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Block Zero survey, assessment FAQs and academic regulations.

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This is yourUWE Bristol.

Keep connected during lockdown

We're part way through the second lockdown, and we hope you're keeping well!

UWE Bristol Sport have a range of events designed to keep you busy and entertained for the new few weeks - why not take a look at their [blog](#) and [Instagram](#) to see what they have planned?

If you're struggling or need help during this time, remember that we have a range of [wellbeing support options](#) available to you. Plus, [Student Space](#) is here to help and offer advice during the coronavirus pandemic.

Let us know what you thought about Block Zero!

Block Zero was designed to make sure you were ready for the academic year. We wanted to work closely with you to build up your skills and knowledge so that you were ready to hit the ground running when your programme teaching resumed.

We're conducting a short survey for all students who took part in some or all of the elements of Block Zero to find out what you thought about it, and the start of year.

Complete the survey online by **Friday 20 November** to let us know what you thought, and for your chance of winning one of two MiniRig speakers, or one of four £50 Amazon gift vouchers!

[Complete the survey >](#)

Frequently asked questions about assessments

How, when and where do I submit coursework? When will I receive my results? Will I be given feedback? What happens if I have a problem with an assessment? What's the pass mark for a module?

Answers to all of these questions and more can be found on our [assessment webpages](#).

[Find out more >](#)

Our Academic Regulations have changed

We've made a couple of significant changes to our regulations – capping for resits and retakes has now been removed and, as a result, the missed assessments process has been discontinued.

For more information, take a look at our [alternative academic regulations webpage](#).

[View the changes >](#)

Academic Survival Guide

All areas of your studies are governed by a set of rules known as the Academic Regulations. Their role is to assure the University's academic standards, but also to ensure that you are treated consistently and equitably.

The Academic Survival guide will help to explain the terminology, the key things you need to know about these rules and where to go for more help if you need it.

[Read the guide online >](#)

[Library opening hours](#)

[PrintWorks opening hours](#)

As of today, our Frenchay, Glenside and Bower Ashton campus libraries will be extending their opening hours!

The new opening hours are 08:30–22:00 Monday-Friday, and 10:00-16:00 Saturday and Sunday.

[Find out more >](#)

The PrintWorks Shop and Postal Service is operating with reduced opening hours of 11:00 -14:00, Monday to Friday.

They are offering all products and services in a Covid-secure way, with staff ready to answer your queries.

[Find out more >](#)

What happens when I contact the Covid Support Team?

The Covid Support Team have put together a helpful blog explaining what happens when you call, what they need to know from you and the support they can offer during your self-isolation.

[Read the new blog post >](#)

Become a student ambassador!

Applications for the Student Ambassador Scheme are now open!

Student Ambassadors provide a wide range of support to UWE Bristol recruitment and events. It's great work experience, as well as providing a paid opportunity to support the University.

For Autumn 2020, we're running a targeted recruitment drive. This means we're only asking students from specified courses to apply. Full details on how to apply, application deadlines and eligible courses can be found [online](#).

[Find out more >](#)

Keep volunteering during lockdown

You may still volunteer in person during lockdown if your role cannot be done from home – but make sure you're following [government guidelines](#).

If you're not comfortable to volunteer in person, there are still lots of things you can do from home! Take a look at [InfoHub](#) for voluntary roles or [email the team](#) to find out what's available.

[Recordings of our Bristol and Bath Volunteer Q&A sessions](#) are now available to listen to online. Have a listen to find out how you can be involved in volunteering opportunities!

How do I access PAL online?

For timetabled PAL sessions, go to your course Blackboard to locate the joining instructions and code (there's a short video you can watch for guidance too). Once you have joined your PAL MS Team, make sure you read the announcements in the general channel so you know how to participate in your live sessions.

Still not sure why to attend? Attending your weekly session and getting support from your peers and PAL Leader can help you increase your academic confidence and resilience. Watch our [short video](#) to find out what other students thought.

[Get support from PAL >](#)

What's on at the Centre for Music

Male vocal masterclass

Join us tonight from 19:30-20:30, when vocalist Micky Wilson will lead a masterclass aimed at male vocalists wanting to improve their own performance.

[Micky](#) has worked alongside artists such as Lionel Richie, Alice Cooper, Chris Rea and Cher.

[Sign-up by email to attend.](#)

PRS for Music Industry talk

Music wouldn't exist without the work of songwriters, composers and publishers. PRS for Music represent them and ensure that they are rewarded for their creations.

On Wednesday 18 November from 18:30-19:30, Claire from PRS for Music will lead an event for songwriters, composers, DJs and music publishers to find out about earning royalties from music. Find out more [online](#).

Christmas Carol competition

The Centre for Music is proud to launch its Christmas Carol competition! To enter, submit a video of yourself performing an existing Christmas carol/song for your chance to win a £25 gift voucher, or compose an original track where the winner will receive a £50 gift voucher.

So, get composing, get recording and [submit your entry by email](#) by Thursday 26 November.

X Block opening hours and study spaces

All academic buildings on Frenchay campus, including X Block are now open from 08:00 – 18:00, Monday to Friday with swipe access between 18:00 – 21:00 for security purposes. This means that X Block is not open on weekends (except where timetabled teaching is taking place).

If you need to use a study space, please check library availability in the first instance. Please carry your UWE Bristol ID/lanyard when on campus so you can be identified to help us manage health and safety, and security.

[Study and campus environment FAQs >](#)



Get ready for Disability Month

Disability History Month runs from **Sunday 22 November - Tuesday 22 December** and aims to raise awareness of disability equality and foster inclusion in all aspects of society.

A range of events will be running throughout, including a discussion around invisible disabilities and Covid-19, an 'Autism Awareness' training course, disabled staff network catch-ups and more.

[Full list of events >](#)

Don't miss it!

Financial Capability Module

Equity Babassa

This two-part module will provide you with the chance to develop essential money life skills!

Learn about student finance, debt, savings, taxes and hear from guest speakers and our own expert Money Advisers who'll give you insights into finance. [Tune in](#) on Thursday 26 November at 14:00.

Study skills workshops

The library run regular study skills workshops covering a range of topics including critical writing and referencing.

The workshops take place virtually and are booked via [Infohub](#). [Explore workshops online](#).

[Babbasa TV](#) is all about giving you the chance to have your voice while hearing from professionals and leaders.

Next up is 'How have stereotypes impacted in your education?' at 17:00 on Thursday 26 November. The session will be followed by online discussions for BAME students to discuss issues based on experiences.

Personal development events

Take a look at our range of health and wellbeing events, designed to offer advice and guidance on managing mental health and wellbeing, introductions to resilience skills, how to manage anxiety and more.

All events are hosted [online](#).

Join our Student Consultation Panel!

As a Student Experience Consultant, you'll 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.

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.

[Find out more and apply >](#)

Tell us how your course is going

Your Student Reps will be meeting with your programme teams over the next few weeks to discuss how you're getting on with your course.

This is a great time to find out who your rep is and tell them what's going well and if you'd like to see areas improved so that they can represent you at the meetings.

Virtual Accommodation Fair

This year, the Accommodation Fair will be virtual and hosted on [The Students' Union website](#) on **Tuesday 1 December**.

Although the experience will be slightly different to the usual fair, there will still be a whole host of accommodation providers and lots of accommodation experts on hand ready to answer all of your housing queries.

[Find out more >](#)

Changes to our Virtual Private Network (VPN)

From today, our VPN will move to Azure Multi Factor Authentication (MFA), the same one you already use to authenticate other UWE Bristol systems and reset your password.

We have also extended the time limit for VPN connections, so instead of timing out after 2 hours, users will have 7 days before needing to renew.

Please be aware that some software will not be available in AppsAnywhere until you have a VPN connection, so make sure you have set this up first. More information can be found [online](#).

Street food traders on campus

Enjoy delicious takeaway street food on Frenchay, Bower Ashton and Glenside campuses each day from the award-winning catering community, [Bristol Eats!](#)

They source local and seasonal food, use as little fuel as possible when cooking and only use biodegradable disposables. One vendor will be on campus per day, from **11:00-15:00, Monday - Friday**.

You can find out more on the [UWE Hospitality and Catering Facebook page](#).

COMPLETE THE MENTAL HEALTH SURVEY

During your time at UWE Bristol, we not only want you to feel supported, but we would like to know how we can improve our student provisions. During April 2018 to August 2020, UWE Bristol ran their Mental Wealth Strategy, and if you were a student during this time, we want your feedback on it!

The Mental Health Survey allows you to let us know what you liked and what you think could be improved. The survey seeks to understand the culture at UWE Bristol related to mental health as well as the extent to which you may have engaged with the communications, activities and interventions. Even if you didn't engage with the initiatives, your views are still important!

The survey closes on **Sunday 13 December**, and everyone who takes part will be entered into a draw to win a £50 Amazon voucher.

[Complete the survey >](#)

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THE ADVICE CENTRE IS HERE FOR YOU

Our Advice Centre is here to provide you with friendly, non-judgemental and confidential advice. They are available via

CELEBRATING BLACK EXCELLENCE

Have you entered our Celebrating Black Excellence Arts competition yet? Running until **Friday 27 November**, we are

email and phone between 10:00-16:00 Monday-Friday, to support you with a range of queries.

This is a free service, and as The Students' Union is independent of UWE Bristol, all advice is impartial, and nothing you tell them will appear on your UWE Bristol file.

You can contact the team for advice on housing and academic issues, financial queries, employment problems.

You can learn more about the team online.

[Find out more >](#)

looking to Celebrate Black Excellence through the creative work of students in the form of writing, drawing and any other art form relating to Black History.

There are competitive prizes to be won, and all you need to do to enter is either [email](#) or post your artwork on Instagram, tag TheSUatUWE and use the hashtags #UWEBlackExcellence and #CBEArtsCompetition.

So get creative, tag us in your artwork and show us and everybody else what you've got!

[Find out more >](#)

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Dynamic content

International students

Don't miss the UKCISA Fest

Our week long UKCISA Fest starts today, offering a series of events for international students until this Friday, 20 November.

Discussions will be led by the #WeAreInternational student ambassadors, and co-facilitated with partner organisations. We'll explore your experiences as an international student at every stage of your journey, along with UKCISA members, sector partners and policy makers.

[Register to take part >](#)

Is English your second language?

We offer support so that you can meet your academic language and communication needs! Take a look at our workshops helping international students communicate effectively in English.

[What's on offer >](#)