

School and department news



- <http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/alumni/news/old-joe/news/index.aspx>
- [NEWS](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/alumni/news/old-joe/news/index.aspx) (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/alumni/news/old-joe/news/index.aspx>)
- [FEATURES](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/alumni/news/old-joe/features/index.aspx) (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/alumni/news/old-joe/features/index.aspx>)
- [ALUMNI](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/alumni/news/old-joe/alumni/index.aspx) (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/alumni/news/old-joe/alumni/index.aspx>)
- [CAMPAIGN](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/alumni/news/old-joe/campaign/index.aspx) (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/alumni/news/old-joe/campaign/index.aspx>)
- [EVENTS](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/alumni/news/old-joe/events/index.aspx) (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/alumni/news/old-joe/events/index.aspx>)
- [ARCHIVE](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/alumni/news/old-joe/archives/index.aspx) (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/alumni/news/old-joe/archives/index.aspx>)

A selection of news from around the University. To find out about your school or department,

visit: www.birmingham.ac.uk (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/>)

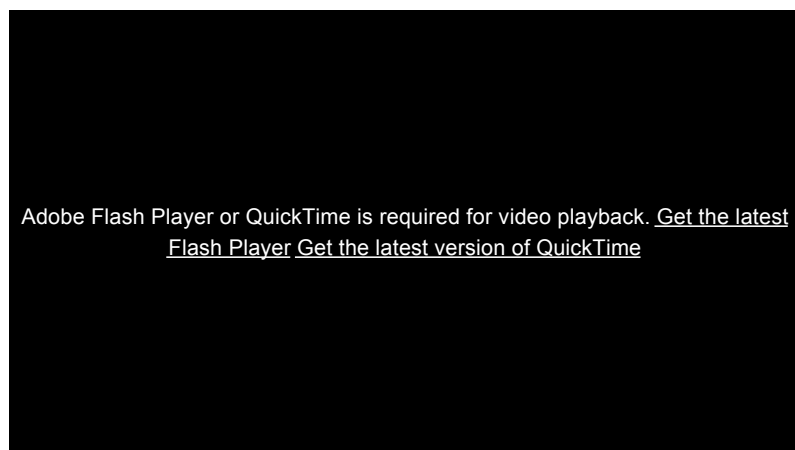
From the College of Arts and Law

Drama is the UK's best

The Drama and Theatre Arts department has been ranked first overall in the UK in the latest Guardian University Guide, confirming Birmingham as the best place to study Drama and Theatre Arts in the country. The recognition represents students' satisfaction with teaching standards and the course overall.

Book to the Future

Book to the Future is back for 2014. Running from 14–18 October, this celebration of the written and spoken word will feature academic and student talent as well as well-known alumni authors, poets, playwrights, journalists and scriptwriters. This year's festival will explore the theme of time – travelling around the world in 90 minutes, examining the century since the start of World War One, and celebrating 450 years since the birth of Shakespeare. Learn more on the [the BTTF web pages](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/bttf) (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/bttf>), and watch our short film below on last year's festival.



From the College of Life and Environmental Sciences

New Head of College appointed

Following an intensive search, Professor Myra Nimmo has been appointed as Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Head of the College of Life and Environmental Sciences. Professor Nimmo replaces Professor Kevin Chipman, who has retired from his role as interim Head of College. Professor Nimmo joins Birmingham from the University of Loughborough where she was Professor of Exercise Physiology and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research). Vice-Chancellor Professor Sir David Eastwood says: 'Myra brings a track record of academic achievement, experience, and a clear vision for Life and Environmental Sciences. I am sure all alumni will join me in congratulating her on her appointment and welcoming her to the University.'

From the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences



EPS Awards

The College celebrated the achievements of its student societies with the first ever EPS Societies' Awards. From public astronomy events with AstroSoc to designing Formula Student cars with UBRacing, the societies are involved not just in academia but also in promoting career opportunities, industrial visits, guest speakers and social events. The awards recognised the winners' dedication in making the University an even better place to study and play. Learn more on the [College pages](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/eps/societiesawards) (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/eps/societiesawards>).

Alumni Reunion

At the first EPS Alumni Reunion in June the College welcomed more than 170 alumni and guests for a day full of story swapping, school visits and activities. Reunions will be run again in 2015 for alumni from all graduating years. Learn more on the [College pages](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/epsreunion2015) (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/epsreunion2015>).

From UBSport

More than 500 students and alumni came to campus for Alumni Sports Day 2014. During the fun-packed event, a range of different year groups took on current students in

15 sports including water polo, basketball and rugby. Water polo alumna Rosie Wakeham (BSc Biology, 2013) says: 'It was really exciting to see everyone again and I felt quite nostalgic.' UBSport also closely followed the 21 Birmingham alumni and students selected to represent their respective countries in the 2014 Commonwealth Games. Learn more on the [UBSport website \(http://www.sport.bham.ac.uk\)](http://www.sport.bham.ac.uk).

From the College of Social Sciences

New Head of College appointed

Leading professor of social policy and social work, Professor Saul Becker, has been appointed Head of the College of Social Sciences and University Pro-Vice-Chancellor. He joins Birmingham from The University of Nottingham and replaces outgoing Head of College, Professor Edward Peck.

Birmingham Business School

This summer, the school achieved accreditation from AACSB (the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business), making it one of just a handful of world business schools which holds a gold-standard 'triple-crown' accreditation. It has also been awarded a Small Business Charter Silver Award for its dedication to improving links with the small business community. Learn more on the [Business School web pages. \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/business\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/business)

Adobe Flash Player or QuickTime is required for video playback. [Get the latest Flash Player](#) [Get the latest version of QuickTime](#)

Health Services Management Centre

What does the future hold for the NHS? That was the question debated by academics, practitioners and the media at the Health Services Management Centre annual lecture in June. Learn more on the [University website \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/hsmclecture\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/hsmclecture).

From the College of Medical and Dental Sciences

New arthritis research centre opens its doors

Olympic gold medal-winning rower Katherine Grainger has officially opened a major new research centre for arthritis, co-founded by the University of Birmingham. Alongside the universities of Glasgow and Warwick, researchers will investigate the underlying causes of the condition, which affects about 400,000 people in the UK.

New Head of College appointed

David Adams (MBChB Medicine, 1981) has been appointed the new Head of the College of Medical and Dental Sciences. Currently Professor of Hepatology, David will also continue to serve as Dean of Medicine for the College.

UPDATE YOUR DETAILS 	SUBMIT A CLASS NOTE 	CONTACT US 	MOBILE VERSION 
---	---	--	--

<https://bhamalumni.org/netcommunity/sslpage.aspx?pid=261> (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/alumni/news/Class-notes.aspx>)
<mailto:alumnicommunications@contacts.bham.ac.uk> (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk>)

[Privacy](#) | [Legal](#) | [Cookies and cookie policy](#) | [Accessibility](#) | [Site map](#) | [Website feedback](#) | [Charitable information](#)

© University of Birmingham 2015

