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Mature students

Mature students have widely varying circumstances. We understand that your wants and needs may be quite different from the majority of students around you.

Who are mature students?

'Mature student' is a national term. You are considered a mature student if you are over 21 when you start an undergraduate programme or over 25 when you start a postgraduate programme.

We realise that not all students who fall into this category will necessarily want to identify themselves as mature students. This page is designed for any student who feels their experiences will be different from a standard 18 year old student (e.g. a younger student who is also a parent or has other responsibilities).

Postgraduate and Mature Students' Association (PGMSA)

The PGMSA is a student-lead organisation that works for the interests of mature and postgraduate students, assisting with welfare and housing needs and holds social events.

- **PGMSA website (http://students.guild.bham.ac.uk/pgmsa/)**
- **PGMSA facebook page (http://www.facebook.com/brumpgmsa)**

The challenges of being a mature student

As a mature student you are likely to have more life experience than other students, which can put you in a great position for learning at university, but we understand that you are also likely to have some additional challenges to overcome. Find out what challenges mature students tend to have and how you can overcome them.

- **Challenges of being a mature student (/welcome/diversity/mature/challenges.aspx)**

A week in the life of... mature students

Find out what it's actually like being a mature student at the University. Some mature students tell us how it's been for them.

- **A week in the life of... mature students (/welcome/diversity/mature/week-in-life.aspx)**

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