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Royal visit

Her Majesty The Queen, accompanied by His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, paid an official visit to the new Birmingham Dental Hospital and School of Dentistry to meet the people who'll be working in this fantastic state-of-the-art facility.

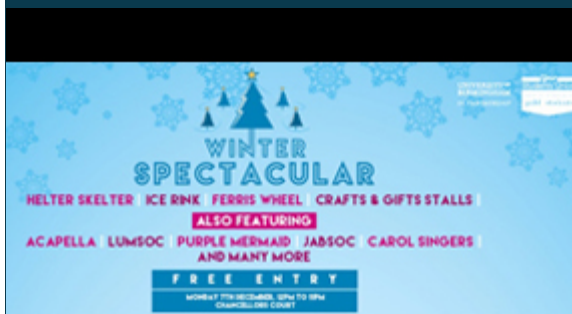
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Birmingham Professional refreshed

Friday 18 December, 10.30am–
12.00noon, Great Hall.

Join us for an action-packed event (plus mulled wine and mince pies) as we share how the refreshed Birmingham Professional programme will help us to do our part to make important things happen.

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Winter Spectacular

Monday 7 December, 12noon–11.00pm, Chancellor’s Court. The Guild and University of Birmingham present Winter Spectacular: featuring an ice rink, arts and crafts, musical performances, Scoff Street Food Collective, plus much more. Free entry to all.

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Ministerial visit

Last month the University welcomed the Minister for Life Sciences, George Freeman MP, to campus to tour our translational facilities and discuss our vision for Life Sciences at Birmingham.

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Charity baubles

Brighten up the Bramall Music Building’s festive tree, and give a child with cancer hope for the future this Christmas by donating to hang a bauble with your personal message on our twinkly fir tree.

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Alumni of the Year

Nominations are now open for the Alumni of the Year awards; a great opportunity to recognise those who have made a valuable contribution to the University, the community or their professional field.

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Frontier Science

7–9 January 2016, Poynting Building.
Researchers from Birmingham and universities across the UK share their work in disease, particle physics, quantum technologies, humans within the natural environment and technology in sport.

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BISS expanding

The Birmingham International Summer School (BISS) was launched in 2014, and after continued success in 2015 is set to further expand its portfolio of programmes in 2016, working with CAL, EPS and MDS.

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Brazil opportunities

We are pleased to announce that the Brazil Visiting Fellows Scheme, Brazil Travel Fund and Santander Mobility Fund are now open to applications.

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Great Run Local

Get Together, Feel Better. The Run Birmingham project is putting on local free, fun and friendly fitness events around the city.

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IT engagement

IT Services work to make sure you're getting the most from available resources, and feedback is essential for delivering the best service. Complete this survey to tell them what you think.

Learning spaces

Tell us what you think about the University's learning spaces by completing this survey. You'll be in with a chance of winning £100 of Amazon vouchers!

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Alternative learning event

Thursday 17 December.
The Teaching Academy invites staff to a half-day symposium on online and distance learning at the University of Nottingham. Transport and lunch will be provided.

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Academic Skills Centre (ASC)

Could your students benefit from ASC's services? The Centre supports undergraduates in developing their academic, mathematical and academic writing skills.

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Buzz would like to wish everyone at the University a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year – we hope you enjoy the festive period. Please note that the University is closed from Wednesday 23 December 2015 and reopens on Monday 4 January 2016.

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