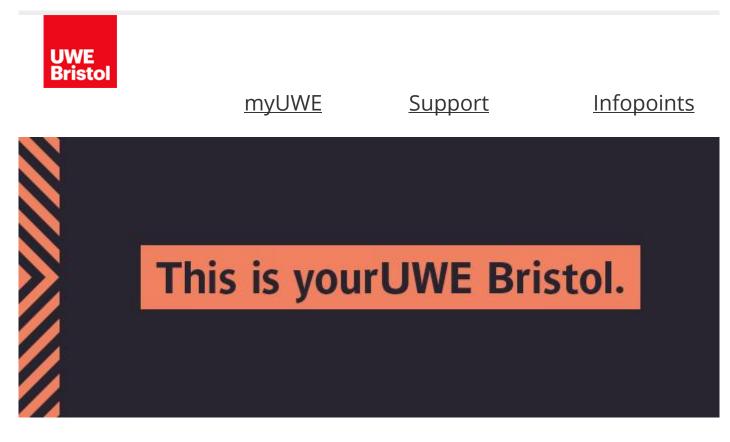
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Block Zero, Speak Up and safety on campus.





Preparing and arrival

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

Find out everything you need to know about the start of term <u>online</u>.

Get ready for Block Zero

To get yourself ready, make sure you've got all of your IT set up. If you have any questions about what you need, read our guide to <u>setting up your IT at home.</u>

If you're all set on IT, log into <u>myUWE</u>, check your email and also get yourself acquainted with the software available to you as part of Office365, including Microsoft Teams. If you're having trouble logging in, contact an <u>Information Point</u>.

Block Zero timetable

If you've started or completed your online registration, your timetable for Block Zero will be visible in <u>myUWE</u> this Wednesday, 9 September.

If your timetable isn't showing, please check the Registration tab to see if you need to start or complete your registration. If you've registered and your timetable is still not showing, please contact an <u>Information Point</u>. We're looking forward to seeing you, but other than for a few courses, Block Zero will be fully online and you'll engage with it from home. If you're living in UWE Bristol accommodation, your contract will have your contract start date. You won't be able to move in any sooner than that.

But <u>HallsLife</u> is running some online events during Block Zero to get you ready for move-in.

Get stuck in

<u>The Students' Union</u> will be hosting a range or virtual and in person events during Freshers' week, including their <u>virtual Freshers' Fair</u>, so keep an eye on their event diary.

And make sure you stay connected with <u>Browzer</u>! Browzer is here to give you a helping hand with all the things you need to know during your time at university. You'll be able to find all of the latest events and activities, access a ton of information about campus facilities and read articles and blogs written by students, just like you!

Safety on and off campus

Find out what to do in the event of an accident, emergency or fire.

Learn how to report anything that has made you feel upset or uncomfortable and find out how to raise a welfare concern about another student.

<u>Find out more ></u>

Speak Up

We want to create an inclusive campus where diversity is celebrated, antisocial attitudes and behaviours are challenged and any type of harassment, assault and discrimination aren't acceptable.

We want you to Speak Up if you see or hear something that's not right, and be an active bystander.

Find out more >

Looking after your wellbeing

We know for some of you, starting university might be daunting. We want you to know that we're here to support you, and no question is too big or too small.

And if you're worried about student life during the coronavirus pandemic, <u>Student Space</u> is here to help.

<u>Health and wellbeing ></u>

Have you registered with the University Health Centre?

The University Health Centre, based on Frenchay campus, works in partnership with The Old School Surgery in Fishponds.

If you haven't already, make sure you are registered before you arrive!

Find out more and register >

Keep up to date with our welcome blog

We're continuing with our new welcome blog, so keep an eye out for new posts giving you top tips and advice on everything from budgeting, how to access our wellbeing services, travelling to campus and online study skills!

<u>View the blog ></u>

Get to know your way around campus

Worried about getting lost? Check out our short video campus tours, led by student ambassadors, to help you find your way around campus.

<u>Campus tours ></u>



Don't miss Bristol Pride

This year, we're proud to be celebrating 11 years working with <u>Bristol Pride</u> and continuing our partnership as their Access Sponsor.

This year's festival will take place digitally, enabling people from across Bristol and beyond to join in the celebrations from the comfort of their homes. A range of online activities are planned, including a <u>virtual parade</u> on **Saturday 12 September**.

<u>Find out more</u> >

Get ready for Feel Good Fortnight

Join us from Monday 21 September – Sunday 4 October as we help you to kick off university in a healthy way! There will be plenty of activities to help you relax, eat well, get active and try something new.

<u>What's on ></u>

Are you a care leaver, student carer or estranged from your family?

We understand that being at university can be tough if you have little or no family support - so we offer a designated package of support, including a dedicated team on hand to help you.

<u>More about UWE Cares</u> >

Have you heard about our Digital Capability Scheme?

Being a student means being able to engage with digital resources, online materials, lectures and learning opportunities. The Digital Capability Scheme is here to provide grants to help students who have no access to IT equipment.

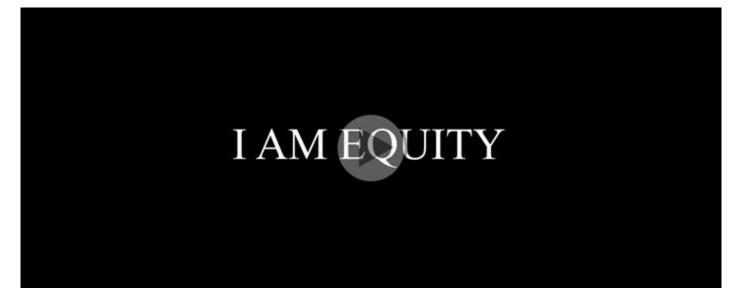
Find out more and apply >

Chaplaincy drop-in

Julie Nicholson, our Coordinating Chaplain, will be running monthly drop-in sessions, discussing a variety of topics.

The next session will take place online on **Tuesday 15 September**, and will discuss issues around loneliness and isolation.

<u>Find out more ></u>



The Equity Programme is an award winning, forward-looking positive action development programme for our Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) students and is aimed at providing personal and professional development opportunities.

Come along to our information session on **Tuesday 22 September** between **14:30 – 16:00** to find out more.

Book your place >

Ask a student

Have questions about your course, or want some advice before you start? Our Unibuddy ambassadors are keen to help and answer any questions you may have about your studies, student life and life in Bristol!

<u>Connect with an ambassador ></u>







HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR OUR FRESHERS' FAIR?

If you haven't, then we would recommend stopping everything that you are doing and registering right now! This year's Freshers' Fair is going to be virtual, but we can confirm that it will still have everything you're looking forward to. We're talking sports clubs, societies, information about how great The Students' Union is, and of course, freebies!

If that wasn't enough, our Freshers' Fair will give you a chance to connect with other students and make friends. Whova, the app that we have chosen to host the Fair on, lets you create a profile where you can add pictures and your social media accounts and get chatting to other students.

So hit the link below, register today and start making the most of everything on offer at UWE Bristol and The Students' Union.

Register for Freshers'

JOEY ANTE VP Community and Welfare



HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR WELCOME BLOGS?

University is a big step and we know there is a lot to take in and learn - but don't worry, we've got you covered with our Welcome blogs! From tips on what to pack in 2020, to details about our favourite Bristol recommendations, we have a whole load of information that will help you settle into University life.

We would recommend making yourself a cuppa, having a read through the blogs and seeing what little gems you can incorporate into the start of your University experience!

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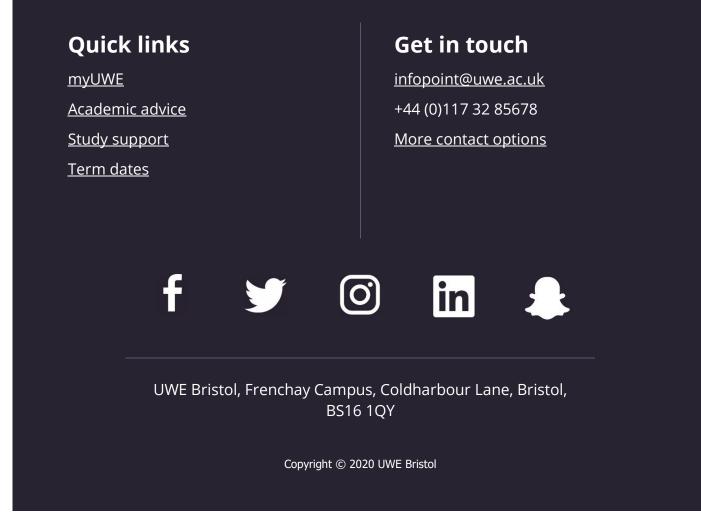
ARE YOU FOLLOWING US ON SOCIAL MEDIA?

If you want to keep up to date with everything happening at The Students' Union, then you need to give us a follow/like. We are on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat, and post a variety of information across these platforms.

From events to pictures of Bristol, we are here to keep you up to date with everything going on. So check out @TheSUatUWE, make sure you're following ALL accounts and tell your friends!

Welcome blogs

<u>Connect with us</u>



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.