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Block Zero, registration and online learning

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The logo for UWE Bristol, featuring the text "UWE Bristol" in white on a red rectangular background.

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A dark blue banner with a yellow and black diagonal striped pattern on the left side. A yellow rectangular box in the center contains the text "This is yourUWE Bristol." in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

This is yourUWE Bristol.

Preparation for Block Zero

With Block Zero just around the corner, this is your chance to [get set up with your IT equipment at home](#).

Worried you might be forgetting something? Check out our [pre-arrival checklist](#) to make sure you've done everything you need to do before term starts.

What to expect from Block Zero

Block Zero is designed to support your transition into university-level education and online learning. We've developed loads of activities to help you get to know your teaching team and course mates. You'll also have a chance to develop the skills you need to be adaptable and flexible in this ever-changing world. For most of you, it'll all be online.

Each programme may have a slightly different Block Zero. Just make that you're logging into myUWE and checking Blackboard for more information from your programme team. But general information, including the Prep Work, Team Meet-up activities and events is available on the Block Zero webpages.

[How Block Zero works >](#)



Get registered!

Registering online will enable you to hit the ground running when term starts as it's your gateway to Block Zero. So if you haven't already registered, do it now!

Unsure how to do it? Watch Chloe's video or read our [step by step guide](#).

[How to register >](#)

Familiarise yourself with key technology

During Block Zero, you will use a number of different programmes and software designed to make online learning engaging and easy!

Take some time to read through our [guide for making the most of online learning](#) and explore the [Microsoft Office 365 suite](#).

We've also created a new [Microsoft Teams online workbook](#), to make sure you are ready to connect with course mates and staff.

Returning to campus

For most of you Block Zero will be completely online and you'll only start coming on to campus when your course teaching starts.

We've put a number of safety measures in place on campus to keep you safe, but in order to reduce the possible spread of coronavirus, we must all take personal responsibility for our actions.

To make sure you know what is expected of you, we've created some advice and guidance on [returning to campus](#).

Timetables

Your teaching timetable is due to be released in myUWE in October ahead of Teaching Block 1. In light of the need for ongoing social distancing, we've made a number of adjustments to the University's teaching timetable. When your timetable goes live, please check that it's showing the modules you were expecting to take.

If you find that your timetable doesn't facilitate your [reasonable adjustments](#) or carer commitments, you will be able to request a change. Details of how to request a change will be available when your timetable is published.

Don't get caught out by fraudsters

Whilst your maintenance loan provides you with the necessary cash flow for everyday living, it also makes you a possible target for fraudsters.

Unfortunately scammers know that come September, thousands of students receive their loan and we see a big increase in phishing emails.

But there are ways to protect yourself.

Watch Student Finance England's video on [how to spot a scam](#) for more information.

When will I get my student finance?

Student finance will start being paid out on **Monday 21 September** – but you might get it after this date. Just make sure you've completed your application for student finance and check that you're fully registered with us.

This will mean there shouldn't be much of a delay in you getting your money. So if it doesn't show up on Monday, don't worry!

Academic attendance and engagement systems

We want to make sure your time with us is happy, healthy and successful. And research indicates that the more you are involved in your educational experience, the better you do.

That's why we're introducing MyAttendance, a system which allows you to record your attendance at face-to-face teaching sessions.

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JOEY ANTE
VP Community
and Welfare



JANE OJIAKO
VP Education



MEET JOEY

Hi, I'm Joey, your VP Community and Welfare. I'm here to represent your voice on welfare and community related areas, including mental health, sexual health and housing. Here at UWE Bristol, we're proud of our diverse community and want to make sure that we're inclusive and engaging for every single one of you.

MEET JANE

Hi, I'm Jane, your VP Education. I'm here to campaign and deliver on all the educational issues that matter to you throughout the year, both locally at UWE Bristol and nationally. This can range from the curriculum, assessments, your academic student experience and so much more.

We're also here to support you through our [Advice Centre](#), which gives friendly, non-judgemental and confidential advice. You can contact our advisors via [email](#) about a range of queries including housing, academic misconduct and employment contracts.

The team are available **Monday to Friday** between **10:00 – 16:00**.

[Advice Centre](#)

At The Students' Union, we represent your academic interests in many ways from [Student Reps](#) who help to shape your course based on your feedback, to [academic societies](#) which enhance your studies, expand your experiences and increase your employability.

And finally as your VP I can champion your voice at the highest level!

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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. [Contact us](#) if you have any questions.

Dynamic content

Please note:

Degree Apprenticeship students are not taking part in Block Zero and therefore did not receive any Block Zero content.

A big welcome from the Faculty of Arts, Creative Industries and Education!

We have a wide range of subjects and dedicated staff who really want you to do well on your chosen course. Please engage with the communications from the University and from your course about preparing to participate in all the learning opportunities ahead of you.

And if you have any concerns, do let your Programme Leader, tutors and course reps know. You can also tell us about things that you think are going well so we can keep on doing them.

We care about you, your success and the beautiful city of Bristol we call our home, and invite you to make the most of all the opportunities the University and the city have to offer. We have some exciting opportunities this year such as the [Transnational Humanities series](#) you can dip into to learn more about Bristol and its arts, cultures and history.

A big welcome from the Faculty of Business and Law!

The staff in Bristol Business School and Bristol Law School are delighted to welcome you to the start of the new academic year.

You should all be immensely proud of yourselves and we hope the next year is filled with great experiences, new friends and lots of fun along the way. We love our faculty and we hope you will too!

We've planned a full programme of activity for you in Block Zero to help support you in preparing to study with us this year.

This is supported by our Welcome Guide to help you understand your learning environment, what you can expect of us and what we expect of you. You'll either receive a copy by post or an electronic version via your Programme Leader.

A big welcome from the Faculty of Engineering and Technology!

We're delighted to welcome you to the start of the new academic year.

We've planned a full programme of activity for you in Block Zero to help support you in preparing to study with us this year.

You should all be immensely proud of yourselves and we hope the next year is filled with great experiences, new friends and lots of fun along the way.

A big welcome from the Faculty of Health and Applied Sciences!

You should all be immensely proud of yourselves, particularly with the additional pressures that we've all faced this year. We hope the next year is filled with great experiences, new friends and lots of fun along the way.

Watch our [welcome video](#) from Pro-Vice Chancellor and executive dean of Health and Applied Sciences, Marc Griffiths.

FRENCHAY CAMPUS STUDENTS' UNION

Hi, I'm Samuel, your VP Societies and Communication. I'm here to ensure that you all get the most out of the fantastic opportunities here at UWE Bristol. At Frenchay, The Students' Union has two shops, a nursery, bookable activity spaces and Union 2 - which is a great place to meet your friends for some food and drinks.

Our largest office is also based here and is where you'll have access to our services. These include the JobShop, Advice Centre and our Opportunities, Community and Representation teams, who manage our sports clubs, societies and our Green and RAG committees. If you would like to contact any of the teams, they are available via [email](#).

[Explore our welcome events](#)

CITY CAMPUS STUDENTS' UNION

I'm Mehgan, your City Campus Officer. I'm here to ensure that all City Campus students are represented across Bower Ashton, Watershed, Spike Island and Arnolfini, and that you have the opportunity and support to enjoy your time at UWE Bristol.

We'll be running a range of virtual and physical welcome events to get you chatting to other students. We provide a shop and office at Bower Ashton, so if you want to get involved in all that The Students' Union has to offer get in touch!

[Explore our welcome events](#)

GLENSIDE CAMPUS STUDENTS' UNION

Welcome to Glenside! Here at The Students' Union, we are here to help you settle in and make the most of all opportunities on offer. We'll be running a range of virtual and physical Welcome events, which are designed to help you settle in and get to know one another. We provide a bar, shop and office at Glenside, so if you want to get involved in all that The Students' Union has to offer get in touch!

If you would like to take it a step further and represent the Glenside student community, then run in the By-Elections and become the Glenside Campus Officer! This a great way to create positive change and have your say.

[Explore our welcome events](#)