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## Welcome to the latest edition of @birmingham

@Birmingham aims to keep teachers and careers advisors informed of relevant events and developments at the University of Birmingham. We hope you like our updated layout and find the content relevant, timely and useful.



## Confirmation and Clearing 2013

As the academic year draws to a close we are busy preparing for our next intake of students, many of whom will have their places confirmed on Thursday 15 August, A level results day. In addition, we have also made plans to support students wishing to apply to the University through Clearing and Adjustment, ensuring they have access to information and advice.

- Adjustment and Clearing hotlines will be available 8.00am–8.00pm on Thursday 15 August and Friday 16 August and 9.00am–12.00noon on Saturday 17 August. The number to call on these dates is 0121 414 2222
- Adjustment and Clearing Open Days will be held on Friday 16 August and Saturday 17 August, 9.00am–4.00pm. This will provide students made an offer through Adjustment or Clearing the opportunity to visit the University and tour accommodation. Please note that all students coming through Adjustment or Clearing are guaranteed a place in accommodation.

Details of any courses with vacancies will be listed in the national press, on the UCAS website and on the University of Birmingham website [www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/clearing-adjustment](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/clearing-adjustment) This website will be updated on a regular basis and is the best source of up-to-date information on both course vacancies and the Open Days in August.

Existing offer holders are advised to contact their named admissions officer, whose contact details can be found on their University of Birmingham offer letter. Should they be unable to locate their offer letter they can call the number above or email [admissions@bham.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@bham.ac.uk)

and their query will be forwarded on to the relevant member of the Admissions team.

If you would like any further information regarding Adjustment and Clearing please email [schools-liaison@bham.ac.uk](mailto:schools-liaison@bham.ac.uk)

We wish your students every success in their forthcoming results!



### **College of Arts and Law Sixth Form Study Afternoons and Study Days 2013–14**

- Do you have Year 12 and 13 students who are unsure about going to university?
- Do you have Year 12 and 13 Gifted and Talented Students who you want to encourage?
- Would you like to raise the aspirations of a particular group within your sixth form cohort?
- Would you like your students to see what a university is like on a normal working day?
- Do you have an AS or A2 level set who need a boost?
- Would you value some different perspectives on a particular text or topic?

If you've answered yes to any of the above questions, then you should consider bringing your students to one of our Sixth Form Study Afternoons or Sixth Form Study Days.

#### **What will students gain from a Sixth Form Study Afternoon or Study Day?**

Students will experience university-style lectures and workshops delivered by engaging and passionate academic members of staff, meet current students and admissions tutors and enjoy a campus tour. In addition, they will extend their knowledge and understanding in that particular subject.

#### **When do Sixth Form Study Afternoons and Sixth Form Study Days take place?**

The College of Arts and Law run an autumn programme in November and December and a spring programme in February and March, usually on Wednesdays and Fridays.

#### **Provisional autumn term programme**

- English and Drama Study Day
- History Study Afternoon
- Philosophy, Theology and Religion Study Afternoon

Exact dates for the autumn programme will be confirmed in early September.

#### **Provisional spring term programme**

- Classics and Ancient History Study Afternoon
- History Study Afternoon
- Languages Study Day

Exact dates for the autumn programme will be confirmed in due course.

### **How can I make sure that a Sixth Form Study Afternoon or Sixth Form Study Day is useful and relevant to my students?**

Each year, we survey heads of department in the relevant subjects in schools and sixth form colleges. This way, we can tailor the afternoons and days to the most popular texts, themes, topics and ideas.

For example, many of the English and Drama teachers from the schools who attended last year told us in advance that they were studying Shakespeare's 'King Lear' which led us to create a bespoke Sixth Form Study Afternoon, with four focused lectures on different aspects of the play, including a lecture that involved actors from The Shakespeare Institute performing a key scene. This supplemented what students had already studied in class, gave them ideas for their assessments and generally enthused students afresh.

A teacher on the 'King Lear' Study Afternoon commented: 'All tasks were valuable as they took aspects of the play which were not the most obvious and therefore presented new issues to think about. The breadth of ideas sparked off new ways of looking at the text.'

So, if you or your colleagues have any suggestions either for the autumn or spring programme, we would love to hear from you!

### **Who do I contact?**

Please email the College of Arts and Law Student Experience Manager, Helen Murray, [h.murray@bham.ac.uk](mailto:h.murray@bham.ac.uk) with any suggestions or queries.

If you'd like to see information about the Sixth Form Study Afternoons which ran last year, please visit the College of Arts and Law Sixth Form Study Afternoon and Study Day webpage:

[www.birmingham.ac.uk/university/colleges/artslaw/student-experience/school-engagement/sixth-form.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/university/colleges/artslaw/student-experience/school-engagement/sixth-form.aspx)



### **History of Art taster days**

The College of Arts and Law will be running a History of Art Taster Day on Saturday 28 September 2013 for Year 12 and Year 13 students who are interested in Art History and considering taking the subject at university. Students will find out what studying Art History at university involves and have the opportunity to see works of art in the Barber Institute of Fine Art. The event will also show where taking an Art History degree can lead and help students with tips for preparing their UCAS applications. Teachers are also welcome to attend. To express an interest in attending please contact Abigail Miller, [a.f.miller@bham.ac.uk](mailto:a.f.miller@bham.ac.uk)

Dr Elizabeth L'Estrange, our History of Art Admissions Tutor, has also been invited to take part in a study day at The Wallace Collection in London on Wednesday 25 September 2013 10.00am–4.00pm. The day will comprise of gallery discussion, group work and talks from Dr L'Estrange, art historians and museum professionals. For further details on that event and how to book places please see [www.wallacecollection.org/education/schools/secondary](http://www.wallacecollection.org/education/schools/secondary)



## Postgraduate programmes in the School of Education

The School of Education offers a wide variety of Masters and Professional Development Programmes which are ideal for teachers and other professionals who wish to study towards higher qualifications or obtain mandatory qualifications in a broad range of educational fields, linked to the research interests of members of staff. The School provides specialist training and expertise in many areas of educational practice and policy, including: Autism; Bilingualism in Education; Inclusion and Special Educational Needs; International Studies in Education; Management of Special Education in Developing Countries; Multisensory Impairment, and School Improvement and Educational Leadership.

Programmes are award-bearing from Certificate to Masters level and delivered within a field of study, each of which has an academic tutor responsible for all programmes. The School recognises the need for flexibility by delivering the programmes in a variety of modes of study on a full- or part-time basis and via web-based or distance learning. For more information, please visit: [www.birmingham.ac.uk/professional-development](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/professional-development)

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