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The University has been awarded the highest possible rating of Gold in the new Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF), introduced by the government to measure the teaching quality of higher education providers.

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Honorary graduates

Today we begin awarding our honorary degrees for 2017. Our latest Nobel Prize winners Professor David Thouless and Professor Mike Kosterlitz are among those receiving honorary degrees this year.

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The Big Sleuth

Have you heard about our 'beary' exciting visitors that have arrived on campus as part of the Big Sleuth? Find out how you can get involved, and enjoy free family events this summer on campus.

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Research Conference

We are excited to announce that the keynote address at the first University Research Conference, on 26 September 2017, will be delivered by Professor Sir Mark Walport.

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CoSS Outstanding Impact

The College of Social Sciences celebrated the outstanding contribution to society that their researchers make at the CoSS Outstanding Impact Prizes on Wednesday 21 June.

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How to age healthily

Catch up with Professor Janet Lord's recent Birmingham Professional talk, where she shared tips and drew on her research about how we can achieve healthy ageing, in an engaging and insightful presentation.

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Mad Science summer

Volunteer for

camp

Mad Science's summer holiday camp returns to Pritchatts Park Village from Monday 24 July. Provided by a leading science education provider, the holiday camp is suitable for children aged 5–11 years.

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Welcome

Welcome 2017 is shaping up to be bigger and busier than ever. Student Services are looking for staff who can volunteer during Welcome (16–29 September) to help give new students a great introduction to campus.

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New Core staff meeting

The next New Core Staff meeting is on Wednesday 19 July, 1.30pm in Mech Eng (G31). All colleagues are invited to register to attend and find out the latest about New Core, what it means for you, and to raise your questions.

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Cultural Intern Scheme

Applications are open for the Cultural Internship Scheme; a prestigious programme that offers graduates a paid six-month placement at leading cultural organisations across the West Midlands region.

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Green Heart revealed

Experience the Green Heart before it is completed in 2019 through our 360-degree experiences. We have captured key areas of the Green Heart to allow you to explore your new space from every angle.

Transforming campus

The creation of the Green Heart begins in July. The first two phases of work involve landscaping University Square, therefore new pathways will be erected in this area. Stay up-to-date online.

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Community Festival 2017

Many thanks to everyone involved with this year's Community Festival. We hope you enjoyed it! To help us to improve our events, we would appreciate it if you would take a few minutes to give us your feedback.

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Citizens Advice service

Citizens Advice visit campus each Wednesday, providing free, independent, impartial and confidential advice to any member of staff – you just need to make an appointment.

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Car park disruptions

North Car Park will permanently close after 13 July as part of the Green Heart development. Make sure you don't get caught out: for advice on alternative car parking sites and travel follow the link below.

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Display Screen Equipment

Workplace Wellbeing is holding a Display Screen Equipment (DSE) Event on Monday 10 July. This event is open to all University staff, as well as current and new DSE Assessors.

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