

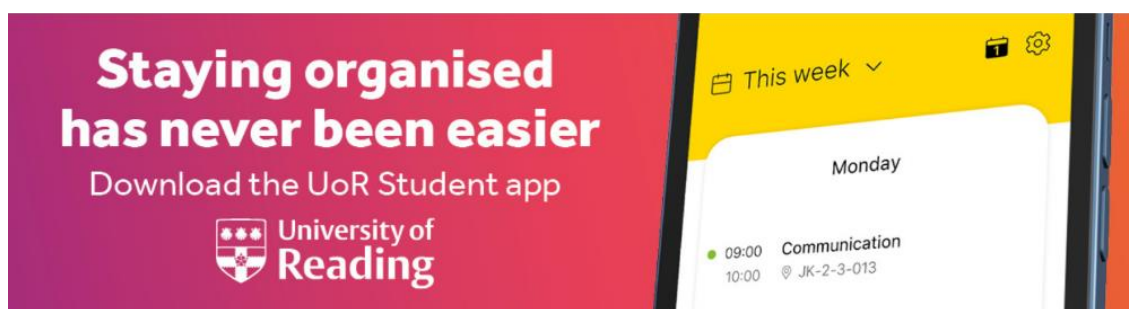
# STUDENT LIFE

## End of term newsletter



It has been a busy term with lots happening. This newsletter will give you important snippets of information from the University that you need to know.

Remember to download the [UoR Student app](#), visit our dedicated [Essentials pages](#) for the latest student guidance and support, and keep up to date with our [social pages](#).



### Download now: The official University of Reading Student App

[Accessing all the essential information](#) you need for student life at Reading just got much easier.

The [official University of Reading student mobile app](#) is live and available for all current students to download for free on android and iOS devices – visit your app store now, and search UoR Student. Log-in to the app using your student username and password. Remember to turn on notifications!

The app has been designed specifically for Reading students and brings together highlights of key services, including your timetable, a personalised Me@Reading news feed, instant notifications as well as quick access to support information and location services at the touch of a button.

[Download now](#)

**Any questions? Feedback?**

- Please report any technical issues with downloading and accessing the app via the [DTS self-service portal](#).
  - Have any questions or comments on your early use of the app, let us know at [studentcomms@reading.ac.uk](mailto:studentcomms@reading.ac.uk)
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## STUDENT PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITY



### **Communications Coordinator (Professional Placement Year)**

The Student Success and Engagement team is looking for a University of Reading student to work with them during their Professional Placement Year, starting in late June 2021.

You will support the team with communications to current students and maintain our digital channels. This will involve creating and uploading student-friendly content to the Me@Reading student portal, the Essentials student webpages, and social media channels. Using your experience as a student at Reading, you will help to ensure that our communications are engaging, timely and relevant.

[Find out more and apply now](#)

Closing date: 07/04/2021

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## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SURVEYS



## Undergraduate student surveys – fill in for a chance to win

Our two annual student surveys are open for all undergraduate students: The [National Student Survey \(NSS\)](#) for undergraduate finalists and the [UK Engagement Survey \(UKES\)](#) for all other undergraduates. The surveys provide a unique opportunity for you to provide feedback on your experience at Reading.

Participating in the survey enters you into a random prize draw where 10 lucky winners will be selected to win a choice of fantastic prizes. Depending on the wider situation at the time (in May 2021) winners will be able to choose from VIP RUSU Summer ball tickets (if the ball goes ahead), [Thames Lido](#) vouchers, [Escape Hunt](#) vouchers, or [Blackwell's](#) vouchers. For further information on the survey or prize draw, please [visit Essentials](#).



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## Thinking about your career

Whether you are just getting started with your degree or you are coming to the end, thinking about life after university can often be daunting. At this stage, you may not know what you want to do... and this is absolutely fine! In fact, this is probably one of our most frequently discussed topics with students.

The good news is that there are a number of ways that Careers can support you and help you to think about what the first or next step might be. Below, we have outlined some ideas for steps that you could take over the Easter break to help get you started...

1. Take a look at [the roles associated with your degree](#)
2. Familiarise yourself with the [‘Getting Started’ material](#) on the Careers website
3. See what previous Reading students are up to by using the [Alumni Tool on LinkedIn](#)
4. View our [Careers Screencasts](#) and keep an eye out for our [summer webinars](#) (coming soon!)
5. Try things out! See how you can gain experience with our new [work experience framework](#)

As well as taking one, or more, of these steps – you could also book a telephone careers appointment with one of our Careers Consultants. These run both during and outside of term-time and would be a great way to discuss these steps, or any other career-related questions.

To book - just [log in to MyJobsOnline](#), select 'Search Appointments' and find a convenient time to suit you!

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It's been a busy term, which has brought with it many challenges and opportunities. We had our busiest day (week commencing 15 March) whilst operating at our reduced, COVID capacity, with over **600** students accessing study space. Whilst we remind students of the stay-at-home guidance, we also welcome those who need to be here and do not have access to an alternative, appropriate space for study.

[Click & Collect](#) remains ever popular with just shy of **500** requests collected last week. Although the Click & Collect has not been as busy as it was during the October peak, it remains one of our most valued services, with staff and students routinely telling us how much they appreciate its availability.

Library teams that are largely working from home – [Academic Liaison librarians](#), [Study Advice](#), [Maths Support](#) and [Research Engagement](#)- have also been especially busy through this time creating [new online resources](#).

Our expanding range of [LibGuides](#) now includes several new additions such as [Arts & Health](#) and [Study Advice Webinars](#).

[Webinars](#), [dissertation workshops](#), [referencing sessions](#) and [information skills tutorials](#) are all available to provide support through this time; look out for the [University Library News blog](#) to keep up to date with the latest offerings.

As we move into exam season, we look forward to continuing to support you with your studies. Please remember to familiarise yourself with our [Covid-19 Code of Conduct](#) if you plan to visit the library and [get in touch](#) if you have any questions.

# INFORMATION FOR YOU



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## Articles and important information for you:

### [Violence is Never Ok](#)

The recent tragic deaths of Sarah Everard and Blessing Olusegun have prompted an outpouring of public and media discussion about violence against women and how we, as a society, respond to it. Several of our students have contacted us about what we're doing to tackle this, and we wanted to take the opportunity to share our thoughts.

### [Exams and assessments 2021](#)

Guidance for summer exams, preparing for take-home exams and information on in-person exams.

### [Preparing for take-home exams? Follow our top 5 study tips](#)

Study Advice tips about revising and preparing for this form of assessment.

### ['One Year on...'](#)

One year on from the first restrictions we are looking back and reflecting. Students and staff are invited to share their experiences and stories - the good, the challenging and the hopeful.

### [COVID-19 email hotline](#)

Students can contact our dedicated COVID-19 Support Hotline at [covid-hotline@reading.ac.uk](mailto:covid-hotline@reading.ac.uk). Enquiries will be monitored daily from Monday to Friday. Visit the [Student Life](#) section of Essentials for more information.

### [Contact information for support services](#)

When services are open and how to contact them.

### [Future Learn](#)

Get new skills, explore your interests, work on your career and get certified for free with Future Learn.

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