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Assessments, vaccine survey, internships, sport offer

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**This is yourUWE Bristol.**

## Lockdown is lifting...

We hope you're enjoying the gradual lifting of lockdown restrictions - but we're not out of the woods yet!

So please continue to remember: hands, face, space in your interactions with others to keep our community safe. If you're living on campus or coming onto campus to use facilities, you need to have tests regularly, either by using the [asymptomatic test site](#) on Frenchay Campus or by using ['at home' tests](#) available through the NHS.

## Share your views on the vaccine

As the Covid-19 vaccine gets offered to younger groups, the NHS across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire are asking people to share their thoughts and feelings about the Covid-19 vaccine.

These responses will help the NHS better understand how to communicate and engage with people about the vaccine programme.

The survey will only take about **5 minutes to complete** and is open until 00:01 on Monday 17 May 2021.

[Share your views >](#)

## Assessments

### Prepare

As your thoughts turn to assessments, take a look at our [advice](#) including [exam preparation and revision](#).

[Assessment advice >](#)

### Double-check your timetable

If there's something not right with your exam timetable, let us know via our exams self-help form (log-in required).

[I need help with my timetable >](#)

### Take a break

Your health and wellbeing is important, especially during exams!

That's why the Feel Good Team are encouraging you to #Find15 (minutes) away from your screen each day to do something that you love. This could be anything that makes you feel good such as yoga, walking, reading, dancing or even sleeping!

Look out for Instagram takeovers, student blog stories, fitness classes and more to get involved in! Follow us on social.

Feel Good Exams will run from **Monday 10 May until Friday 28 May**.

[Feel Good exams >](#)

## Be in the know about capping

Module marks are no longer capped at the pass mark if you need a resit or a retake and have not been previously capped. However, if you had component or module marks capped at an exam board which took place prior to 1 August 2019 these will remain capped.

[Further details >](#)

## Feed back to shape your student experience

You're invited to work with the University and The Students' Union to develop, shape and test actions that will enhance the student experience for the current academic year and beyond by joining the Student Consultation Panel.

Activities may include surveys, panel discussions, focus groups and workshops. You don't need to commit a certain amount of time as opportunities will be communicated as they come up, and you can pick and choose what you're involved in! Great for the CV.

[Find out more >](#)

## Overseas travel

Before booking any flights or making any travel arrangements to or from the UK, please consult the UK government's [red list travel ban countries](#) and [foreign travel advice](#).



## Grab your UWE Bristol Sport summer membership... just £17.50 per month!

Get set for the summer with your Active Card Membership. Putting you in control with no contract or joining fee, you pay just £17.50 per month and it's your choice to renew (the offer ends on 31 August 2021).

You'll get full access to the gym on Frenchay Campus, online and in-person exercise classes and MOVE activities including Mars Just Play Football, O2 Touch Rugby and much more!

[Get moving >](#)

## Census 2021: It's not too late to take part

Wherever you're currently staying, from halls to your old bedroom at home, you need to fill in a census for your term-time accommodation. It should only take around **10 minutes** to complete.

**Do I have to complete it?** Yes, every household is required by law to complete the census and even though Census Day – 21 March 2021 – has been and gone, it's not too late to complete the questionnaire. The Office for National Statistics (ONS) have had a great response so far, but everyone needs to respond as soon as possible to avoid a fine.

**International student?** If you're an international student and not currently in England or Wales, but would normally be, please complete the census.

The information you provide in the census makes sure your student community gets the services it needs - things like university campus bus links and bike lanes, jobs and training.

[Take the survey now >](#)

[Census myth-buster >](#)

## Would you need assistance to evacuate a university building during an emergency?

All students must be able to leave buildings safely in the event of a fire or other emergency. Although many disabled people or those with a medical conditions will be able to evacuate safely and unaided, others may require assistance.

If you need assistance, Disability Services can work with you to create a [Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan \(PEEP\)](#). If you have a PEEP please review this with your Programme Leader.

If you've not previously created a PEEP and believe you need one, please contact your Programme Leader to complete one. Disability Service are on hand to support you with this.

[Email the Disability Service >](#)

## Volunteering opportunities

Make a difference. Meet new people. Use your talents. Develop new skills. Build your confidence. Start building networks. All by volunteering.

There are over [600 organisations](#) you can work with - take a look and see what catches your eye! The [volunteering team](#) are on hand if you need any support.

[Opportunities on Infohub >](#)

**One month summer skills project**

In the post-pandemic world Pagoda Projects are focused on increasing cultural understanding, developing employability skills and helping you to gain valuable experiences in new and innovative ways.

To enable this to happen Pagoda Projects have designed an exciting new summer 2021 programme for students who are looking to enhance their employability through a fun and interactive course, with minimal time commitment that's flexible to work around busy lives!

[Find out more >](#)

## Virtual Internships - Fiji Islands

I'm sure we'd all love to be in Fiji right now! But for now, you're able to get involved in an online internship there.

You'll be able to contribute to the Fiji National Development Plan and United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals across a range of different careers fields.

This partnership has been running since last year and one UWE Bristol student even worked with the Prime Minister of Fiji!

[Find out more >](#)

## Reflecting on the past year

To recognise the amazing achievements of both students and staff over the past year, and to say thank you for your hard work, patience and resilience, we'll be running a range of online and in-person events in Teaching Block 3. As part of this, we'd love to showcase your reflections on the pandemic.

So tell us: what have you learnt about yourself? Did you take up any new hobbies? Or learn a new skill?

Let us know in whatever form you'd like - whether as a blog post, a mind map, a poem, a sketch or a video - whatever takes your fancy! We'll collate these and they'll form part of our #TeamUWE campaign during Teaching Block 3 as we look back on the past year.

[Email your reflections >](#)

## Black Student Journal launching

The Black Student Journal has been created to showcase outstanding work from black students and the editorial team are seeking submissions for their opening publication.

You can submit work on any theme and there's no word limit. They're looking for submissions of first class grade quality. Papers that are in some way related to blackness are more likely to be selected, however all submissions are welcomed. Submit the work you are most proud of!

This is an opportunity to have your work published with academic credentials, granting you intellectual ownership of your ideas and protecting you from plagiarism. Plus great for your CV!

[Submit a piece >](#)

## Travelling to and from campus

**By bus?** Buses are Covid-secure, but due to reduced capacity please allow more time for journeys and don't forget to wear a mask. Get the [First bus app](#) for live timetables and seat availability.

**By bike?** [Find a route](#) that works for you.

**By scooter?** As you will see, there are [Voi scooters](#) now around the outside of our campuses. If you decide to use them, you need to sign up to follow the terms and conditions - no riding on pavements, no drink driving and no riding pillion! You need either a provisional or full driving licence to use them.

**By car?** No car parking charges apply for the rest of the academic year but the Travel Team will send out an update for when charges restart so keep a look out for that! Even though parking is free, you need a [Parking Permit](#) to park on campus.



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VP Education



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VP Sports  
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## DECOLONISING READING LISTS

I'm working with UWE Library to diversify the current library collection. We want author, book and film suggestions to help us decolonise our reading lists and better represent voices that are under-represented in curricula.

It isn't about eliminating people from reading lists but about challenging longstanding bias that can limit how we can understand learning, politics, society, and the world.

Everyone who takes part will also get entered into a monthly draw to win £20.

[Submit your idea](#)

## OUTDOOR SPORTS ARE BACK!

I am happy to announce that with the easing of Government restrictions, The Students' Union has brought back its outdoor sports equipment! We've got basketball, table tennis and Teqball.

If you want to use the equipment, you will need to bring your own bat and / or ball, and we ask that you wipe down anything that you've come into contact with when you're finished.

You can only use the equipment in a group of six or less, and if you have any Covid symptoms, obviously don't use it!

[More about sports](#)



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### Dynamic content

### EU / international

## Events and information for EU and international students

### Information about the vaccine in your language

If English isn't your first language you might find this information helpful for explaining more about Covid-19 and the vaccine.

[Further information >](#)

## Concerned about the situation in India?

If you have a relative or friend in India, are worried about them and would like to talk to someone, please reach out.

You are welcome to contact:

- The University's [Global Student Support team](#) by phone on +44 (0)7973 679835 or by email via [globalstudents@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:globalstudents@uwe.ac.uk).
- The University's Chaplain, Julie Nicholson, by phone on +44 (0)117 32 84142 or +44 (0)7824 460 958 or by email via [Chaplaincy@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Chaplaincy@uwe.ac.uk).

They will do all they can to help during this difficult time.

## Want to practise your English?

We understand that you may be missing out on meeting people and using your English in your day-to-day life. The International Student Chat Room is a place for you to come along and talk in a relaxed environment. Come along and meet some new people!

Join us at **11:00 on Friday 7 May** or **15:00 on Tuesday 11 May**.

[Join via Blackboard Collaborate >](#)

## Informal self-help group launching

Come and drop into a new informal self-help group for international students, facilitated by one of our Associate Chaplains, Jacqueline Conradie-Faul. It'll be a safe place to talk about the challenges and joys of everyday life in an informal, confidential setting.

Come once, come every week!

**Join in from 14:15 - 15:15 on Wednesdays from Wednesday 5 May**

[Join via Teams >](#)

## Opening a bank account

When applying for a bank letter to open a bank account in the UK, there's a few things you need to do:

- [Research the banks](#) so you find the one most suitable for you.
- Add up to date personal details and upload a photo of yourself in [myUWE](#) to receive an ID card.
- Check the latest [BRP information](#).

[Banking and finances >](#)

## EU citizens in the UK

If you're an EU citizen and were living in the UK by / on 31 December 2020, you need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme by **Wednesday 30 June**. You could lose your rights to live and work in the UK if don't. There's lots of support available if you have any questions.

UKCISA are trying to assess whether members require a further repeat of UKCISA training on the scheme, if so, [register your interest](#) if so.

[Apply for settlement >](#)

## Good news for international students looking for work

For many international students currently studying in the UK, one of the top queries is around permission to remain in the UK after graduation. A new immigration route for the UK has now been confirmed.

If you're an international student and would like to work in the UK from **Thursday 1 July**, you can apply for the new graduate route after completing your degree.

This route allows new graduates two years to work or look for work in the UK and therefore a more realistic timeframe to find experience and employment after university.

[Find out more >](#)

### Summer plans? Gain work experience remotely

Sign up to the UWE Bristol undergraduate internship scheme to participate in an eight-week, remote-working internship.

As well as getting a chance to build your skills and confidence, you'll earn £351.50 a week (based on a 37-hour working week).

[Find out more >](#)

## Level 3



### See what's possible with a postgraduate virtual open event

Whether you want to accelerate your career, start something new or enhance your subject knowledge, now is the time to make your move.

Through our real-world connections, excellent teaching and research, learning facilities and support network, we'll help you achieve your goals.

We've taken our open events online - so sign up to explore the options, chat with academics and [find out about funding](#).

**Monday 10 May - Friday 14 May.**

Most slots are one hour and you can sign up to as many as you like.

[Register now >](#)

## How to make informed choices about postgraduate study

Explore whether postgraduate study is for you - we'll walk you through some key things to consider, as well as how to find the right course/university.

We'll also spend some time demystifying postgraduate funding, deadlines and equip you with the tools to help you decide and thrive in the process!

[Book via Infohub >](#)

## Writing compelling applications for Postgraduate study

Come along for a deep dive into what makes a great-not-just-good application - we'll share hacks to help you create an application that will make you stand out from the crowd.

We'll help you find your unique voice, avoid common pitfalls and unpack all your fabulous skills and experience in the best possible light.

Plus we'll cover all the resources available through the UWE Toolkit and beyond.

[Book via Infohub >](#)

### Social science students

**We'd love your views on a proposed new Masters course:  
MSc Social Justice and Sustainability**

The Department of Social Sciences is proposing to offer a postgraduate Masters programme (MSc) in Social Justice and Sustainability and we'd be grateful for your input as we shape it. If you're interested in making a difference to society in terms of sustainable and socially just ways of influencing the future, this course may be of interest to you.

The course is being designed as a progression opportunity for those with undergraduate degrees in any social science or related discipline, including philosophy and politics/ international relations. We are anticipating that this course would begin in the 2022/23 academic year.

To help us develop a programme that meets the needs and interests of students we'd be really grateful for your input via our short survey (it'll take less than ten minutes to complete!).

[Share your views](#)

## Glenside and Gloucester

### National Healthcare Conference: reducing the Ethnicity Awarding gaps in clinical settings for BAME students

An online conference is being held on the theme of improving the attainment gap of Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic (BAME) students.

The Government has recently announced that it demands improvements to how BAME students perform, putting the spotlight on the Higher Education sector to look at factors involved and commit to addressing identified gaps.

The conference will take place on **Wednesday 23 June**.

[Join in >](#)

### Making death easier to talk about...

It's not something we like to think or talk about, and so to improve conversations around death, dying and bereavement, the UWE Bristol Death and Dying Collective are hosting two online events using storytelling, poetry and imagery as part of [National Dying Matters Week](#).

#### **Mortal yarns by Off The Twig Productions: 19:00 on Wednesday 12 May**

An interactive online performance of storytelling, poetry and imagery exploring how our relationship with death shapes our lives.

[Book your free place >](#)

### **Death and Dying Book Group: 19:00 on Thursday 13 May**

An online book club launching with *The Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion. Contribute your own suggestions for the future - one person will be invited to select a book from the death literature genre as the next book to read. This group is open to anyone to join and will meet every two months.

#### **[Register your interest >](#)**

If you'd like to find out more about the collective, please [email Kathy Rogers](#) in the Faculty of Health and Applied Sciences.

### **Glenside library - Saturday 8 May**

Glenside library will be opening at 08:45 instead of 07:30 on Saturday 8 May due to essential electrical works on campus.

**Opening hours >**