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## 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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## BUAFTA nominations open

Nominations for BUAFTAs 2017 opened on Monday 3 October. Don't miss your chance to nominate Birmingham Professional colleagues for an award, and help us to make BUAFTAs 2017 the most successful yet.

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## Stonewall Survey 2017

Stonewall's Workplace Index helps us understand where we are doing well and where we can continue to improve as an LGBTQ inclusive organisation. Please help us by taking the survey using our unique code: **1672.**

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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, 6.00pm. 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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## Our Green Heart

The Green Heart development is gathering pace. We're hosting a pop-up stand on 18 October at the Barber Institute of Fine Arts to share the vision and get more of your valued feedback.

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## Black History Month

October is Black History Month. 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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## 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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## Teaching Academy Awards

The closing date for nominations for the Teaching Academy Awards for Educational Enhancement and Innovation is Friday 14 October 2016.

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## Students say #hellobrum

New and returning students soaked up the vibrant atmosphere in Chancellor's Court in September, with the new format for Welcome activity

## World Mental Health Day

The University will be hosting a number of events on Monday 10 October that will address the stigma surrounding mental ill health, and

garnering positive feedback from students and their families.

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provide advice to help improve mental wellbeing.

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## Mental Health Gap

Wednesday 12 October, 5.00–6.00pm. Globally, mental health conditions account for almost a quarter of the burden of disease. Professor Paul Burstow's lecture will focus on current mental health policy, from treatment to prevention.

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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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## Children and Childhood Network

Do you research or teach about childhood? If so, we'd like to hear from you. We would be grateful if you could complete this short survey about a proposed 'Children and Childhoods' research network.

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## Fly through 360

With the opening of 360 Sport & Fitness only months away, take a sneak peek inside the state-of-the-art gym by watching our short film.

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## Social Media for Research Impact

Professor Mark Reed (Newcastle University) will lead this workshop, which aims to increase understanding of how social media can maximise the visibility and impact of research.

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## Innovation competition

Have you got an idea for a brilliant innovation based on your research? You could win a cash prize of up to £20,000 to develop your ideas further!

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## Training opportunities

The Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) Hub is delighted to introduce face-to-face training and online webinar support sessions for Canvas, Event Capture with Panopto and Interactive Voting Tools.

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## Bodies on show @ the Barber

Early 20th-century US art by New York 'Ashcan' painter George Bellows stars in the Barber's latest exhibition, 'Bellows and the Body: The Real, the Ideal and the Nude'.

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## #Winterhaunt at Winterbourne

This Halloween prepare for the unexpected as Winterbourne House and Garden host their first haunted house experience. Book your tickets to Phantasmagoria... if you dare.

## Support for Students

The Support for Students website has been updated to help you signpost students to appropriate advice and resources – from budget tips to health advice, and accommodation queries to study skills.

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## Car share parking

New car parking spaces have appeared on campus specifically for those who car share to work. The new scheme aims to encourage people to lift share and in return have access to allocated parking.

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## HR updates on Twitter

HR has launched a new Twitter feed for staff. Follow @UoB\_HR for updates on HR policies, recruitment, training and development, staff benefits, wellbeing, health and safety and more.

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## Autumn at the Bramall

Sir Ranulph Fiennes and the talented Mugenkyo Taiko Drummers will be taking to the stage at the Bramall this autumn. So grab some colleagues and enjoy an evening of entertainment.

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## Staff Fundraising Week

Staff Fundraising Week takes place from 13–17 February 2017, so there's plenty of time to plan your activities. Funds raised will be going towards the University's miscarriage research.

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## Donate your #firstfiver

Staff in DARO are giving the first new £5 they receive to the University's childhood cancer research. Join them

## New starters' event

Wednesday 12 October, 10.00–11.00am. The Birmingham Professional is delighted to invite all

by giving your £5 in at Aston Webb reception and tweet @birminghamalum using #firstfiver.

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new professional services staff who have joined the University since January 2016 to our welcome event.

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## Interns through BUIP

The Birmingham University Internship Programme (BUIP) allows for University departments to recruit an intern over the summer, bringing mutual benefits.

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## 10 per cent off with Yoyo

To celebrate the launch of Yoyo Wallet, a new payment app that allows you to pay for purchases with your phone, we're giving you 10 per cent off food and drink for one month in outlets across campus.

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