



Buzz Bitesize: June 2015

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Birmingham Professional Forum

Date/time: Tuesday 23 June, 11.00am–12.00noon

Venue: Elgar Concert Hall, Bramall Music Building

The Birmingham Professional Forum is a termly event for all professional service staff, introduced by the Registrar and Secretary, Lee Sanders. The Forum is an opportunity to hear from colleagues on a range of topics. The agenda at this term's Forum will include details of the Circles of Influence closing campaign and an update on the Strategic Framework. [More information.](#)



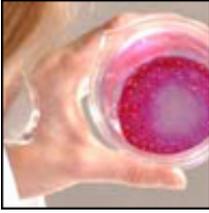
Teaching and Learning Conference

Date/time: Tuesday 23 June, 9.30am

Venue: Muirhead Tower

The conference theme is 'The Student Experience' with sessions on student engagement, the inclusive curriculum and personalised learning with learning analytics. There will also be open presentations

and an interactive poster session. [More information](#).



Birmingham Cancer Showcase

Date: Thursday 11 June, 3.00–8.00pm

Venue: Medical School

Find out how we're fighting cancer and blood cancers in Birmingham. This event is being jointly organised by Cancer Research UK and Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research. This free event gives visitors the chance to meet world-class scientists, researchers, doctors and nurses, and understand more about how discoveries are being taken from the lab into treatments designed to benefit cancer and blood cancer patients. Go behind the scenes in our laboratories and tissue bank, with the chance to actually look at cancer cells under the microscope and have a go at being a scientist. There will be a programme of talks focused on a range of cancers, with local experts on hand to answer any questions. Visitors can learn more about the science behind the research with fun hands-on demonstrations. The event is open to all. [Book your place](#).

News...

Important parking information – June open days

The University will be holding open days on Friday 26 and Saturday 27 June. Open day is a core recruitment activity for the University and will bring a large number of prospective students to the campus each day. As a result there will be increased traffic in and around campus and pressure on parking. Please use an alternative mode of transport where possible. Visitors will be directed to North, North East and Pritchatts Road car parks and 'park and ride' facilities will be operating at King Edward's School playing fields to further relieve congestion and parking problems.

Government changes to childcare vouchers

In the autumn the government plans to launch tax-free childcare to allow parents to receive government funding for up to 20 per cent of childcare costs. When the new scheme is introduced you will only be able to continue to use childcare vouchers via the University if you register before the autumn term. [More information](#).

Cadbury Research Library Newsletter

View the Spring/Summer edition of the [Cadbury Research Library Newsletter](#), which includes events and news about the University's extensive archives.

Library stock on the move

Work to improve the library's collections and prepare for the move to the [new library](#) will

begin 8–19 June, when most of the print journals from the Main Library will be removed and put into storage until early next year to make way for a new sequence of reclassified books (approx. 300,000). This work will facilitate the move to the new library and help Library Services to streamline the ordering of new books. During the stock moves Library Services will be working hard to keep disruption to a minimum.

Employee benefit – Forest Holidays

As an employee of the University, one of the many discounts you have access to is five per cent off Forest Holidays. Escape to a luxury self-catering woodland cabin, choosing from seven sites across England and two in Scotland, exclusively set on breath-taking Forestry Commission land. You can also benefit from up to 15 per cent off the cost of cabins booked and taken by 3 September 2015. [Further information.](#)

Events...

A full list of events can also be found on the [University's website](#) including performances, lectures, workshops, cultural activities and exhibitions.

The Modernist Face: Smith, Dobson & British Portraiture 1920–60

Dates: 5 June–27 September

Venue: Lady Barber Gallery, Barber Institute of the Arts

This summer the Barber will play host to the student curated exhibition, The Modernist Face. In this exciting collaboration with the National Portrait Gallery, visitors will explore British Modernism through the dynamic relationship of the sitter and the artist. Works by sculptor Frank Dobson and painter Matthew Smith will be on display, featuring such celebrated figures as the author Roald Dahl and actress Jean Simmons. [More information.](#)

Mature trees and climate change – why are they overlooked and why are they important?

Date/time: Tuesday 9 June, 1.00–2.00pm

Venue: Lecture Room 3, Arts Building

The Institute of Advanced Studies Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Professor David Ellsworth, will build a case for scientific experimentation involving the mature state of trees, and also address some shortcomings in doing so. He will discuss in particular how mature trees regulate key trace gases over large parts of the earth, and thus ameliorate air pollution loads and mitigate climate change. Finally, he will consider a role for large-scale climate change facilities, such as the free-air CO₂ enrichment (FACE) experiment at the Birmingham Institute for Forest Research (BIFoR). [More information.](#)

Grand Opening of the Centre for Computational Biology

(CCB)

Date/time: Friday 12 June, 9.30am–5.30pm

Venue: Centre for Computational Biology, Haworth Building

The CCB is a new, research-driven centre, set across the QE Hospital and the University; linking Clinical and Medical Sciences to Biosciences, with the support of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Sciences. The launch of the CCB will include lectures from internationally renowned experts in the field. [Register online.](#)

Jag Shoker – Improve Your Performance

Date/time: Friday 19 June, 11.00am–12.30pm

Venue: Leonard Deacon Lecture Theatre, Medical School

The University is delighted to be joined by [Jag Shoker](#), a leading performance coach, founder of Inspired Movement – a high-performance coaching and consultancy for business leaders and sports professionals, and author of *The 7 Master Moves of Success*. Drawing upon his extensive background in both business and performance, Jag's lecture will address what we need to do as individuals to improve our performance and achieve our goals while maintaining great balance and sustainability. The lecture will also have a particular focus on research within the University and what we can do to support it. There will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the session. [Register for the event](#) using password mds1.

Networking with Confidence

Date/time: Wednesday 24 June, 12.00noon

Venue: Birmingham Research Park

A workshop led by industry expert, Sue Tonks. In today's highly competitive world, being a confident and effective networker sets you apart from the crowd. You become more visible, always feel in control and will always create more opportunities than the average person. Ninety-nine per cent of people dread this vital activity; this session will help you overcome all your fears and concerns. The workshop focuses on networking and business development skills – in particular how to 'work' a roomful of people. [Book online.](#)

Breakfast Briefing: Post-election discussion

Date/time: Thursday 25 June, 7.30–9.00am

Venue: Conference Room, Birmingham Research Park

The University's Business Club gives academics and students the opportunity to network with and present to external businesses. Briefings are themed around a particular topic, albeit with the last 30 minutes given to four-minute elevator pitches that can be delivered on any subject. With the surprise election of a majority Conservative government in the General Election, June's Breakfast Briefing will discuss what businesses can expect in the next five years. [Book online.](#)

Corporate Lawyers and Corporate Clients: Power,

Practice and Privilege

Dates: Monday 29–Tuesday 30 June

Venue: Birmingham Law School

The symposium hosted by Dr Steven Vaughan includes guest speakers Paul Philip and Crispin Passmore, respectively Executive Director and Chief Executive of the Solicitors Regulation Authority, Barry Matthews, award-winning ITV Head of Legal, Professor Celia Wells OBE, University of Bristol and keynote speaker Professor Richard Moorhead, UCL. Thirty-five speakers will explore aspects of large law firm practice, drawing on experiences of corporate lawyers and corporate clients in the UK, the wider EU, the US, Australia and Indonesia. [Further details](#).

‘Rupert Brooke’ – a one-man play

Date/time: Saturday 4 July, 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Venue: Winterbourne House and Garden

Winterbourne is hosting a play in its grounds; a one-man play based on the life and work of World War I poet, Rupert Brooke. Tickets cost £10 for adults and £8 for concessions. Tickets can be purchased from the shop at Winterbourne or by calling 0121 414 3003.

During June staff can also receive 10 per cent off purchases of plants and seeds at Winterbourne. Entrance to Winterbourne is free to staff all year round with the exception of special events.

Opportunities...

Medici Enterprise Training Programme

Medici is an intensive training programme designed for research staff currently exploring the commercial potential of their research or already involved in commercialisation projects. The programme will help you to improve your business skills and knowledge in order to engage business/industry with professionalism and confidence. [More information](#) is available from [Sofia Hansrod](#).

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