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September 2016



Vice-Chancellor's Forum

Tuesday 18 October, 12.30–1.30pm,
Barber Concert Hall. As we embark on
a new academic year, the Vice-
Chancellor will provide an update on
the key issues and developments for
the University and the Higher
Education sector.

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Birmingham Professional Forum

Tuesday 1 November, 11.00am–
12noon, Bramall Music Building. The
Forum is introduced by the Registrar
and Secretary, Lee Sanders. The
agenda will follow.

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Book to the Future 2016

13–15 October. The University's festival of the written and spoken word returns with a range of free events. With workshops, talks, and performances by staff, students, alumni and some of the region's leading literary lights.

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Olympic gold

University of Birmingham student, Lily Owsley, and Psychology graduate Sophie Bray helped Team GB to make history as part of the first British women's hockey team to win Olympic gold.

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Pioneers Lecture Series

Monday 10 October, 6.00pm. Dr Kevin Fong delivers the inaugural Pioneers Lecture. Kevin has presented a number of acclaimed radio and TV programmes, including *Horizon* and *The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures*.

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Distinguished Lecture Series

Wednesday 26 October, 5.30pm. Professor Margaret Boden, a world authority in the field of artificial intelligence, presents as part of the Vice-Chancellor's Distinguished Lecture Series.

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Black History Month

October is Black History Month and the University will be celebrating the culture and histories of black and minority ethnic communities with a comprehensive programme of events throughout the month.

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Teaching Academy Awards

Do you know a member of staff who provides an inspirational student experience? Nominate them for a 2016 Teaching Academy Award.

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BUAFTAs nominations

Nominations for BUAFTAs 2017 will open on 3 October! Don't miss your chance to nominate Birmingham Professional colleagues for an award. Further details will be provided shortly.

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Smoking on campus

How do you feel about smoking on campus? Should the University of Birmingham aim to be 'Smokefree'? Your views are important, so please

World Mental Health Day

The University will be hosting a number of events on Monday 10 October that will address the stigma

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surrounding mental ill health, and provide advice to help improve your personal mental wellbeing.

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Arts & Science Festival

This year's theme is 'Land and Water'. Proposals are invited for talks, workshops, exhibitions, screenings and more that showcase research and ideas to a growing public audience.

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Cycle to work

Celebrate Cycle to Work day this month by joining an organised cycle from a number of key locations across the city. So get on your bike and follow one of our trained cycle leaders.

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BWB conference

Thursday 6 October, 9.00am–3.30pm, Great Hall. Find out how you can solve key challenges and boost your research impact by working in collaboration with industry.

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New POD Guide

Detailing training opportunities for staff, the new POD Guide is now available to download from the Staff Development pages of the intranet.

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Bud's Run

Sunday 9 October. Join Olympian

Life Sciences Breakfast

Looking to work with external

Sara Treacy and World Silver Medallist Hannah England by taking part in Bud Baldaro's 5k run on campus, and support Dr Ned Jenkinson's work into Parkinson's disease.

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business on Life Science-related projects? Join UoB Business Club on Tuesday 13 September to network and hear from experts.

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Production on dementia

Wednesday 7 September, performances at 2.30pm and 6.00pm, Medical School. Inspired by real-life stories, the play *Don't Leave Me Now* explores with humour and insight the impact of dementia on two Yorkshire families, before and after diagnosis.

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Canvas workshop

Thursday 8 September, 10.00am–2.00pm (lunch provided). The aim of this workshop is to share ideas and tips for getting the most out of Canvas as a learning tool.

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