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NEWS

from **around BU**
Summer 2019

Welcome to the third edition of our newsletter, designed just for placement students.

As the 2018/19 academic year draws to a close, we're giving you an update on what has been going on at BU, and help you settle back in to student life.

Your placement year will have given you some excellent experiences and provided you with skills that will help you in your last year at university. Now is a good time to capture what you've learnt and achieved by updating your CV. Plus make sure you remember to re-apply for student finance soon

and at the end of August look out for the email inviting you to register online for your final year.

This is the final edition of the placement newsletter for this year and we're really excited to have you back at BU in September. Have a great summer.

Best wishes,

David Wakeford
Careers & Employability Service



Sustainability at BU

Sustainability matters to us. We champion it through our Fusion approach – the way we bring together research education and practice. We are supporting sustainable environmental practices in our university community and across the world.

Some of our sustainability stories include:

- **Professor Zulfiqar A Khan** has discovered a clean, sustainable and renewable way of meeting our future energy needs – and it's reliable.
- **A group of researchers and students** from BU and the University of Syiah Kuala in Indonesia is working on a project to protect Sumatran elephants from the threats of human-wildlife conflict.
- **And closer to home**, the Fusion Building at Talbot Campus has a colony of honey bees that lives on the roof.

Find out more about these stories and other sustainability projects at www.bournemouth.ac.uk/sustainability-stories

myBU decommission reminder

Brightspace is the virtual learning environment (VLE) that is now used by all students – replacing myBU. This is a reminder that myBU will be withdrawn from use on 30 November 2019 – after that point you will no longer be able to access it.

If you previously used myBU, you currently have access to archived materials which might be useful to you later on. We encourage you to download your documents and save them to a personal device or cloud as soon as possible. Visit www.bournemouth.ac.uk/mybu-decommission for more information.

Still your home from home

Your life at university may well have started in halls and now, new for 2019, you can carry on living in halls during your final year. Home Park and Corfe House are offering you the opportunity to book your choice of room and flat, either as an individual or with a group of your friends.

Find out more at www.bournemouth.ac.uk/rebook



Your new SUBU Full-Time Officers

Your new full-time Students' Union Bournemouth University (SUBU) officers have been elected for the 2019/2020 academic year.

Some of them might look familiar and that's because all of the officers apart from Vice President Welfare and Equal Opportunities were re-elected from last year. Meet your full time officers!



SUBU President
Ade Balogun



Vice President Activities
Lea Ediale



Vice President Community
Abidemi Abiodun



Vice President Education
Lenrick Greaves



Vice President Welfare & Equal Opportunities
Joanna Ann

Your online timetable is now easier to use

When you come to access your timetable next year, you'll find it's a lot simpler to use.



You don't need to find your seminar or option group information any more - this has been automatically set up for you! We've simplified the process thanks to feedback from students. This also means that your timetable is linked to your student record, so the units you see should automatically be the ones that you are taking.

We have also made it possible for you to combine your teaching information and some other BU calendar data and your personal calendar - helping you to manage your work/life balance better.

Be a Placement PAL Leader next year

We'll soon be recruiting for Placement Peer Assisted Learning (PAL) Leaders to help prepare and develop second year students' understanding of the placement experience.

This paid opportunity will involve you delivering several sessions throughout the academic year, sharing your experiences of working in a professional environment and

those bits of advice you wish you'd known before you started your placement! Look out for emails for more information soon, or email pal@bournemouth.ac.uk.

Staying motivated in your final year

Simon Prentice studied BSc (Hons) Marketing and gives his advice on how to stay motivated during your final year after coming back from placement.



Simon's top tips:

- 1 Structure your days like you did at work – it made me more efficient.
- 2 Exercise! It will make you feel better during stressful periods.
- 3 Use your future career goals to motivate you. Having a taste of where my career might go on placement made me work harder to get to where I want to be.

Read all of Simon's advice at: www.bournemouth.ac.uk/staying-motivated-final-year

Did you know?

We have refurbished the fourth floor of Weymouth House to provide better collaborative working space.

You can now borrow laptops from three locations across both campuses.

All student computers now have Windows 10.

Enter the Long Placement Prize

Tell us about the impact that you've made in the past year and you could win £500!

If you've been on placement during 2018/19 you can enter BU's Annual Undergraduate Long Placement Prize which will be awarded to the student who is judged to have made the greatest impact during their placement year. You have until midnight on **Monday 30 September 2019** to enter.

Visit www.bournemouth.ac.uk/placement-prize to find out more.

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