

CALeidoscope: Opportunities and resources for current students in Arts and Law



What is CALeidoscope?

CALeidoscope is your community - bringing together the students and graduates from across the College of Arts and Law and bringing you extra-curricular opportunities such as careers and social events as well as cultural and development opportunities. CALeidoscope represents the breadth, vibrancy and variety of our subject areas, students and alumni across the College.

Our subjects and students are constantly developing and evolving and CALeidoscope represents the "kaleidoscope" of ideas and opportunities available to you.

The College of Arts and Law (CAL) is made up of the following schools:

- [English, Drama, American and Canadian Studies \(EDACS\) \(/schools/edacs/index.aspx\)](/schools/edacs/index.aspx)
- [History and Cultures \(SHAC\) \(/schools/historycultures/index.aspx\)](/schools/historycultures/index.aspx)
- [Languages, Cultures, Art History and Music \(LCAHM\) \(/schools/lcahm/index.aspx\)](/schools/lcahm/index.aspx)
- [Birmingham Law School \(/schools/law/index.aspx\)](/schools/law/index.aspx)
- [Philosophy, Theology and Religion \(/schools/ptr/index.aspx\)](/schools/ptr/index.aspx)

CALeidoscope brings you department, school and cross-college events and opportunities so you can explore the College of Arts and Law. A few examples of opportunities and resources are below.

How do I access information?

CALeidoscope is available to all College of Arts & Law undergraduate students as a [Canvas course \(https://canvas.instructure.com/login\)](https://canvas.instructure.com/login).

News on CALeidoscope events and opportunities can also be accessed by anyone via Twitter: [@CALeidoscopeUoB \(https://twitter.com/CALeidoscopeUoB\)](https://twitter.com/CALeidoscopeUoB). A LinkedIn page will also follow in the new year.

Undergraduate research scholars

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The College of Arts and Law offer undergraduate research scholarships scheme enables non-final year students to work on academic research projects in their discipline: these are full-time research opportunities for students to work for five weeks during the summer vacation.

- [more detailed information on our undergraduate research scholarships \(/university/colleges/artslaw/student-experience/opportunities/urs/index.aspx\)](/university/colleges/artslaw/student-experience/opportunities/urs/index.aspx)

Bank of Assessed Work

The [Bank of Assessed Work \(/university/colleges/artslaw/student-experience/opportunities/bank.aspx\)](/university/colleges/artslaw/student-experience/opportunities/bank.aspx) is resource for current students including example assessments with feedback for students to work with to help them understand the marking criteria and how we grade. This resource is to help students improve their approach to assessments and their writing.

Academic Writing Advisory Service

The [Academic Writing Advisory Service \(AWAS\) \(/university/colleges/artslaw/student-experience/opportunities/awas/index.aspx\)](/university/colleges/artslaw/student-experience/opportunities/awas/index.aspx) is a service for undergraduate and postgraduate (taught) students in the College of Arts and Law developed in response to student feedback. The service will aid your transition from sixth form to University writing, or back into academia after time away, and will continue to support you as you develop as an academic writer throughout your university career.

NB: academic writing support specifically for International students is offered by the University's [English for International Students Unit \(http://www.eisu.bham.ac.uk/\)](http://www.eisu.bham.ac.uk/) (EISU).

Professional Services Staff-Student Mentoring Scheme

New for 2014. We know that settling in to university life is not straightforward for everyone and some people may need a bit of extra support. This pilot mentoring scheme brings together non-teaching members of staff from across the university with new Arts and Law students for mentoring either on a 1:1 basis or in small groups.

Running for the first term, our trained mentors will welcome students to their new community by helping them to settle in, by sharing a bit of local knowledge and by signposting them to appropriate services and support. [Find out more \(/Documents/college-artslaw/studentexperience/mentoring-scheme-2014.pdf\)](/Documents/college-artslaw/studentexperience/mentoring-scheme-2014.pdf).

Writing Competition

The College of Arts and Law runs [two writing competitions \(/university/colleges/artslaw/student-experience/opportunities/writing-competition/index.aspx\)](/university/colleges/artslaw/student-experience/opportunities/writing-competition/index.aspx), one for undergraduate students and one for postgraduate students on taught courses. This gives our talented students an additional opportunity to engage with challenging but accessible subjects to produce original and entertaining pieces of work. Prizes are awarded to the winning entries.

