**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.



# Your Easter break is just around the corner...

There's only a couple of weeks left until your Easter break officially starts, and we hope you're looking forward to a well-deserved rest. If you'll be busy working on coursework or making revision plans, make sure you find some time to take a break and do something you enjoy too.

And if you're starting off your Easter break by presenting at the Student Conference on Monday 15 April, good luck! It's a fantastic opportunity to show off your work and great experience for your CV. We can't wait to hear about all the brilliant work you've been doing this year.

# Easter closure information and support

The University will be closed for Easter from **16:30 on Thursday 18 April** and will re-open at **08:30 on Wednesday 24 April**.

Security and Accommodation staff will be on campus every day, and wellbeing support will be available via Kooth Student and our 24/7 Crisis Textline.

You can find out what's open, what's closed and where to find support on our Easter web page.

**UWE Bristol at Easter** 

# If you can't attend an exam or submit an

### assessment

If you can't attend an exam or submit an assessment due to personal circumstances, we have a number of <u>assessment support</u> <u>processes</u> that could help.

If you're unsure of which process might be right for you, please contact an <u>Information Point</u> for advice as soon as you can.

# Frequently asked questions about assessments

How, when and where do I submit coursework? When will I receive results? What happens if I have a problem with an assessment? What's the pass mark for a module?

You'll find answers to all of these questions and more in our <u>assessment FAQs</u>.



# Moving out of your accommodation?

Donate your unwanted items to raise money for the British Heart Foundation and save reusable goods from ending up in landfill at the same time.

In the last five years, more than £1million worth of donations have been collected through the Bristol Big Give.

You'll find donation banks around the city and on Frenchay and Glenside campuses, making it easy to drop off your unwanted books, clothes and electrical goods.

If you have items you no longer want that aren't suitable for the Big Give, you can find advice on the <u>campus accommodation</u>, <u>Bristol City Council</u> and <u>South Gloucestershire Council</u> web pages.

Find a donation bank

# How is my degree classification calculated?

You can find out how your honours degree classification and differential levels of award are calculated online.

Find out how degrees are calculated

# Support your fellow students at the Student Conference

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

Come along and see what they've been working on - you can choose which parts of the day you'd like to attend, plus there's a free lunch.

Take a look at the <u>draft conference programme</u> (PDF) to get an idea of what topics the students will be covering.

Register to attend

# alumniconnect

# Linking students and alumni

Alumni Connect is our new online site linking students and alumni (graduates). You'll have direct access to knowledgeable professionals who want to help you progress in your chosen industry.

Found a mentor but not sure how to start the conversation? Don't be daunted – take a look at our <u>blog post</u> for tips.

Sign up for Alumni Connect

# Study abroad this summer

Gain specialist knowledge, grow your confidence and experience a new culture by taking part in a summer school at one of our partner institutions across the globe.

Summer schools combine subject-specific tuition and social activities, allowing you to deepen your understanding of your subject and meet new people without committing to a whole semester or year abroad.

We've negotiated generous fee discounts and are offering 18 summer school grants of £500 to students who meet funding criteria.

Find out more

### Global experience photo competition

Working, studying, volunteering or teaching abroad this academic year?

Show off your international experience by entering our photo competition. If you win you'll receive a £150 Amazon voucher and two runners-up will win a £50 Amazon voucher each.

The competition is open until **Thursday 30 May**, so get your entries in soon.

Find out how to enter

# Sexual violence climate survey

As part of our <u>Speak Up</u> campaign, the university is conducting its first ever sexual violence climate survey.

By understanding the extent of the issue (both incidence and perception) we'll be better placed to improve our response to reports of sexual violence. Our aim is to improve safety on our campuses and better support victims of sexual violence.

The survey is completely anonymous and asks questions that not only relate to your opinions about social norms surrounding sex, but also about your experiences at UWE Bristol. We're looking for all students to complete the survey, even if you haven't witnessed or experienced any of the situations described, so we can get as full a picture as possible.

Complete the survey

## Website survey

We're looking for ways to improve our website and make it easier to use. Take our survey to be in with a chance of winning a £50 Amazon voucher.

Complete the survey

# New emergency contraception service

Lloyds Pharmacy inside Sainsbury's East Filton (opposite Frenchay Campus) is now able to offer free emergency contraception to those aged 24 and under, up to 120 hours (5 days) after unprotected sex.

# Reminders

### **Specialist software**

You can find out which computers have design, science and engineering, geography or software development builds online.

Find a computer with specialist software

### **Study spaces**

As we approach the busy exam season, remember that you can book computers, group study rooms or teaching rooms that aren't in use online.

Find or book a study space

#### How to use your assessment feedback

Find out how to use feedback from your previous assessments to improve your future work with our guide.

Using assessment feedback

### **Mindfulness course**

Our mindfulness-based stress reduction course starts with an orientation session on Thursday 4 April or Monday 8 April. It's not too late to sign up.

Find out how to join





News What's on

# ACADEMIC SURVIVAL GUIDE SURVEY

We would love to get your feedback on the Academic Survival Guide, which answers some of the most frequently asked questions about the academic regulations and procedures.

This short survey will help us gather feedback on the guide and decide how it could be presented in the future.

Complete survey

# FREDDIE GOUGH

VP Societies and Communications



# AWARDS SEASON

The awards season has arrived! Whether you're part of a society, sports club or one of our Student Reps, the awards season provides an opportunity to celebrate all of your amazing achievements.

Nominations for The Society Awards, The Welfare Awards and The Sports Ball are now open and you still have time to get your tickets.

Each event is set to be full of food, music and of course awards! So, get your tickets and get ready to celebrate.

Get your ticket and nominate

# JADE MARSELLA

VP Sports and Health



# THE BRISTOL 10K

Has the excitement of Varsity Week left you thinking about your next fitness challenge? Well if it has, put **Sunday 5 May** in your diary and sign up for the Simplyhealth Great Bristol 10k.

More than 400 people have already signed up to be part of the university wave, so whether you run it, walk it or jog it, we want you to get involved and join #TeamUWEBristol! Sign up today to get a discounted entry price and a Team UWE Bristol T-Shirt. The deadline for signing up is **Monday 8 April**.

<u>Sign up</u>

# Quick links

<u>myUWE</u> <u>Academic advice</u> <u>Study support</u> <u>Term dates</u>

# Get in touch

Email: infopoint@uwe.ac.uk Tel: +44 (0)117 32 85678 More contact options







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As a student, you will 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**

Law students

# Equity event with Burges Salmon

You're invited to the launch of Burges Salmon's BAME network, where they will discuss and explore issues around workplace diversity. How can firms create a culture of inclusive engagement for BAME professionals?

Wednesday 10 April, 17:30 – 19:30 followed by drinks and canapés.

Register to attend

#### **FET mentor**

### Find a career mentor

Alumni Connect is our new online site linking students and alumni (graduates). You'll have direct access to knowledgeable professionals who want to help you progress in your chosen industry, like Matt Webster, BSc(Hons) Climate Change and Energy Management and MSc Sustainable Development in Practice graduate.

Matt is Programme Coordinator and Senior Fund Assembly Officer at Sustrans.

"I've developed experience within sustainable areas including active travel, transport, food and procurement. My skills include partnerships, funding, bid-writing and business development. I'm interested in mentoring students or alumni that are looking to work in the third sector."

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Carys is a qualified Solicitor practising corporate and commercial law for a top 100 law firm.

"After leaving UWE Bristol, I completed a two-year structured training contract with Thrings LLP, working in the personal injury, family, commercial property, employment, corporate and commercial law departments. I'd like to mentor business and law undergraduates."

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**HSC** mentor

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Denis is Head of Care for Cygnet Health Care, working in a psychology-led service for those with personality disorder diagnosis.

"I am passionate about mental health nursing and more specifically the work that I do. I very much enjoy sharing my knowledge and experiences with others who are just starting out, or considering working in the field."

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Lindsey is a video and print journalist, who successfully pitched her masters' film to the BBC to be made into a TV series.

"I have freelanced for international clients and local publications and co-founded an online news website with a collective of journalists. My ideal mentee would be self-motivated and a creative thinker."

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Level 3

# Free office space and business support for graduate start-ups

Graduating this year? Have a business idea?

Join our graduate start-up incubator, Launch Space.

We'll provide free desk space and business support for 12 months so you can put your ideas into action.

Apply for your space

# Don't want your studies to end? They don't have to!

We offer a wide range of postgraduate courses, designed to fast-track you into all sorts of different professions, regardless of the subject of your undergraduate degree.

We also offer a 50% tuition fee discount on <u>selected postgraduate courses</u> through our Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships scheme.

Discover your options

# Undergraduate internship scheme now open

Need something to do this summer? Apply for one of our undergraduate internships – it's a great opportunity to gain valuable work experience, build your confidence and earn at least £300 per week over the summer months.

We advertise a range of internships on <u>InfoHub</u>, but you can also find your own internship by approaching companies speculatively.

Find out more

### Glenside/Gloucester

# Best Practice Award for supporting health care students in practice

Do you know someone who has gone above and beyond to support you in practice? Or a team who provides excellent support to their students on placement?

You're now able to nominate an individual practitioner, team or part of a service for our Best Practice Award for supporting health care students in practice. Nominations can be made across fields – for example a physiotherapy student could nominate an OT practitioner or a paramedic an ED sister.

Please contact your Programme Leader or email <u>Lisa.Stenner@uwe.ac.uk</u> for a nomination form. Nominations must be submitted by **Monday 13 May**.

#### Gloucester



# Adult Nursing Society raises £1000+ for charity

The Adult Nursing Society at Gloucester Campus raised £1,205 through various means, for local initiative Increase the Peace (ITP) which works to promote peace and divert young people away from antisocial behaviour, gun and knife crimes and gang affiliation. Well done team!

Read the full story

# Apply for Student Finance for the 2019/20 academic year

If you're continuing your studies in September, you can now apply for Student Finance for the 2019/20 academic year. You need to reapply each year – it won't automatically carry over.

Please reapply as soon as possible to avoid delays in receiving your funding at the start of the academic year. You can apply via your student funding body:

- Student Finance England
- Student Finance Wales
- Student Finance Northern Ireland
- Student Awards Agency Scotland