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Birmingham Professional Forum

Friday 19 May, 11.00am–12noon,
Bramall Music Building. The Forum is
being introduced by the Academic
Registrar, Stephen McAuliffe. The
agenda will follow.

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Life Sciences Park

The University has purchased almost
ten acres of land in Selly Oak to
develop a brand new Life Sciences
Park to bring together academic,
clinical and commercial strengths in
the region.

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Brexit: advice pages

As we leave the EU, the University is committed to doing all that we can to support staff and students and to help them navigate their way through the implications of the forthcoming Brexit negotiations.

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Responsive intranet

Led by Murray White and Jon Winterbourn in IT Services, the intranet has been responsively redesigned to enhance the user experience and compatibility with mobile and tablet devices.

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Lord Peter Hennessy

Monday 12 June, Bramall Music Building. A special lecture delivered by historian, crossbench peer and Brexit commentator Lord Hennessy; *Keeping Calm and Carrying On? British Crises Since 1945 and the Special Case of Brexit.*

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A new museum!

The Arts Council has granted Winterbourne House and Garden 'Full Museum' status. This acknowledges the hard work of the team to achieve this seal of approval.

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HR acting on feedback

PRES 2017

HR is committed to improving the service it offers. The first of many improvements coming is the HR Service Portal. This will give you transparency of progress of your HR work, and the details of who is helping you.

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The new Postgraduate Research Experience Survey 2017 (PRES) is up and running! If you have supervisory or support responsibilities for PGRs, please encourage them to complete the University's PRES.

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Your Green Heart

We undertook consultations to understand the needs of our community to make sure that the Green Heart is centred around you. Thank you to everyone who participated. Now read the results online.

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Get ready for Welcome!

The Welcome Resources website has been updated for 2017 to help staff prepare for Welcome/induction events. It includes room booking information, a key events timetable and Welcome-branded materials.

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Green vehicle changes

Did you know the University of Birmingham has a salary sacrifice scheme for green vehicles? The scheme is changing due to a recent government announcement. SG Fleet will be on campus on 26 April to explain more.

Pure and Open Access

Have you had a journal article accepted recently? Remember it needs to be made open access for REF in Pure. If you have any questions come along to our monthly drop-in clinics to find out more.

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Campus Cycle Scheme

Would you like to be able to jump on a bike to get to meetings, or use for leisure on your lunch break? Let us know your interest by taking our survey.

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IT Skills: Open Courses

Open to all staff – a range of IT courses and workshops are on offer from the Digital and Technology Skills Team, including bespoke training on request.

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Staff Network: BAME

A staff network is being created to support Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic (BAME) University staff, and address the possible challenges faced at work. Share your thoughts and help shape the network.

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United for Peace

You are invited to an evening of beautiful poetry from around the world. Poetry from different cultures and faiths will affirm the shared values of peace, love, wisdom, unity and harmony.

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What's On @ The Bramall

The award-winning Sacconi string quartet will perform Mozart and

An audience with... Allan Lamb

We welcome ex-England cricketer Allan Lamb to talk about his career on

Schubert on Thursday 4 May. Tickets are £16.50 each.

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and off the pitch on Thursday 11 May. Tickets are just £10.

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