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Block Zero has started! All you need for the next fortnight...

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**This is yourUWE Bristol.**

## Block Zero

### The launch of Block Zero

Block Zero launched today and we hope you got off to a good start!

Don't worry if it takes a bit of time to familiarise yourself with the new systems and new ways of working - we've all had someone say "You're on mute" to us more times than we care to remember!

As you'll be spending a fair amount of time looking at a screen, be sure to build in some non-screen time, even if it's just staring out the window whilst the kettle boils for a cuppa.

[All you need to know about Block Zero >](#)

## Peer Assisted Learning

[Peer Assisted Learning](#) (PAL) is student-led support to help increase your academic confidence and boost your resilience.

Look out for PAL on your timetable in myUWE. Then check your programme page in Blackboard to find the link to join the session on Microsoft Teams.

[Can't find it? Contact PAL >](#)

## Events

### Inspire:Me lecture series

Our Inspire:Me lecture series will get you thinking bigger towards a future that is yours to create.

This week we've got lined up:

#### **Tuesday 22 September, 13:00-14:00, online**

Pravanya Pillay, Outreach Lead at Babbasa, founder of arts organisation Stomping Ground and part time comedian, delivers a lecture on leadership, looking at what it means to be a leader, who our leaders are and what we need our leaders to do.

#### **Thursday 24 September, 13:00-14:00, online**

Jade Parnell from the Centre for Appearance Research (CAR) at UWE Bristol speaks about body image. With the ever-developing online world and constant images showing societies standards of 'attractive' bombarding our screens, it's important to consider how this and other factors are impacting the way we think and feel about our bodies.

[Inspire:Me lectures >](#)

### Block Zero online events

We have a whole range of [online events and workshops](#) lined up from singing classes to wellbeing advice to honing your money and budgeting skills.

## Kick off uni in a healthy way

Relax, eat well, get active, try something new.

We're running a series of online events to get you off to a healthy start with Feel Good Fortnight! There will be loads of ways for you to get involved - enter competitions, join Instagram takeovers, take an online fitness class and discover your musical talent.

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## Black History Month

Both the University and The Students' Union at UWE are proud to be celebrating Black History Month.

We're launching the month with a talk with Marvin Reeves, the Mayor of Bristol, and continuing to keep the conversation going with talks about the Bristol bus boycott, Black Lives Matter, decolonising our learning spaces and more.

[What's on >](#)



## Drummer's Odyssey Camp

Learn from and play along with pros in this two-day long event. [Register online.](#)

## Do you have a query? These forms will help us to help you

**Registration** - [complete this form](#) if you have a query around registering on your course, any errors on your student record or invoicing for your fees.

**Fees** - [complete this form](#) if you have a query around student finance loans, incorrect fees, you see the message 'fees cannot be calculated' or you'd like to discuss payment methods.

**Timetables** - [complete this form](#) if your timetable for Block Zero isn't visible in myUWE or you have queries around your timetable.

**Personal details** - [complete this form](#) if you need to make changes to your personal details in myUWE or would like to request a document or letter.

You'll need your student log-in details (the same as the ones you use for myUWE) to access these forms.

## Reminders

### Complete your online registration

Not quite got round to completing your registration? It shouldn't take long. If you're unsure what you have to do or how to do it, watch Chloe's video or read our [step-by-step guide](#).

[Register via myUWE >](#)

### Don't get caught out by fraudsters

Scammers know that come September, thousands of students receive their loan and so we see a big increase in phishing emails. Watch [how to spot a scam](#) for more information.

### Returning to campus

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](#).



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## Quick links

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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

As their courses are structured differently, Degree Apprentices don't receive content about Block Zero.



## **Welcome to all our EU and international students!**

Starting at a new university in a new country can be daunting, but we're here to help you every step of the way.

### **Welcome: this Tuesday**

We'll provide you with all the support you need to settle into University. We'll talk about how to make the most of your time in the UK and how to register with a doctor and open a bank account.

**[Join us - Tuesday at 14:00](#)**

### **Global café: this Thursday**

Find out about some of the things to do in this fantastic city - from exploring its heritage to finding the latest Banksy creations. Plus we'll be running a Bristol quiz to take part in, too!

**[Join us - Thursday at 14:30](#)**

## **International Orientation**

We've organised a whole range of events to help you settle in - take a look and get booking!

[View the events >](#)

## Have general questions?

We're available from 11:00 - 14:00 every Monday, Wednesday and Friday to answer your questions.

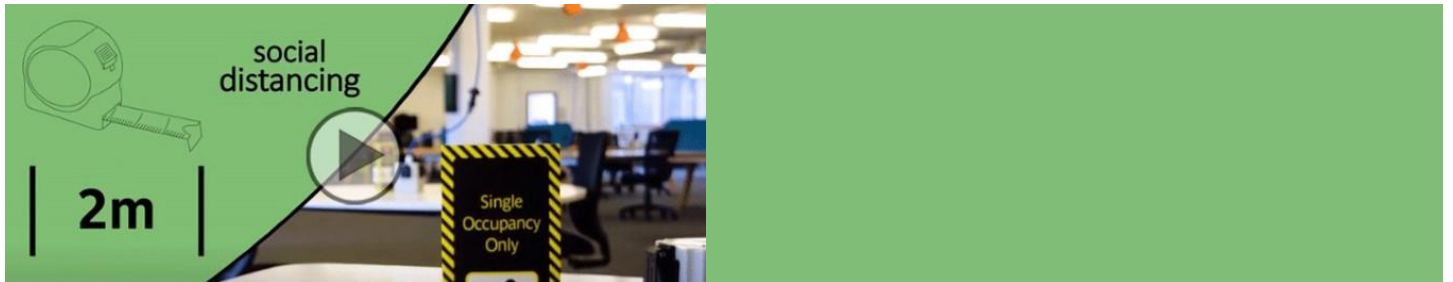
[Join us >](#)

## Have visa questions?

Need some help about your visa? Book an appointment to speak to one of our Immigration Advisers online.

[Book an appointment >](#)

### Frenchay students



## Covid-secure Library

Take a look around the Library to see the steps we've put in place to keep everyone safe.

### New students

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So open yourself up to these new experiences, make the most of everything on offer and get ready to start at UWE Bristol!

[Check out our welcome events](#)

**JOEY ANTE**

VP Community  
and Welfare



## LET US HELP YOU PACK

Packing is a hard task, when you start you think that you won't need much and it will be done in no time. Fast forward a few hours, and you're knee-deep in clothes trying to figure out how to unscrew the kitchen sink from the wall because you know, it's essential!

Well don't worry, we are here to help with our packing list! From kitchenware to tips to help make your room cosy, we've got a few pearls of wisdom.

So have a read, start a packing list and put the screwdriver down, because you don't need to pack the kitchen sink!

[Our welcome blog packing list](#)

**SAMUEL IKPE**

VP Societies and  
Communication





## OUR WELCOME WEBSITE

Call us biased, but our Welcome website is pretty great! It's got a range of information that will help you settle in and adjust to University life, including details of everything happening in the next few weeks. We've got blogs on a range of areas, including exploring Bristol, tips for cooking, mistakes Freshers make and how to avoid them, and a whole lot more!

As well as our blogs, you can find details about Freshers' Fair, check out this year's Welcome guide if you haven't already, and find more information that will help with your arrival.

[Our welcome website](#)

### Returning students

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[Check out our welcome events](#)

**AUGUSTA CHIDINMA**  
**NNAJIOFOR**  
President



## A YEAR IN CONVERSATION

I am delighted to confirm that last Wednesday the first episode of A Year In Conversation With Augusta premiered on The Students' Union YouTube Channel. During this, I chatted with your Vice-Chancellor, Steve West. We discussed a range of topics including equality, equity and inclusivity.

It is important for you to hear more about the changes happening within the student community, which will benefit you and enable you to thrive and feel a sense of belonging at UWE Bristol.

This is the first of over 12 conversations that I will be having. I would encourage you to check out the first episode, tell your friends to watch it and tune in each month.

[Watch the conversation](#)

**JANE OJIAKO**  
VP Education



## SUBMIT A STUDENT IDEA

With an academic year like no other, you need to make your voice heard! Student Ideas is how you can make a difference. They are a way to enact policy change within The Students' Union, and anyone can do it. All you need to do is submit an idea and make sure that it gets votes!

If it receives enough votes, it will be passed to the Executive or Student Council to be reviewed and approved. If the idea is passed at all levels, The Students' Union will then start work to make your idea a reality.

Previous successes include the introduction of a Women's Welfare Officer role, more Indian vegetarian food options in our shops and a water fountain in The Students' Union, Union 1.

[Student Ideas](#)

## Returning students

### Changed circumstances? Update your Student Finance account

If you've changed course, circumstance or are repeating a year of study, and normally receive funding from Student Finance, then please log in and update your [Student Finance 2020/21 application](#).

To check the funding impact of your change of circumstances, please [speak to a money adviser](#).

## Glenside (returning students)

### Claiming expenses as a health care student

If you're eligible to claim for reimbursement of placement expenses from the NHSBSA you can continue submit your TDAE claim forms [via email](#). Please send them as a single PDF along with supporting evidence (i.e. receipts/invoices).

For placements for 2019/20, you'll need to [register for or an account](#) if you haven't already, and download the claim form. For placements for 2020/21, you'll need to [register for an account](#) and download the claim form.