

## Alumni news and events

From new research discoveries to the fascinating lives of our former students, there's always something interesting going on at Birmingham.

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### News

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#### Birmingham launches new Public Service Academy ([alumni/news/items/2012/06/07June-Birmingham-launches-new-Public-Service-Academy.aspx](#))

 The University of Birmingham has long been known for its world-leading expertise in the reform of public services and has recently established the Public Service Academy which seeks to build on this expertise and provide a platform for strategic interaction with a range of national and international public service partners.

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#### Search for the hero inside yourself ([alumni/news/items/2012/06/06June-Search-for-the-hero-inside-yourself.aspx](#))

 For the first time, members of the alumni community can be found across the London Underground and at train stations and airports up and down the country as part of the University's Heroes campaign celebrating excellence in many different fields

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#### Go Behind the Scenes with the University's inspirational experts ([alumni/news/items/2012/06/06June-Go-Behind-the-Scenes-with-the-Universities-inspirational-experts.aspx](#))

 Five of the University's most inspirational experts are taking part in a competition which is offering you the chance to join in with their exciting work. For one day only, five lucky winners will go Behind the Scenes with an academic of their choice and experience firsthand some of the most exciting research taking place at the University.

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#### Ordinary black hole unearthed ([alumni/news/items/2012/06/06June-Ordinary-black-hole-unearthed.aspx](#))

 Scientists from the University of Birmingham have discovered evidence of an ordinary black hole in the Centaurus A galaxy, more than 12 million light years away. Leading an international team of astronomers, the researchers have detected a 'garden variety' black hole for the first time outside the immediate neighbourhood of our galaxy.

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#### Action for autism ([alumni/news/items/2012/04/04Apr-Action-for-autism.aspx](#))

 Thanks to you, more than £500 was raised for Birmingham's life changing autism research on World Autism Awareness Day (Monday 2 April).

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#### A hub for 21st century medicine ([alumni/news/items/2012/04/05Apr-21st-Century-medical-hub.aspx](#))

 Alumni, donors, staff and students were joined by Sir Doug Ellis, former Aston Villa Chairman, at the opening of the new £2 million Medical School Foyer and Barnes Library.

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#### Queen's Prize marks sweet success ([alumni/news/items/2012/04/05Apr-Queens-Prize-marks-sweet-success.aspx](#))

 It comes in many forms, flavours and colours – as a snack on the go, a luxury treat or a soothing drink – but it's not often that chocolate leads the way to Buckingham Palace.

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#### Birmingham Brief: Benefits and challenges of early assessment in autism ([alumni/news/items/2012/04/05Apr-Early-assessment-and-intervention-with-autism-and-related-developmental-difficulties-%e2%80%93-benefits-and-challenges.aspx](#))

Autism is a neurodevelopmental condition characterised by pervasive difficulties and delays in social and communication skills, as well as restricted interests and repetitive behaviours.

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