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Welcome, library refurbs, Volunteering Fair

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## Hello!

A huge welcome to our new students! And welcome back to those of you returning for further study. We hope you've had a great first few days.

If you have any questions, just contact an <u>Information</u> <u>Point</u>. They're on hand to answer all your queries, however big or small!

We'll send you a student newsletter every other Thursday - it's full of important information about deadlines, support services and what's going on here at UWE Bristol. We'll only email your university email account so make sure you check it regularly. You can set it up on your phone.

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## Volunteering Fair - Wednesday 28 September

At our Volunteering Fair we'll be showcasing short-term and long-term volunteering opportunities from over 80 organisations – meaning you can do as much or as little as you want so it fits around your schedule.

It's a great way to share your skills and give back to the community – so come along and feel inspired!

In the meantime, take a look at a range of <u>volunteering projects</u> we offer - some of which have application deadlines of Monday 3 October. If you're interested in volunteering in a school, the deadline to apply for our <u>Schools Volunteering programme</u> is Friday 30 September.

See who will be at the Volunteering Fair





# Our libraries have had a revamp

The libraries at Frenchay, Glenside and Bower Ashton have all been refurbished as part of an ongoing plan of improvements.

There are now more group study spaces at all campuses and more student computers/MacBooks.

Study spaces have been increased by 20% at Frenchay, Glenside has a more modern look-and-feel and Bower Ashton has a quiet glass-walled study area.

# Know the symptoms, get a vaccination

Early symptoms of meningitis are similar to a hangover and can include fever, headaches, muscle pain and vomiting.

Vaccinations against some causes of meningitis are available – so please ask your doctor whether you have had the 'Men ACWY' vaccination.

If you haven't had the vaccination at home, then <u>register with the University Health</u>
<u>Centre</u> and you can have it done there.

## Changing modules

You can apply to change optional modules up until Friday 30 September (16:00).

To request to change modules, you will need use the <u>online module allocator</u> in myUWE. You cannot change compulsory modules.

If approved, confirmation of the change will appear on your timetable within 5 working days. If the request cannot be approved, you will be notified by email.

Find out more about changing modules

## You're invited to our Meet the Employers Fair

Our <u>Meet the Employers Fair</u> has become the largest careers fair in the South West – and we run it exclusively for you. It's on Wednesday 12 October, between 11:00 - 15:00 at the Exhibition and Conference Centre, Frenchay Campus.

With over 180 employers from a range of sectors attending, it's a great opportunity to see what's out there - which can make things a bit easier when you're deciding on what direction to take at the end of your course.

Join the Facebook event for updates

## Have you registered?

If you've not yet registered for the academic year, make sure you do by Friday 7 October.

Log in to myUWE to update your personal details and arrange payment for your fees.

Log in to myUWE

# Quick links

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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.

#### **DYNAMIC CONTENT:**

**Bristol campuses:** 

## Getting yourself to lectures this year

We suggest you leave plenty of time to get to campus, especially if you have 9am lectures! There are roadworks throughout Bristol at the moment. Remember that Stoke Lane is still closed to northbound (uphill) traffic.

There have been some changes to bus services (fares and timetables) travelling to and from our campuses - so make sure you <u>familiarise yourself with the new routes</u>. Download the Travelwest Bus Checker app so you know when buses are due to arrive. Also, you might want to get an earlier bus than you think you need because they're always busy at the start of term!

One option for getting to campus is by bike and we offer a great <u>bike loan scheme</u>. You can borrow a bicycle for £50 for the year - and this includes full bike maintenance for the year, lights and a secure lock.

Plan your journey with Travelwest

Frenchay:

## Frenchay is a smoke-free campus

As part of our commitment to providing a healthy and safe environment for all students, and in line with our Smokefree policy, <u>large parts of Frenchay Campus are smoke-free</u>.

You cannot smoke in any of the main external areas of campus, which includes courtyards such as outside the main Information Point and outside the library by the Community Hub.

## Free drinks at Alexandra Warehouse

Good news for all of you at Alexandra Warehouse, Gloucester!

The Klix drink dispenser on Level 3 is currently offering free hot drinks for all students and staff, for a trial period.

Have a drink on us!

If there are any problems with the machine, please let the Information Point know.

## Frenchay Library refurbishments

We've spent over a £1million on phase 1 of our library refurbishments, improving it as a learning space for you.

We've created 200 new study spaces (most are on Level 4), added new furniture to 4D24 and 4D26, improved connectivity including for group screens, and refurbished the carpets.

Hope you enjoy the improvements!

## Glenside Library refurbishments

We've reopened Glenside Library and hope you'll spot a number of improvements: a more modern look and feel; 11 new computers; additional study spaces and IT equipment; new collaborative working tables and seating; improved lighting and ventilation; new shelving and signage.

There's now a fully accessible toilet, 5 unisex toilets and baby changing facilities - all in response to your feedback. We hope you enjoy the improvements!

## **Bower Ashton Library refurbishments**

We've made some improvements to the library at Bower Ashton to enhance it as a study and creative space for you.

#### There's now:

- a quiet study space, with a glass wall
- more study spaces (the old journals room is now a group study room)
- 60 new MacBooks

We hope you enjoy the improvements!

#### **Undergraduates:**



## Register for the UWE Bristol Futures Award

Our award is designed to help you learn new skills, gain confidence and improve your graduate job prospects.

It's a great thing to have on your CV when applying for work. It's open to all full-time and sandwich undergraduate students.

Take a look at the <u>list of activities</u> which count towards the Award.

Register for the award



## Be a UWE Bristol Champion

Champions tell us how things are going with non course-related matters like campus facilities, our website and support services.

If you sign up, you'll be invited to join in with mystery shopping, online surveys, one-to-one interviews and focus groups.

The time you spend on any opportunities will go towards your UWE Bristol Futures Award.

Sign up now

FBL:

## The digital revolution - Baroness Dido Harding

We run a series of free public lectures from senior business leaders in the region, called the <u>Bristol</u> Distinguished Address Series.

On Wednesday 28 September Baroness Dido Harding, Chief Executive of TalkTalk Group, is coming to Frenchay Campus to speak about 'The digital revolution: how Britain can lead and what it means for today's students'.

Register your place

# The future of the UK aerospace industry

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On Wednesday 21 September Mark Stewart, General Manager and Human Resources Director, Airbus Operations Ltd and HR Director Airbus Group UK, will be visiting Frenchay Campus to talk about how the UK aerospace industry is meeting the challenge to get the best people with the right skills to design and manufacture the next generations of civil aircraft in the UK.

Register your place

Home students:

# Learner Support Fund

The Learner Support Fund opens on Monday 19 September and is there for you if you're struggling financially. Check the website for details about eligibility criteria.

Find out more

International students:

## Do you need to register with the Police?

On **Monday 19 September** the Foreign National Registration Team will be in the Frenchay Library from **09:30 to 16:30**. If you are a new student to UWE Bristol and your Tier 4 visa states that you need to register with the Police, you need to come in during the day - it won't take long.

You also need to attend if you already have a registration certificate which needs updating.