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Get ready!

We hope the past few weeks have given you time to relax and regenerate.

Looking forward to the next academic year, we know it will look different to previous years, but there's plenty to look forward to and lots of resources available to help you settle into student life.

In this edition, you'll learn how to make the most of online learning, discover new support services available and find out what <u>The Students' Union</u> has planned for Freshers' week.



Returning to campus

We're excited to welcome you back to campus and have been working hard to make sure you feel safe and ready to take on the next academic year.

Take some time to explore our <u>preparing and arrival page</u> and watch Vice-Chancellor, Steve West, explain what campus will look like next term and what to expect from your studies.



Get ahead and master online learning

In preparation for the new academic year and Block Zero, it's important you're set up with all the necessary <u>IT equipment from home</u>.

Once you've got your tech sorted, read our guidance on <u>how you can make the most of</u> <u>online learning</u>. From key technologies, to advice on how to manage your time, we want you to feel confident and ready to go when term starts.

Check out our welcome blog

We're doing things a bit differently this year, and where you might have picked up one of our newspapers on campus, you can now access all our start of year advice through our blog!

Even though you're not new to UWE, you'll find useful guidance on budgeting, travelling to campus, and how to feel settled and confident to take on the new year.

<u>Read our first post ></u>

Get support through Student Space

We know that whilst you'll be excited to see friends and get back to student life, you might feel apprehensive about the year ahead.

<u>Student Space</u> is run by <u>Student Minds</u>, the UK's student mental health charity. It's designed specifically to support you through the coronavirus pandemic and to complement the <u>existing services</u> available to you at UWE Bristol.

You can access their dedicated support services by phone or text and find information and tools to help you through the challenges of coronavirus.

Find out more >

Behaviour in the community

Whilst we know it's exciting to be back with friends and course mates, if you're living in the Bristol community, you should always be mindful of your neighbours and local residents.

Although social distancing guidelines have relaxed since lockdown, local residents are getting nervous about student parties, and if you have large or loud gatherings they might phone the police and/or University.

So please, be responsible and take some time to review the student conduct policy which applies both on and off campus.

<u>Read our conduct policy ></u>

Temple Meads bike move

On **Sunday 6 September**, the existing cycle racks on platforms 3 and 4 at Temple Meads train station will be removed and any remaining bikes put into secure storage elsewhere. Any bikes that are moved by Network Rail can be reclaimed up until **Friday 6 November** - just talk to a member of station staff.

This is to make way for a new bike storage facility, opening on **Saturday 5 September**. The new facility will hold the same number of bikes, be well lit and more secure, with CCTV in operation, security patrols and multiple locking points.

<u>Read more ></u>

Design opportunity

Calling all designers and creative thinkers!

St Mary Redcliffe church is seeking an artist or craftsperson to create a new set of Nativity figures in time for Christmas. The church is keen to support the local creative community so if you're interested in the project <u>email</u> Kat Campion-Spall for more information.

Submissions must be entered by **Thursday 10 September**.

Bristol Drugs Project: Have your say!

<u>The Drop</u> is an information and support service for people who use recreational drugs (including alcohol), embedded within <u>Bristol Drugs Project.</u>

Their aim to provide information and support so you can stay safe if and when you use drugs. Whilst not all drug use is problematic, learning about the drugs you use and seeking support early can prevent your use becoming problematic and help maintain your overall wellbeing.

The aim of the survey is to gather some information on how they can improve their service so it's suitable for the needs of people who use recreational drugs.

<u>Complete the survey ></u>

<u>News</u>

What's on

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A YEAR IN CONVERSATION WITH AUGUSTA

I'm delighted to share with you a new campaign that I'm launching this month. A Year in Conversation with Augusta will take place throughout the academic year and will see me have conversations with at least 12 high-profile leaders, including senior executives at UWE Bristol.

The aim of this is to instigate conversations around equality, equity

GET READY -FRESHERS' FAIR IS GOING VIRTUAL!

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and Health

While we may not be coming at you in our normal style, that doesn't mean that you'll miss out. Taking place on **Friday 9 October**, between **12:00-17:00**, we've chosen a great app called Whova, and we cannot wait for you to experience Freshers' Fair in a whole new way!

The app lets you do everything that you would normally do at Freshers' Fair. You

and inclusivity. I will discuss issues including discrimination, systemic change, being an ally, new initiatives and more. It is important for the student community to hear more from leaders who need to proactively enact change.

In true 2020 style, these conversations will be virtual and released on our social media and YouTube Channel. The Students' Union wants to bring these conversations into your homes, we want you to discuss them with your flatmates, friends and family, and we want you to get involved.

Find out more

can go to stalls, bag some discount codes, watch live-streams from our sports clubs and societies, and maybe even get some freebies. It also lets you create a profile, where you can get chatting to other students.

You can also turn Freshers' Fair into a flat social! Just get your laptop, find an HDMI cable, hook it up to your TV and enjoy the Fair with your pals! Freshers' Fair is free, and for ALL students. So if you didn't join that sports club or society last year or if you didn't get enough Domino's discount codes, tune in on **Friday 9 October**!

<u>Register</u>

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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. <u>Contact us</u> if you have any questions.

International and european student orientation

The International and European Student Orientation is your chance to meet other international students, as well as staff members from the Global Student Support team.

The programme is designed to give you advice, guidance and support so that you can make the most of your time as a UWE Bristol student.

It will be delivered online via Blackboard Collaborate, and will include a range of activities and fun social events run by The Students' Union.

Find out more >

The UWE Global Centre 'Virtual Reception'

The Global Student Support team and an immigration adviser will be available this **Wednesday 26 August** from **11:00 -11:30**, to answer any questions you may have. Join in via <u>Blackboard</u>.

Need some help about your visa? <u>Book a</u> <u>phone appointment</u> to speak to our Immigration Adviser who will be available to answer any visa queries you may have.

Find out more >

Global Café: World Water week

Join us on **Thursday 27 August** at **14:30** (UK Time) to chat about your favourite places connected to water, how water is good for wellbeing, and how water resources might be saved.

This is a chance to discuss how we describe amounts in different situations and the grammar of 'fewer' and 'less'.

Join in online >