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Birmingham 2026

The University has recently unveiled Birmingham 2026. It charts an ambitious yet achievable plan to raise academic performance by growing research activity and increasing our student and staff numbers over the next decade.

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10,000 Lives video

What do two lifesavers, 11 left-handed people and 100 bookworms have in common? They all believe in the power of education. The 10,000 Lives appeal launches tomorrow – see the teaser video for a taste of what's to come.

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Happy Birthday Bramall

The Bramall turns five in November! Celebrate with us: silent film with live organ accompaniment, An Audience with Martin Kemp, and our fifth-anniversary concert featuring Elgar's *Concerto in E Minor*.

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Festive Forum

Birmingham Professional and BUAFTAs are delighted to invite you to the December celebration and BUAFTA Shortlist reveal on Wednesday 20 December, 11.00am–12.30pm, Great Hall, Aston Webb Building. Festive refreshments available.

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Alumni Impact Fund

We have £140,000 up for grabs for Academic and Professional Services staff with innovative ideas for projects that will have an immediate impact on teaching and learning and the student experience.

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Christmas Carol Service

The Chaplaincy and the Department of Music will hold the University of Birmingham Christmas Carol Service on Monday 4 December 2017, 6.15pm, Great Hall, Aston Webb Building.

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Arts & Science Festival

Arts & Science Festival returns 12–18 March 2018. The event proposal deadline is 4 November. Email artsandscience@contacts.bham.ac.uk for more information and to request an event submission form.

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Life Sciences in Six

In this free event introduced by BBC *Midlands Today's* Michele Paduano, you will discover what 'life sciences' includes and how this research affects you, the local community and the rest of the world.

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Study spaces on campus

Students requiring a space to study can now use an interactive map to find the nearest location with PC availability, quiet working or group study rooms. Accessible via the intranet and my.bham.

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Key stats

The Planning Office is launching a number of bitesize 'key statistics' online dashboards, displaying key University information such as student population, finance and league tables.

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Your feedback is needed

What do you think of the service provided by Professional Services? What could we do better? The Service Effectiveness Survey, open from 13 November, is your chance to help improve services at UoB.

Birmingham Qur'an MOOC

This four-week Massive Open Online Course (MOOC), starting Monday 20 November, tells the story behind the Birmingham Qur'an and its journey from the Islamic Heartlands.

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UoB Business Club

Are you interested in networking with businesses and finding out more about the University's work on future healthcare technologies? Join the Business Club Breakfast Briefing on 29 November.

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Intro to IP

An Introduction to Intellectual Property, Wednesday 29 November 2017, 12.00noon–2.00pm (lunch provided) at the Conference Rooms, Birmingham Research Park.

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U21 PhD Scholarships

U21 PhD Scholarships for up to £1,500 are available for postgraduate research students to further their research at a globally renowned partner university. Details and information session dates are on the website.

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New Core blog launches

New Core, the University programme delivering a new HR, Payroll and Finance system for all staff now has a blog. Visit the site for the latest news, developments and opportunities to get involved.

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Green Heart

Landscaping the Green Heart is underway in University Square until

IAS Workshops

The Institute of Advanced Studies runs a series of workshops, which

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aim to explore cutting-edge issues in research through cross-departmental collaboration.

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