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February 2017



Vice-Chancellor's Open Forum

Tuesday 14 February, 12.30–1.30pm,
Bramall Music Building.

The Vice-Chancellor will be interviewed by Mark Leach (Wonkhe) on key issues facing the higher education sector and the University.

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Birmingham Professional Forum

Wednesday 8 March, 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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ARTS & SCIENCE

Arts & Science 2017

The University of Birmingham's Arts & Science Festival returns from 13–19 March with a jam-packed line-up of exhibitions and events. [Email](#) to join our mailing list.

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Stonewall success

The University of Birmingham has once again made the Top 100 Employers for LGBTQ inclusiveness, and the Rainbow Network has been recognised as a Highly Commended Network Group.

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Meaning, evidence and truth

We are delighted to welcome Professor Ard Louis to address the inaugural Birmingham Veritas Forum on the topic of 'Meaning, evidence and truth: can science answer all our questions?'

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Staff Fundraising Week

Taking place 13–17 February, the aim of Staff Fundraising Week is to involve staff in supporting our University research projects. This year the chosen project is our early miscarriage research.

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LGBT History Month

LGBT History Month is observed across the UK each February, and the University has organised a series of thought-provoking events for 2017 in the theme of Law and Citizenship. Everybody is welcome.

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CTL construction begins

Work on the new Collaborative Teaching Laboratory will begin next week. To find out more about the project, please visit the intranet.

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New Core February Meeting

15 February, 1.00pm, Nettlefold Room. Introduced by Lee Sanders, Registrar and Secretary, the next New Core all-staff meeting will provide progress updates and more on what New Core will deliver for you.

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Free Bacon @ the Barber

(Also suitable for vegetarians). The iconic and unsettling Francis Bacon's masterpiece *Two Figures in a Room* visits the gallery 10 February–20 March, with fantastic free public lectures, talks and films.

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BioBrum 2017

On 16 February, the BioHub Birmingham® is hosting a training event for pre-revenue life science companies, who can win six months'

Travel Survey results

After a record-breaking response rate for the 2016 staff and student travel survey, the results have now been published. Click below for a summary

free lab space at the BioHub and complementary business assistance.

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of the results and to read through the full accompanying report.

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Enterprising Birmingham

Wednesday 29 March. Join us for an inspiring afternoon celebrating the University's brightest commercial projects as our researchers pitch their inventions to a *Dragons' Den*-style panel for a £20,000 investment.

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Chinese New Year concert

Music lovers young and old flocked to our special free concert to celebrate the Chinese New Year. A 'sell-out' audience enjoyed a delightful fusion of western and eastern music performed by three world-renowned musicians.

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U21 PhD Scholarships

U21 PhD Scholarships of up to £1,500 are available. The deadline is 19 March 2017. Please visit the intranet for details.

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U21 Staff Fellowships

Universitas 21 Staff Fellowship awards are open to academic and Professional Services staff. The deadline is Sunday 12 March. Please visit the intranet for details.

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The Bramall is world

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The Bramall will play host to some world-famous musicians in the coming months, including Peter Donohoe and the Sacconi Quartet.

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home

Westmere serviced apartments are just minutes away from campus and offer self-catering accommodation. Sleeping up to two guests, they have a beautifully furnished living room, fully equipped kitchen, bedroom and bathroom.

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Dental Plan

This policy provides UoB staff, their partners and children with help to cover dental care costs. The joining window is open until 14 February. Overseas travel and children's orthodontics are included.

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Healthcare scheme

This scheme, underwritten by AXA PPP Healthcare, offers discounted healthcare costs to UoB staff, their partners and children. The joining window is open until 31 March.

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EU fellowship success

We have awarded 14 Horizon 2020 Marie Curie fellowship projects, with a further seven applications in reserve; a good result and a sign that Brexit has not impacted negatively on UK applicants.

Santander offers

On behalf of the University branch, Santander would like to wish you a very Happy New Year. They would also like to introduce you to some new offers that have launched for 2017.

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