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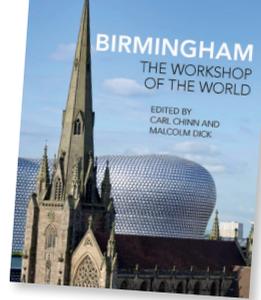
# *Christmas* on campus

# Welcome

We are delighted to extend the invitation to our University neighbours and friends in the Midlands to visit our campus; be entertained by our performances, engaged by our historical and cultural assets (from dinosaurs to fine art!) and inspired by our academic work. This publication highlights our main events over the next few months, including some festive gems, and provides updates on University news and exciting building developments.

We look forward to welcoming you,

*From the Community Buzz team*



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# Nobel Prize winners

The University of Birmingham celebrated unprecedented success this year in the Nobel Laureate lists. Three former University academics were awarded the prestigious accolade.

Professor David Thouless and Professor Mike Kosterlitz were awarded the 2016 Nobel Prize in Physics for their discoveries of the properties of matter. We also celebrated the success of Professor Sir J. Fraser Stoddart who received the 2016 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for work done in the 1990s, when he was Head of the School of Chemistry, around the design and synthesis of molecular machines.



## MAKING OLYMPIC HISTORY

University of Birmingham Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation Sciences student Lily Owsley, and Psychology graduate Sophie Bray, helped Team GB make history as part of the first British women's hockey team to win Olympic gold, in this year's Rio Games.

Current student Lily Owsley, aged 21, is the youngest member of the British hockey team, but she didn't let sport's biggest event overwhelm her, scoring Team GB's opening goal of the Olympics and the first goal of the 3-3 draw in the Gold Medal Final against world number one, The Netherlands. This is in the same year she was named Rising Star of the Year by the International Hockey Federation!



## BIRMINGHAM LAUNCHES APPRENTICESHIPS

The University has welcomed 20 new recruits onto campus as part of a brand new apprenticeship programme. The landmark scheme provides opportunities for trainees to gain high-quality skills and experience in a broad range of areas across the University's professional support services, from estates management to catering, IT to nursery care. Working in partnership with several training providers, the project will deliver on-the-job training and support for our apprentices through pastoral care and career development.

Find out more about our apprenticeship scheme at [birmingham.ac.uk/staff/apprenticeships](http://birmingham.ac.uk/staff/apprenticeships)



# transforming our campus

## The start of a new era

This September, the University of Birmingham opened its brand new main library at the heart of the Edgbaston campus. The first of its kind to be built in a generation at any UK university, we are delivering a new era of modern learning. The milestone building will give users a 'transformational experience', providing state-of-the-art facilities for students, staff and researchers, as well as a cultural hub for the University and the city; with some facilities being open to the public.

The opening of the new library also heralds the beginning of our grand campus

transformation: the Green Heart.

From November 2016, we will begin to take down the former library in preparation for the start of its demolition in 2017. The Green Heart will bring 365m x 135m of stunning parkland to the University and provide staff, students and the community with a vibrant social hub to work, rest and play. The park will unlock new, safe pathways through campus and provide a space for public entertainment, leisure and relaxation.

Keep up-to-date with the project at [birmingham.ac.uk/greenheart](http://birmingham.ac.uk/greenheart) or [@uobgreenheart](https://twitter.com/uobgreenheart)

## OPENING CELEBRATIONS FOR ALL

We are marking the opening of the new library with a public exhibition, showcasing works from the University's collections which have pushed the boundaries of Western knowledge over the last 500 years. The three showpieces are *The Nuremberg Chronicle* (1493), Vesalius's *On the Fabric of the Human Body* (1543) and Chaucer's *Works* (1561).

There will also be a series of films complementing and promoting the exhibition

linked to the University's YouTube Channel. In addition, the exhibition will be supported by a series of Inspiring Knowledge lectures:

- Professor Steve Ellis on *The Works of Geoffrey Chaucer*, Elgar Concert Hall, Thursday 2 March 2017, 1.00–2.00pm (book through University events pages)
- Dr Elaine Fulton on *The Nuremberg Chronicle*, Elgar Concert Hall, Thursday 16 March 2017, 1.00–2.00pm (book through Arts and Science Festival)

## 360 Sport & Fitness building approaches finish line

Building work at 360 Sport & Fitness is approaching the home straight as we prepare to open in the new year.

Our new sports centre will feature the city's only 50m pool, six glass-back squash courts and a multi-sports arena with 871 spectator seats. The five studios will host more than 200 fitness classes for activities from indoor cycling to Pilates, weight training to Zumba. The 10m climbing wall is also now in position and towers above the reception area.

The gym will have more than 200 pieces of equipment supplied by the official Olympic supplier, Technogym, and the Performance Centre will have state-of-the-art apparatus including an AlterG anti-gravity treadmill, that will enable our expert sport science practitioners to offer guidance and support.

To find out more about what to expect when we open the doors, visit our website [360birmingham.co.uk](http://360birmingham.co.uk)



## Other local developments

The University has received planning approval for a new hotel and conference park which will encompass the current Park at Horton Grange on Edgbaston Park Road. The development will offer additional employment to at least 40 new staff and increase the overall provision to 220 beds.

Construction work is also underway for our £20 million new hall of residence and community facility near the Grange Road gate, which will open its doors in September 2017. Grange Road will have space for 178 student bedrooms as well as a café open to the local community, a new sports pavilion and a dedicated accommodation advice office.

# Research in practice

**Already dreading the post-Christmas pinch?  
Let our experts help you out...**

The Centre on Household Assets and Savings Management (CHASM) is a research centre focusing on issues of personal finance. We produce annual reports on financial inclusion for the Friends Provident Foundation and have recently been studying ways to help people on a low income to save for the Barrow Cadbury Trust.

## Five top tips for managing your money...

1. Set yourself a budget and keep close track of your money
2. Check out the Money Advice Service's website ([moneyadvice.org.uk](http://moneyadvice.org.uk)) for free and impartial advice on money matters
3. Seek advice at an early stage if you are having money problems
4. Pay off high-cost loans as soon as you can
5. Find out about your local credit union for help with saving and low-cost loans

Head to our website to find information on a range of financial issues at [birmingham.ac.uk/chasm](http://birmingham.ac.uk/chasm)

## A Cultural Education

The Cultural Intern Scheme is a unique and distinctive part of the UoB offer, demonstrating our commitment to enhancing graduate career development, and bringing new talent to the local community and economy. Entering its sixth year in 2016, the scheme offers successful applicants a work-based placement with one of ten leading cultural organisations in the West Midlands including, the REP, Birmingham Hippodrome, Flatpack Film Festival and the BBC. The programme is designed to increase graduates' knowledge and skills, and enable them to gain a valuable introduction to the workplace.

Discover what our graduates are doing in the region at [birmingham.ac.uk/culture](http://birmingham.ac.uk/culture)



## WIDENING ACCESS TO THE MEDICAL PROFESSION

At Birmingham, we make sure that every student with the academic talent to succeed in medicine is given the opportunity to pursue their dream of becoming a doctor. We were one of the first universities to pioneer this fair access scheme for local students in 2002. In that time, almost 3,500 students have received support from our extensive widening participation activities. We also established the Academic Enrichment Programme and Health Profession Summer School, and this year welcomed 54 entrants from across targeted local communities to our Medicine programme.

Find out more about how we are unlocking potential and how we can support you at [birmingham.ac.uk/MDSOutreach](http://birmingham.ac.uk/MDSOutreach)

# ARTS & SCIENCE FESTIVAL

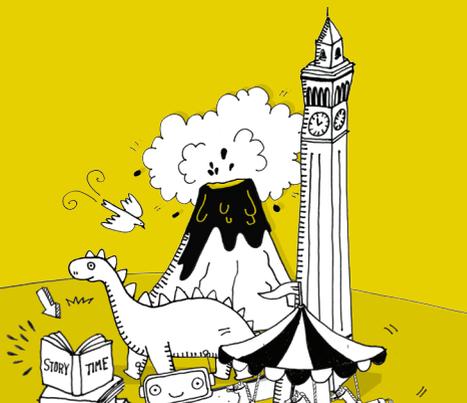
The University's annual Arts & Science Festival is a celebration of ideas, research, culture and collaboration across campus and beyond. Each year, the Festival brings together leading artists, thinkers and scientists around a central theme to host a free programme of concerts, exhibitions, performances, screenings, talks and workshops.

Next year's Festival is themed 'land and water' and will run **13–19 March 2017**, in venues on and off campus.

Keep up-to-date with the latest Festival news and check out the full programme at [birmingham.ac.uk/artsandscience](http://birmingham.ac.uk/artsandscience)

## Community Festival 2017

Come along to our Community Festival on **Sunday 11 June 2017** where you can explore our beautiful, historic campus and enjoy fun family events and activities throughout the day for free. We are throwing the doors open for you to see for yourselves the great things that the University is doing for people here in the Midlands and around the world.



**SAVE THE DATE**

[birmingham.ac.uk/events](http://birmingham.ac.uk/events)

## WHAT'S ON at the Barber

Be dazzled by the Barber Institute's Evening Concerts this New Year 2017. Immerse yourself in stunning voices and gorgeous strings at our iconic art-deco gallery.

### The Heath Quartet

**Wednesday 22 February, 7.30pm**

The first ensemble in 15 years to win the prestigious Royal Philharmonic Society's Young Artists Award make their Barber debut.



### I Fagiolini:

#### *Flaming Heart*

**Wednesday 22 March, 7.30pm**

I Fagiolini, a British solo-voice ensemble, are coming to the Barber to commemorate the 450th anniversary of Monteverdi's birth and celebrate his unique expressive genius.



### Admission

£18 standard, £15 concessions, £12 Barber Friends, £5 students

Get your tickets online at [shop.bham.ac.uk](http://shop.bham.ac.uk), via telephone on 0121 414 7333, or at the Barber Institute reception

# Christmas

on campus

## December Celebrations

The Guild of Students and University of Birmingham will be hosting their annual Fayre on Monday 5 December, 12noon–9.00pm. Join us at Chancellor's Court on campus for a day of free activities and festive treats.

- Fairground rides
- Food stalls selling traditional food and drinks
- Craft stalls
- Santa's grotto
- Live music throughout the day

Also on Monday, why not join us for the University's Christmas Carol Service in the Great Hall, Aston Webb Building, at 6.15pm.

## Christmas at Winterbourne

Join us for our immensely popular Christmas event on Saturday 10 December, 11.00am–4.00pm, in the magical grounds of Winterbourne House. Father Christmas and his reindeer will be welcoming children to the grotto before they set off on their busy schedule. Children who have been good will receive a present! Prices apply, please visit our website for further information at [winterbourne.org.uk](http://winterbourne.org.uk)

## Festive Family Fun

Join us at the Barber Institute to make Jolly Christmas Stockings on Sunday 18 December. Craft, design, collage and sew your perfect stocking from 11.00am–12.30pm (4–8 yrs) or 1.30–3.00pm (8–12 yrs). Get yourself and your little ones booked onto the workshop at [barber.org.uk/FamiliesFirstBarberInstitute](http://barber.org.uk/FamiliesFirstBarberInstitute)

## WHAT'S ON at the Bramall

This festive season, there are countless reasons to be merry and bright, with a fantastic line up of events at the Bramall.

### Jazz Collective Christmas Swing-along

Thursday 8 December, 12.30–2.00pm  
Free admission

### Christmas Comedy Night

Thursday 8 December, 8.00pm  
£7 standard, £5 students

### Abba-Riginal, Abba Tribute Band

Wednesday 14 December, 7.30pm  
£15 standard, £5 students

### The Choir with No Name Big Christmas Singalong

Saturday 17 December, 7.30pm  
£12.50 standard, £10 concessions

### Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra, 75th Birmingham Celebration

Sunday 18 December, 3.00pm  
£15 standard, £5 children  
£12 concessions, £32 family tickets

Buy tickets online: [www.thebramall.co.uk](http://www.thebramall.co.uk)  
Call our Box Office team: 0121 414 4414

## FILL YOUR STOCKING

Pop to campus on Wednesday 7 December and stock up on jovial delights at the University of Birmingham's Christmas Farmer's Market. Grab those last minute gifts, or bag the perfect festive homemade jams and chutneys to accompany your Christmas feast. We will be open from 10.00am–3.00pm on University Square on campus.

