be pushy! Let them take the lead - part of university life is learning to make it on your own.

### If you have urgent concerns about a student's welfare

Please call **+44 (0)7788 725507** (Monday - Thursday 08:30 - 17:00, Friday 08:30 - 16:30). During weekends and evenings please call **+44 (0)7814 791212**.

### For general queries

If you or your student have any general queries about support services, events or anything else at UWE Bristol, call our [Information Points](#) on **+44 (0)117 32 85678** or email [infopoint@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:infopoint@uwe.ac.uk). A range of information is available on our [students' webpage](#).

### Sharing a student's information

Unless a student has given their consent for us to share their personal information, we can't disclose any specific information about their circumstances. Your data is not linked to a specific student.

## Next edition

You'll next hear from us on **Wednesday 5 June**. If you have any questions before then, hit reply.

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