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Research news

Pop in to our Pop-up Shop! (/news/latest/2014/08/pop-up-shop-20-08-14.aspx)

The University of Birmingham will be encouraging people of all ages to think differently about research when they visit its first Pop-Up Shop in the heart of the city which opens Monday August 25.

20/08/2014

Pop-up science: University of Birmingham takes world-leading research to the people in run up to national festival (/university/colleges/mds/news/2014/08/pop-up-science-07-08-14.aspx)

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Great Brain Experiment proves a smart way to measure memory (/schools/psychology/news-events/2014/14Aug-great-brain-experiment-proves-smart-way-to-measure-the-memory.aspx)

The School of Psychology's Dr Fiona McNab has been investigating working memory - information held in the mind for a short period of time - through a specially created app called The Great Brain Experiment.

15/08/2014

Professor Stephen Wood named among World's Most Influential Scientific Minds (/schools/psychology/news-events/2014/07Aug-professor-among-worlds-most-influential-scientific-minds.aspx)

The School of Psychology's Professor Stephen Wood has been named among the World's Most Influential Scientific Minds 2014.

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First Venezuelan dinosaur discovered (/schools/gees/news/2014/06Aug-first-venezuelan-dinosaur-discovered.aspx)

A new dinosaur species from South America has been identified, according to new research by an international team of scientists. The 200 million year old fossils are from the La Quinta Formation in Venezuela, making this the first dinosaur find in the north of South America. The species is named Laquintasaura venezuelae, after its location, in a paper published in Proceedings of the Royal Society B.

06/08/2014

Antiepileptic drugs taken during pregnancy may increase risk of impaired development for children (/schools/psychology/news-events/2014/01Aug-antiepileptic-drugs-taken-during-pregnancy.aspx)

New research suggests that taking antiepileptic drugs during pregnancy increases the risk of the child having impaired brain development.

01/08/2014

Intuitive Colorimetry comes to the School of Psychology (/schools/psychology/labs/saal/news/29July-intuitive-colorimetry-comes-to-the-school-of-psychology.aspx)

Dr Jason Braithwaite, who heads The Selective Attention and Awareness Laboratory (SAAL), was recently awarded funds to purchase a Mk III Intuitive Colorimeter unit (Cerium visual technologies) for the assessment of visual stress and visual anomalies across a variety of neurological conditions and disorders.

29/07/2014

Dinosaurs fell victim to perfect storm of events, study shows (/schools/gees/news/2014/28Jul-dinosaurs-fell-victim-to-perfect-storm-of-events.aspx)

Dinosaurs might have survived the asteroid strike that wiped them out if it had taken place slightly earlier or later in history, scientists say.

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Dinosaurs fell victim to perfect storm of events, study shows (/news/latest/2014/07/28-jul-14-dinosaurs-fell-victim-to-perfect-storm-of-events.aspx)

Dinosaurs might have survived the asteroid strike that wiped them out if it had taken place slightly earlier or later in history, scientists say. A fresh study using up-to-date fossil records and improved analytical tools has helped palaeontologists to build a new narrative of the prehistoric creatures' demise, some 66 million years ago.

28/07/2014

A word in your ear, but make it snappy (/news/latest/2014/07/crocodile-ears.aspx)

To most, crocodiles conjure images of sharp teeth, powerful jaws and ferocious, predatory displays – but they are certainly not famous for their hearing abilities. However, this could all change, as new research is shedding light on the reptiles' ears, showcasing their evolution from the reign of the dinosaurs to the era of Crocodile Dundee.

25/07/2014

Researchers share their passions at poster conference (/schools/psychology/news-events/2014/11July-poster-presentations.aspx)

Psychology postgraduate students showcased their work at a research poster conference on 10 June.

14/07/2014

Worldwide anti-crime network brings together police and academics (/schools/psychology/news-events/2014/07July-worldwide-anti-crime-network-brings-together-police-and-academics.aspx)

A global network dedicated to linking serial crimes recently met for a three-day workshop.

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The Birmingham Brief: To find space in the UK, blur the lines between town and country (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/impact/thebirminghambrief/items/2014/07/finding-space-in-the-uk.aspx)

Two substantial contributions to the debate on how we use land in the UK have come out in quick succession; first came the Best Use of UK Agricultural Land from the University of Cambridge's Natural Capital Leaders Platform, then the UK National Ecosystem Assessment follow-on report. Although there is much common ground, the reports seem to be pushing us in opposite directions.

11/07/2014

Training Study in Sport and Exercise Science (/schools/sport-exercise/news/2014/10jul-training-study-in-sport-and-exercise-science.aspx)

An expert exercise physiology research group from the University of Birmingham plan to guide participants through a 10-week leg resistance training programme in order to observe the importance of rest-interval duration on muscle growth.

10/07/2014

Birmingham professor to give synthetic biology a voice inside Government (/schools/biosciences/news/2014/07jul-synthetic-biology-entrepeneur.aspx)

Professor Timothy Dafforn will bring his expertise into the heart of Whitehall as at the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS).

08/07/2014

Interfaces Summer School held in Berlin (/generic/interfaces/news/2014/SummerSchool.aspx)

The Interfaces Summer School was held at the Leibniz Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries (IGB) in Berlin from 30 June to 4 July. The Summer School included talks, demonstrations and workshops from renowned scientists from 19 of the project's global partners, sharing their expertise with the Interfaces research fellows as well as nine external participants. The researchers also had the opportunity to tour IGBs outstanding facilities.

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Prominent Chinese genomics institute announces world-leading research centre with the University of Birmingham (/news/latest/2014/07/Prominent-Chinese-genomics-institute-announces-world-leading-research-centre-with-the-University-of-Birmingham.aspx)

BGI, the world's largest genome research institute, has signed a ground-breaking agreement with the University of Birmingham that will create the Joint Centre for Environmental Omics (JCEO) between the two institutions. The JCEO will seek to protect environment, health and global biodiversity by analysing the toxicity of compounds more efficiently than has been achieved before.

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Control of breathing during exercise (/schools/sport-exercise/news/2014/07jul-control-of-breathing-during-exercise.aspx)

Since 1996, 766 Sport and Exercise Sciences undergraduates have studied respiratory control with Dr Michael Parkes. Do you still remember the debates over how little is known about how breathing is controlled in exercise (Guz, 1966, Wasserman 1986, Goodwin 1972)? Does it matter any more?!

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