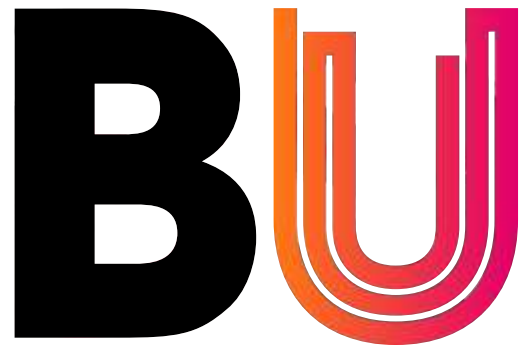


Welcome to



**Bournemouth
University**

Getting ready to study at BU: Pre-departure webinar

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Orientation and Cultural Adaptation Officer

Student Services

August 2025

This session will cover:

Preparing to become a BU student

- Enrolment/admin
- What to pack
- Planning your journey

What to expect when you arrive

- Bournemouth town
- Settling in / practical arrangements
- Your welcome week and events
- Help and support available

SUBU (The Students' Union at BU)

Time for your questions



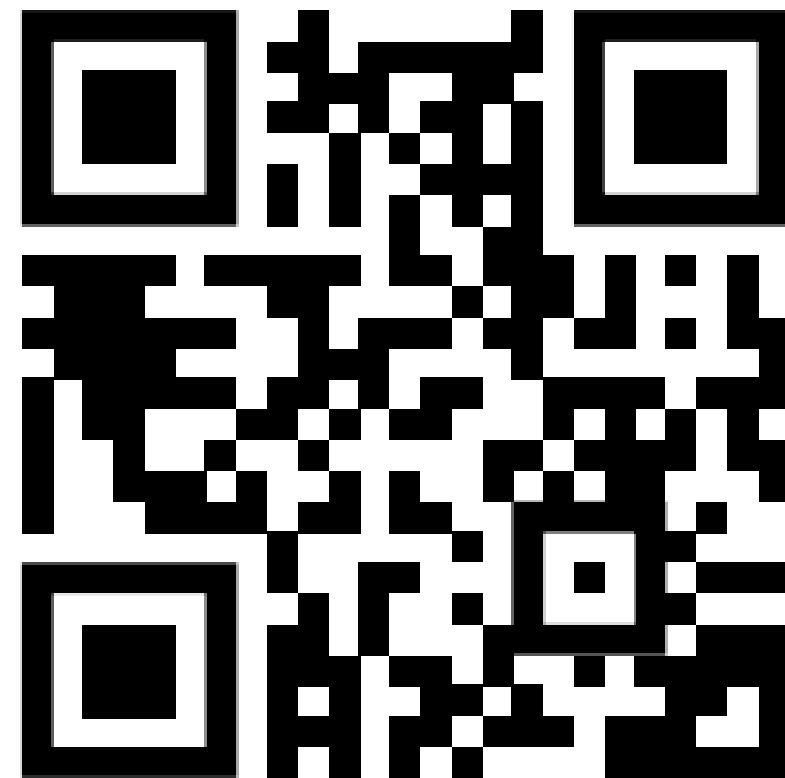
Preparing to become a BU student



Your “must-do” checklist

www.bournemouth.ac.uk/get-ready

- Enrolment
- Finances
- Social activities
- Welcome Week
- Your first semester
- Important dates and deadlines



Enrolment

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE:

1. Complete your online registration and fee payment (you should have received an email about this)
2. Register for Multi-factor authentication (make sure you set up the Microsoft Authenticator App, especially if your phone number is likely to change after you've arrived in the UK)
3. Log in to Brightspace

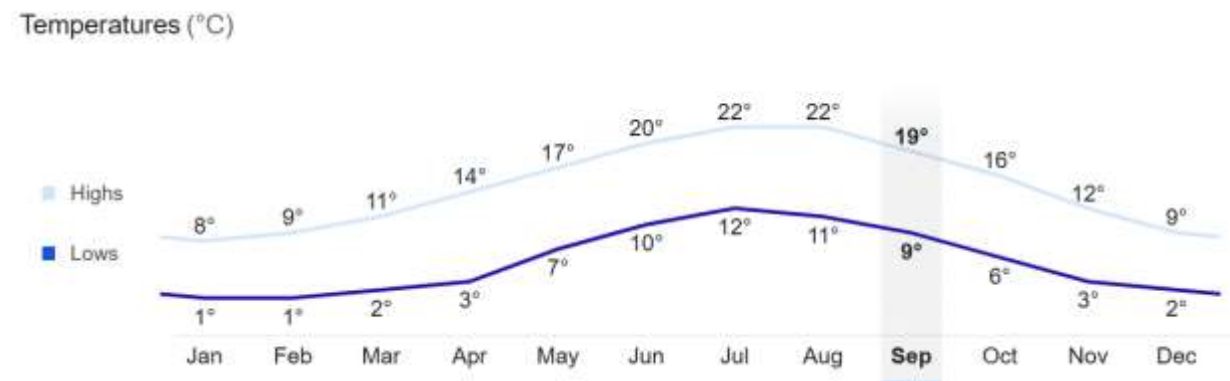
ON CAMPUS:

4. Attend your international document check (on campus) to complete your enrolment
 - Check the timeslot for your school online
 - Staff Centre, Poole House, Talbot Campus
 - If you miss your designated day/time for any reason, go on Friday 26 Sep instead

What to pack

bournemouth.ac.uk/students/information-new-students/what-bring
bournemouth.ac.uk/why-bu/accommodation/accommodation-tips-faqs/preparing-move-here

- Money
- Documents
 - Passport
 - Registration email (with details of first session)
 - Accommodation email (with moving in information)
 - Education qualifications/certificates
- Clothes (think about British weather!)
- Household items
 - Photos and things to remind you of home
 - Remember we have shops here!
 - Bedding? (Unikitout.com is an option)
- Small gifts/traditional items from your country
- Food - be careful of customs rules!



Accommodation

www.bournemouth.ac.uk/accommodation

- Ensure you have accommodation arranged in advance (if necessary, temporary accommodation for at least the first 2 nights)
- There is still BU accommodation available in halls of residence
- The private rental market is very competitive and not necessarily cheaper than halls. Check our advice online.

Okeford House



Student Village



Your journey

www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/information-new-students/getting-here/travelling-air

- Discounted coach travel available
 - Use the National Express weblinks on our Travelling by Air webpage
- All coaches and trains arrive at the “**Travel Interchange**” in Bournemouth:
 - Very close to Lansdowne campus and most halls
 - Less than 5 min taxi ride to Chesil, Dorchester, Purbeck, Cranborne etc.
 - 15 min to Talbot Campus (approx £10 in a taxi)
- Plan carefully if you are likely to arrive late at night or after 4pm on Sunday when shops are closed.

Read the international orientation webpage!



www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/help-advice/support-international-students

Your first week



Welcome Week

(w/c Mon 22 September)

Plan your time carefully:

- Course induction activities
- Enrolment/ID card collections/international document checks
- Organise practical things (accommodation, bank account, doctor, shopping...)
- Social activities and making friends
(Download the app!)
- International Orientation Day (Fri 26 Sep)
- Keeping in contact with friends and family at home



Getting around by bus

www.unibuses.co.uk Download the app – it will save you money!

- **FREE bus travel during Welcome Week**
- Unibus Annual pass: £308 (or £298 before 31 August)
 - Unlimited travel on all Unibus services and morebus Zone A network.
- Multi-trip ticket: £13.50 for 10 single journeys.
- Cash fares are available on the bus from the driver (single £2.00, return £3.20)

International Orientation Day

Friday 26 September, Talbot Campus

9.30am in Share Lecture Theatre, Fusion Building

Full programme online:



**All new international students
are expected to attend.**

Including:

- Welcome from the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Alison Honour
- Introduction to UK Higher Education and academic support
- Summary of BU support services
- Practical information to help you set up your new life in Bournemouth (doctors, bank accounts, buses etc.)
- Culture shock and British culture
- Tips for budgeting and saving money
- Careers support and how to find a part-time job
- Accommodation search tips
- Extra-curricular opportunities and making friends
- Campus tours
- Refreshments, lunch and drinks reception!

www.bournemouth.ac.uk/events/international-orientation-day-new-september-2025-students

Welcome Events

bournemouth.ac.uk/app



Including:

- Welcome Brunch (Sunday 21 September)
 - Cultural Connections Quiz (Thursday 25 September)
 - Global Café
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- Check events listings and plan (alongside your course induction timetable)
 - Book in advance for some events

Opening a bank account

www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/help-advice/international-students/opening-bank-account-uk

- You must be fully enrolled first
- Research options and choose a bank
- Ensure your home and local address details are up-to-date on MyHub
- Complete online bank letter request form
- AskBU will email your bank letter to you within approx 10 working days.

Ask for help if you need it!

Whether it's
this week or
in a year's
time, please
remember that
we're here to
help you if need
us – you just
have to ask.



Additional Learning Needs



Faith & Reflection



Medical Centre



Careers & Employability



Academic Support

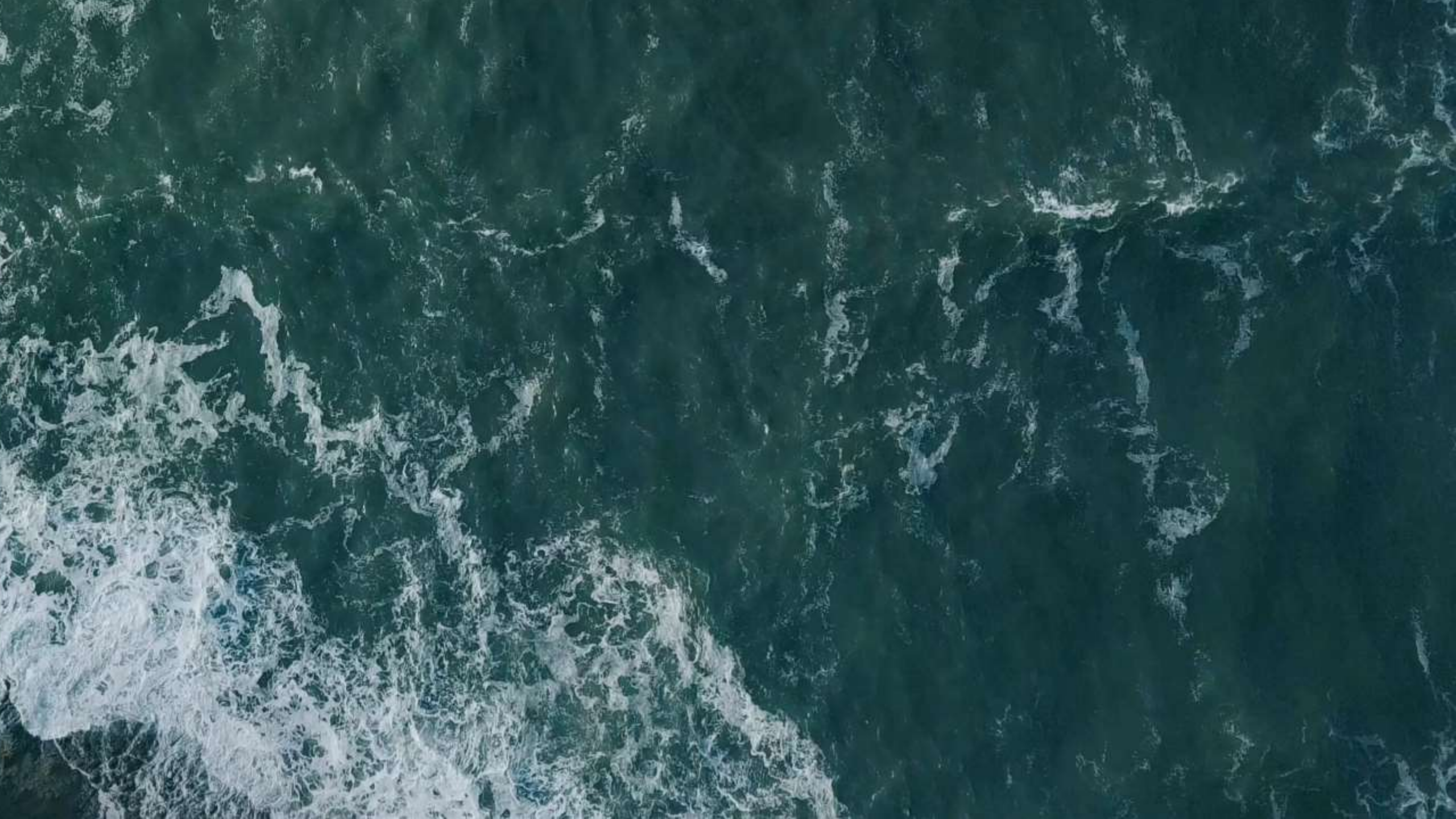


IT Support

You can find more information and contact
details for all of BU's support services via

If in doubt,
contact **AskBU**
They can either
help you or
refer you to
a specialist
service.

www.bournemouth.ac.uk/support



WELCOME TO SUBU

YOUR STUDENTS' UNION AT BOURNEMOUTH UNIVERSITY

We're here to make your time at uni phenomenal - from massive events and loads of clubs, to supporting you and making your voice heard.

Whether you're grabbing freebies at the Freshers Fair or joining a society, it starts here.

By joining BU, you're already a member of SUBU. We can't wait to meet you!

Find us in The Student Centre (Talbot Campus) and BG301 (Lansdowne Campus).

Want more? Check out subu.org.uk.



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Congrats! You're #BournemouthBound

Here's what you do next >>>

Follow us on social media



Keep up-to-date with the latest Freshers' goss, student life, and what's happening on campus.

Join the WhatsApp channel



Get insider updates, exclusive event drops, and must-know info straight to your phone.

Activate your Freshers' wristband NOW!

Unlock access to epic events, buzzing club nights, and unforgettable experiences from day one, at BUFreshers.co.uk

BUFreshers.co.uk



Find all the links you need here

FRESHERS

What does my FREE wristband get me?

- ✓ **FREE** entry to SUBU events on campus, including our award-winning Freshers Fair
- ✓ Freshers discount at The Old Fire Station
- ✓ Access to join clubs and societies
- ✓ **No need for any other wristband!**

Every new student joining Bournemouth Uni in September will get the same wristband - meaning you'll be able to hit up all the same events as your flatmates and coursemates.

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To ensure the best welcome experience...

➤ **Join our friendly buddy scheme**



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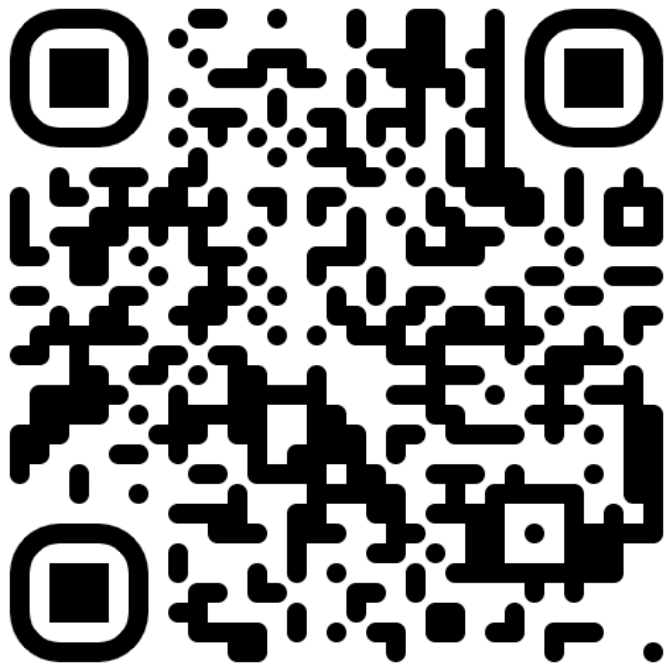
➤ Join a club

90+ clubs, student networks and communities to choose from!



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➤ Unmissable
events &
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celebrations 



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subu.org.uk/whatson

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➤ Work for SUBU



Current vacancies
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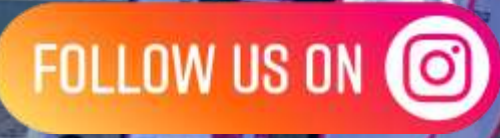
➤ Reach out for
advice! 

Book an appointment.
subu.org.uk/advice

Cost-of-Living Support
subu.org.uk/costofliving



Where you can find us 😊



Talbot Campus
Student Centre
+ café



Lansdowne Campus



Student Shop



Bournemouth Gateway
Third floor 301



Campus Eatery & Bar



Student Nightclub &
Music Venue

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What
questions
do you
have?

