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## Vice-Chancellor's Forum

Tuesday 17 October 2017, 12.30–1.30pm, Elgar Concert Hall, The Bramall. As the new academic year begins, 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

Thursday 26 October 2017, 11.00am–12noon, Elgar Concert Hall, The Bramall. Introduced by the Registrar and Secretary, Lee Sanders, the Forum presents 10,000 Lives, UoB Dubai and concussion research that could transform safety across the sporting world.

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## BUAFTA nominations open

Nominations for this year's BUAFTAs opened on Monday 2 October with new categories based on your feedback! Don't miss your chance to nominate outstanding Birmingham Professional colleagues for an award.

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## Week of Wellbeing

Taking place from 9–13 October, Week of Wellbeing will be themed on the 'Five Ways to Wellbeing', with events and activities for staff and students. Keep an eye on the Intranet page for details.

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## Exciting campus plans

With work taking place on a number of major developments at the University, this film lets you know what is coming next as we develop the campus in the coming months and years.

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## Technical Academy

The Technical Academy launches on 29 November. A dedicated platform for all technical staff, the Technical Academy will deliver events and training designed to enhance skills and professional development of our technical workforce.

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## Policy impact resources

The Public Affairs team has developed resources to assist staff in enhancing their policy impact: research briefings, a policy impact toolkit and a fortnightly consultation tracker.

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## Transforming business

Business Engagement are the HE sponsor of the annual Confederation of British Industries (CBI) conference, where they will launch an overview of the ten ways in which our academic-industry collaborations are transforming business.

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## Perks at Work

The Perks at Work (was Staff Extras) online shop offers staff discounts or the chance to collect/spend points on well-known brand products. Sign up to benefit from extra discounts before Christmas.

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## New reusable cups

We use 885,840 takeaway cups at the University each year. Help reduce our environmental impact and receive a free drink when you buy a new reusable 'Eco To Go' cup in participating catering outlets.

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## POD has moved

POD has moved into the recently refurbished Park House Annexe. You can find POD located in the green zone – G19 on the campus map. For more information, please visit the

## Clean Cooling Lunch

Wednesday 11 October at G03 Chemical Engineering. This internal networking lunch will explore how multidisciplinary research can help solve the global challenge of clean

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## Tours and Talks

From Egyptian shabtis to medical waxes, 1960s art to African masks, Research and Cultural Collections hosts a range of amazing artefacts. Discover them through lunchtime tours, object handling and more.

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## Medici training

Are you interested in understanding IP, patenting, and the world of business? We are now recruiting academics for Medici Enterprise Training 2018. Contact [Sofia Hansrod](#).

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## Hands Up

Hands Up is back – allowing students to apply for up to £2,000 to turn their innovative ideas into a reality. New this year, we will accept applications for higher amounts in special circumstances.

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## Staff networks

The University is home to various staff societies, networks and groups who offer a broad range of opportunities for social networking and sharing interests. All staff are welcome to join and participate.

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## January pay day

We'd be grateful if you could share your views (by 23 October) on a

## Beyond the Battlefields

proposal to bring forward by one week the date on which staff are paid in January. The survey should take no more than two minutes.

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Käthe Buchler's photographs depict life on the German home front during the First World War and will be displayed alongside objects relating to the University's role in the War.

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