

# STUDENT LIFE

## End of term newsletter



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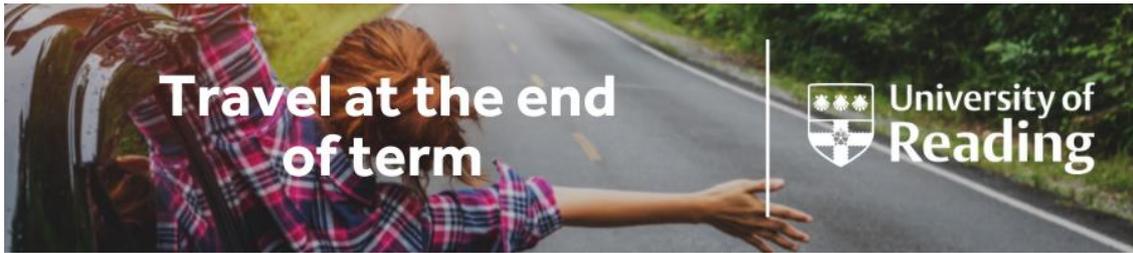
Hello and welcome to your end of term Student Life newsletter. We hope that you are all doing well & are looking forward to the summer break.

This newsletter contains information on the following:

- Travel information for the end of term
- Library updates
- The 'Let's Celebrate' campaign
- Careers news
- Services available over the summer
- Supporting students for study in 2021: complete the survey for a chance to win a £25 Amazon voucher
- Reading City of Sanctuary Coffee Bank
- Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey
- Round-up of important news & information

Remember to download the [UoR Student App](#), visit our dedicated [Essentials pages](#) for the latest student guidance & support, and follow our [social channels](#).





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As we approach the end of term, the government advises taking a lateral flow test before travelling away from your term-time address. You can [collect home test kits on campus](#), but if you can't get to campus there are [other ways to get a lateral flow test](#). If you test positive, you need to [follow all advice](#) to self-isolate in your current residence and get a follow-up PCR test.

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Are you finishing your studies at the University soon? If so, please return any outstanding print or other media as soon as you can. If you are not local to campus and are in the UK, please use our Freepost service to return your loans. If you are not in the UK, please [get in touch with us](#) for guidance on alternative ways to get your loans back to us safely.

### [Master's Dissertation Fayre](#)

We look forward to welcoming you to the annual [Master's Dissertation Fayre](#), which starts online on Monday 7 June and finishes Friday 11 June.

There will be a wonderful selection of study skills training on offer from the [Study Advice team](#) and the [Academic Liaison Librarians](#) will be providing dedicated support with learning about referencing, literature searching and other useful developments to help you with postgraduate study.

Look out for posts on [Library social media](#) find out more about forthcoming events and also see the [Library website](#), [Student Essentials](#) and other University media.

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**Let's Celebrate**  
**#UoRCelebration**



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We know that this year has been really tough, but with lockdown lifting and end of term/assessment/university/exams on the horizon, there is a lot to celebrate, and we want to help you do just that.

Student Life wants to put your photos and videos on our big screen to show off your achievements - handing in, celebrating the end of exams, or celebrating the end of term/summer.

To submit your photo or short video all you need to do is tag us in your social media post using the hashtag: #UoRCelebration. OR email your video/image to [studentcomms@reading.ac.uk](mailto:studentcomms@reading.ac.uk) with your name and course.

We will be using the images and videos across our Student Life social media and showing them off on campus via our screens.

Get involved like Katie (image below), and let's celebrate – [#UoRCelebration](#).



### **Gaining experience over summer**

Looking to earn some extra money, or perhaps just gain experience over the summer? There's plenty of ways you can do this, many of which we can support you with! If you're not sure where to start, head over to our [gaining experience page](#) at any point for some inspiration. Here's a few to get you started...

Reading Internship Scheme: we have sourced a number of internships exclusively for University of Reading undergraduate students. [Browse and apply for the latest opportunities](#). You could also [source your own internship](#).

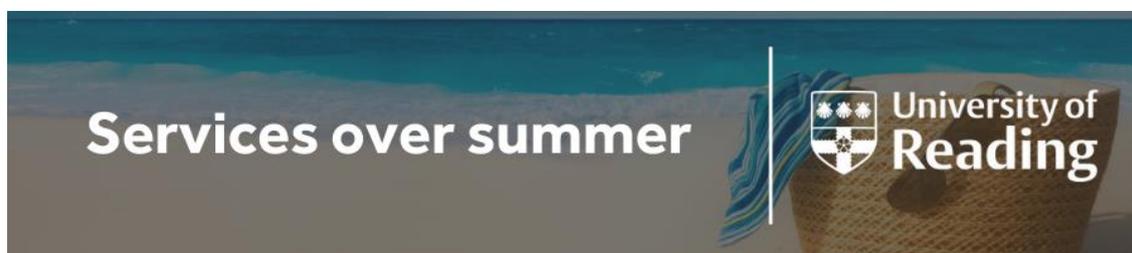
MyJobsOnline: use [MyJobsOnline](#) to discover a whole range of vacancies from part-time roles, internships, placements, temporary work, and full-time and graduate roles. You can also [book a careers consultancy appointment](#) throughout summer.

Placements: if you've not found a curricular placement, whether it's a [Professional Placement Year or shorter placement](#), you can still keep looking. You can find placements on [MyJobsOnline](#), company websites and [RateMyPlacement](#). We are still here to help you over the break; all you need to do is [book an appointment with a placement coordinator](#).

Campus Jobs: find part-time work on campus over summer and into the new year, such the [Assistant Welcome Officer](#) and [Welcome Week Ambassadors](#) roles. Find all available roles on the [Campus Jobs portal](#).

You should also never underestimate the value of [volunteering](#), [part-time work](#), [virtual experiences](#) or [internship programmes](#). All can offer valuable experiences. Not to mention, most of these counts towards the [RED Award](#), the University's official employability certificate.

There's plenty of time to grow your experience over the summer, and the [Careers and Placements team](#) are around to support you as and when you need, it's never too late or too early to get in touch.



It might be the end of the term; however, that doesn't mean our services stop, we are here if you need to speak to us on a range of topics.

Our blog '[Services over summer](#)' details support teams across the University and how you can contact them/use the services over the summer period.

Remember to use our [Student Wellness Check](#) to find the correct contacts for your needs, plus our handy [NHS self-help guides](#) are available free to you and cover a number of topics.

[Student Space](#), [Togetherall](#) and the [RUSU Welfare directory](#) are also great support links to know about and are completely free to you.

All updates for students over the summer will be made through [Essentials](#), so keep it bookmarked.

We hope you have a happy and healthy summer!



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**[Complete this quick survey](#) for the chance to win a £25 Amazon voucher**

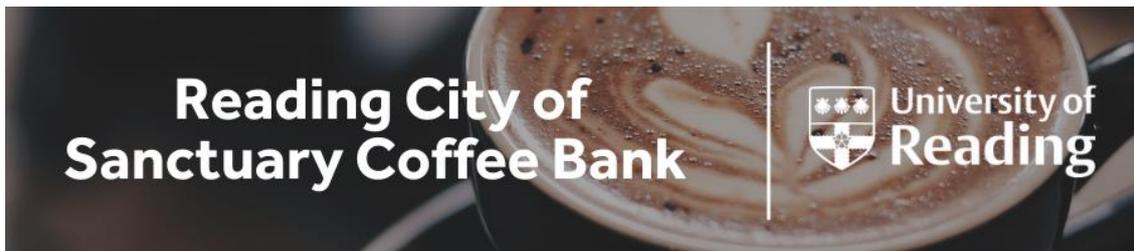
The University of Reading recognises that after the last year students may need additional support to succeed in their academic studies and more opportunities to engage with their school and department.

Please help us support you by answering this short survey by Monday the 21st of June. All entries will be put into a draw for the chance to win two £25 Amazon vouchers.

If you would like to talk to someone about any issues or ideas that have been raised here please email Anne-Marie

Henderson: [a.henderson@reading.ac.uk](mailto:a.henderson@reading.ac.uk) (Director of Student Success and Engagement).

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We are delighted to launch the Reading City of Sanctuary Coffee Bank in cafés on campus from 7 June 2021.

Instead of ordering your usual cappuccino, buy two drinks and leave one in the bank to support local sanctuary seekers and Reading City of Sanctuary!

### **How does it work?**

When you buy an extra Sanctuary coffee (£2 Students) in cafes on campus, we bank the credit for sanctuary seekers. As a member of the supporting charities, local sanctuary seekers can visit the café, receive a hot drink from the bank and participate in the same café culture we can all enjoy and benefit from at the University.

Participating cafes at Whiteknights campus currently include: Dol.che Vita, Library Café and Enterprise Café. Find out [more about the venues and opening times](#).

If you wish to donate to the coffee bank, please let staff in the participating cafes know you want to buy an extra Sanctuary coffee and you will be charged an additional £2 donation.

[Find out more.](#)



[The Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey](#) (PTES) is a nationwide, independent survey to seek the views and experiences of taught postgraduate students. The survey takes about 15 minutes to complete and the feedback we receive directly informs positive changes to our programmes, facilities and wider support. This year, it's more important than ever for us to hear about your experiences. For more information, please see the [Essentials webpage](#).



- [Life at the University of Reading](#) – the latest updates about student life on campus

- [Extra community COVID-19 testing in Reading and Wokingham from Monday 7 June](#)
  - [COVID-19 Mobile Testing Unit on campus](#)
  - [Book onto the Masters Dissertation Fayre | 7-11th June](#)
  - [Starting your dissertation? Follow our top 5 study tips](#)
  - [Race Equality Review prompts actions for a fairer University](#)
  - [UoR IDAHOBIT Virtual Flag Raising Event 2021](#)
  - [Support Services and Tools at the University of Reading](#)
  - [Student events](#)
  - [Help Chris start a Fiction Writing Society](#)
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