



Student Bulletin

OUR UWTSD BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY...



🐉 Happy Chinese New Year! 新年快乐! 🐉

We are happy to celebrate the Lunar New Year since 17th of February: we celebrate a time of new beginnings, fresh goals, and bright opportunities ahead. Chinese New Year is more than fireworks and red lanterns — it's about family, friendship, gratitude, and wishing prosperity and happiness to everyone around us.

May this year bring you:

- 💎 Courage to try something new
- ☀️ Success in your studies
- 💡 Bright ideas and creativity
- ❤️ Kindness and strong friendships
- 🎉 Joy in every small achievement

Let's step into the new year with confidence, determination, and positive energy.

Wishing our whole student community a year filled with growth, resilience, and success!



Ramadan Mubarak to Our Students

The blessed month of Ramadan have begun on the evening of 19th of February, subject to the sighting of the moon. The first day of fasting was the same date.

Ramadan is a sacred month observed by Muslims worldwide, marked by fasting from dawn to sunset, increased prayer, reflection, and community service. During this time, Muslim students will be fasting daily and may require consideration regarding meal times, physical activities, and scheduling.

We kindly request the university community to extend understanding and support to those observing the fast.

We wish all observing students a peaceful and spiritually fulfilling Ramadan.

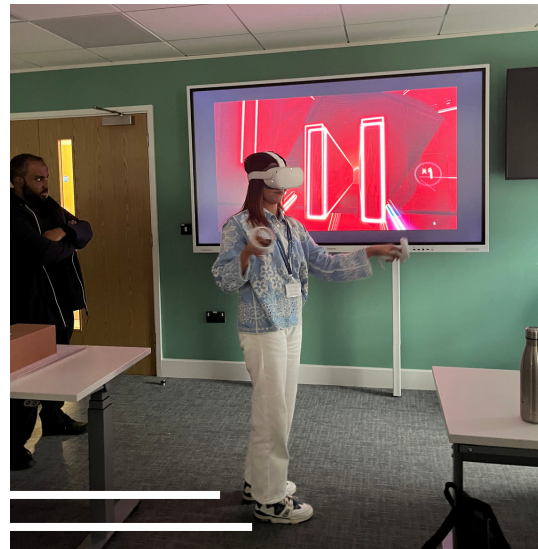
Ramadan Mubarak! 🌙



MBA programme – Virtual Reality experience

On Tuesday, 10th February 2026, Vasilios Tavlaridis, the MBA Programme director, brought the virtual reality (VR) experience to the MBA classrooms. The purpose of this session is to raise students' awareness of how technology will shape and impact the workplace. It also allows students to immerse themselves in simulated environments, enhancing their learning. With VR, students can explore new worlds and actively participate in their education.

The session was delivered by the Digital Skills Advisor, Tarandeep Johal. Taran explained to students about different work settings that may use virtual reality technology. During this session, students may use the VR headset and experience different simulated environments.



Finding key resources for your subject and improving your Information Skills

Take a look at our [Getting Started](#) web pages to help you make the most of library resources. You can view subject – specific resources and find out which books are popular and access journals or databases. The Library Catalogue is like Google Scholar but without the paywalls!

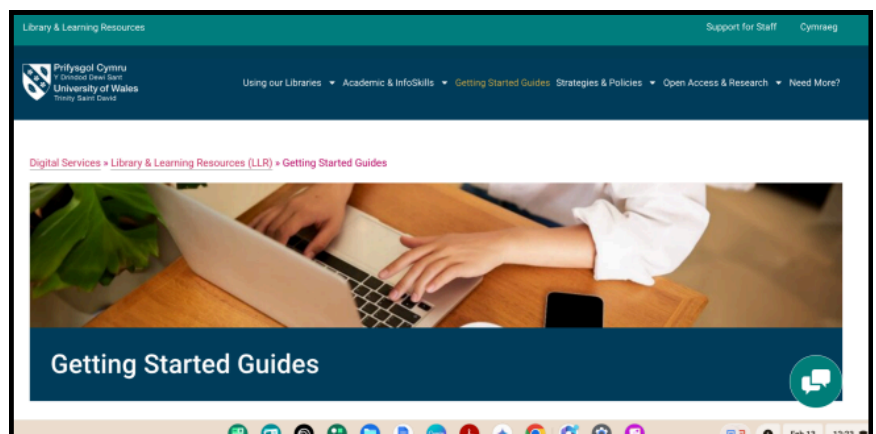
Our [Infoskills](#) modules available via **Moodle**, are a great tool to develop your academic skills. Search for 'Infoskills' and click *enrol*. The curriculum covers a wide range of topics – from finding library resources to fake news to managing your online presence.

Please contact us if you need further support, email us at infoskills@uwtsd.ac.uk

We look forward to meeting you soon.

Sofie Arif, Shabina Hassan (Sparkhill)
and Doreen McLeary, Olivia Edmonds (Quay Place)

Academic Liaison Librarians



Explore the Library Catalogue!

The Online Library Catalogue opens up a world of information for students of all courses and levels. Have a go at searching for any topic that is of interest to you by inputting two or more keywords into the search box found [here](#) and see where it takes you! Always remember to sign in to get full access to the wealth of resources we have available to us.

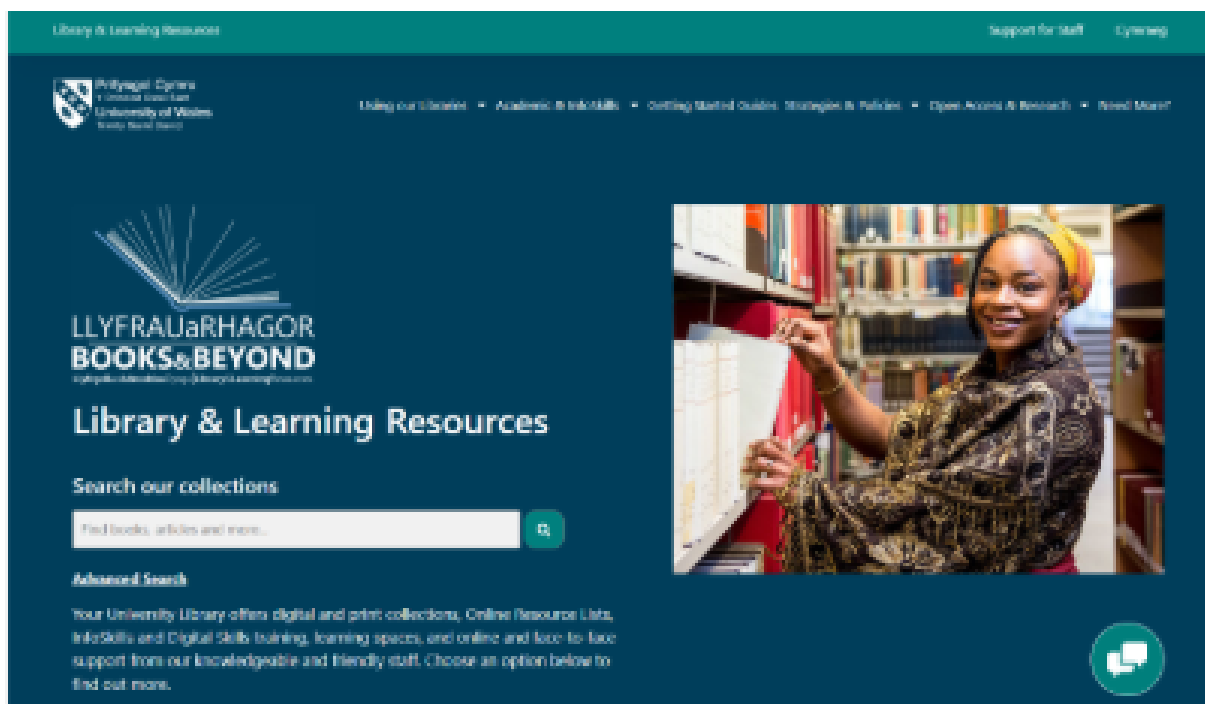
Remember, the research process takes some tweaking, trial and error to find relevant, targeted results. For any support with developing the skills required to find, use, and evaluate information sources – no matter which level or course you are on, just get in touch!

Please email us at infoskills@uwtsd.ac.uk to set up a one to one and we would be happy to take you through everything library related.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Doreen McLeary and Olivia Edmonds (Quay Place)
Shabina Hassan and Sofie Arif (Sparkhill)

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MBA Class Party 2026 – Bengali Feast

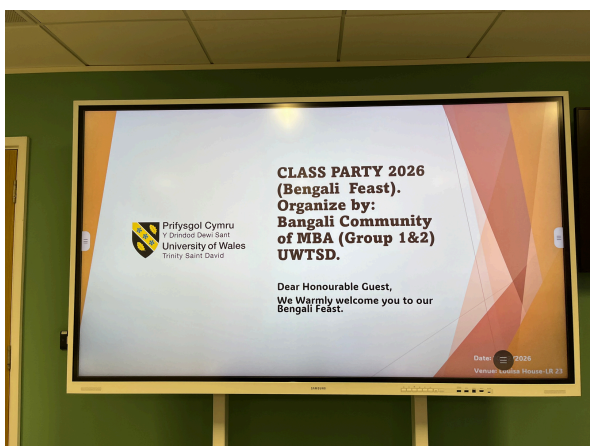
On Tuesday, 10th February 2026, the Bengali Community of the UWTSD MBA Programme organised the MBA Class Party 2026 – Bengali Feast event. The purpose of the event was to bring MBA students together in a friendly, inclusive environment, celebrate Bengali culture, and strengthen social bonds among students from diverse backgrounds.

According to Fazle Rabby Nahi, one of the organisers, the initial idea emerged during their class lectures (Marketing Management, Human Capital Management, International Marketing, and International Business). Where these sessions highlighted how cultural shock can affect businesses, leadership, and organisational practices, and how cultural awareness and adaptation are essential in global business contexts. Inspired by these discussions, members of the Bengali Community of the MBA programme initiated the idea of organising a cultural and social gathering for both academic groups.

Students brought Traditional Bangladeshi Cuisine such as: Semai, Bangladeshi-style chicken bhuna, beef and lamb bhuna, Ilish fish, Potato and tomato bharta, chicken biryani, payesh, and more.

The event was attended by MBA students from the Bangladeshi community of Groups 1 and 2, along with the programme director and lecturers, and the student union representative. Both the organisers and attendees were very happy with the event. The positive feedback regarding the food, music, and overall atmosphere was very encouraging.

According to the organiser, the next plan is to organise more inclusive cultural and social events, such as Pohela Boishakh (Bengali New Year), a Ramadan Iftar Party, or Eid-ul-Fitr celebrations, and to collaborate further with the wider university community.



Birmingham Students' Research Conference (BSRC) is back!

After a successful debut in July 2025, BSRC26 will be at Quay Place on 23 March. Students in Levels 6 and 7 at IICL Birmingham are invited to present their research at the conference. There is a series of lunchtime webinars to support your skills in writing abstracts, presenting, and creating posters. Many students who attended the last conference agreed that it was an inspirational day, and they loved the energy in the room as people were so engrossed by the research shared.

One student commented that: "You know when your lecturers say anything is possible and you go "You have to say that, you're our lecturer?" Well if you don't believe them, you should come and see those just like you who are the living embodiment of anything is possible!!" You can create the same enthusiasm for sharing research ideas and experiences at BSRC26.

To take part in the second BSRC in March, scan the QR code to find full participation details.



LinkedIn Instagram

#BSRC26

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23 March 2026 at Quay Place

Students in Levels 6 and 7, submit an abstract to present your work at the conference. Scan the QR code for more details.

It was fun and intellectually intriguing. The people and the food was amazing too :)

You Said We Did!

Happy New Year and welcome to 2026. We're always looking to enhance your student experience and as we look back at 2025 there have been lots of projects designed to support your learning journeys. Here are some of the highlights!



University of Wales
Trinity Saint David
BIRMINGHAM

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YOU SAID, WE DID!

1. EMPLOYABILITY & CAREERS

- Gradfest at the NEC visit
- Career progression support sessions and guest speakers
- Employability workshops with Birmingham City Council
- UWTSD Entrepreneur Fair



2. CELEBRATING YOUR SUCCESS

- Academic Achievement Awards events
- Student researchers presenting at research conference
- Employment opportunities: Digital skills ambassadors
- Learning Exchange Podcast student features



3. CAMPUS DEVELOPMENTS

- Timetable Choices App for new students
- New IT helpdesk in Sparkhill
- Campus expansion continuing
- Louisa House student reading area



4. EDUCATIONAL VISITS & ACTIVITIES

- Trips: Denby Potteries, National Museum of Computing, Black Country Museum
- Computing Hackathon Event
- Autism virtual reality and Dementia Bus experiences
- Health and Social Care IICL symposium in London



5. LEARNING ENHANCEMENT

- Springboard & Digital Skills Bootcamp events
- AI support sessions
- Strategic Conversation series
- Results+ feedforward events



6. LOOKING AFTER YOU

- Mental health first aid training for staff and students
- Building Belonging: Postgraduate community canal tour
- Enhanced Student Engagement support follow ups
- Regular finance workshops



7. YOUR STUDENT UNION

- Fit to Submit events
- Course Rep training resources added
- Skills Week workshops
- Birmingham/London SU President elected



It's Survey Season!

As a thank you for your time, you will be automatically entered into a prize draw for a Samsung Galaxy Tab A9 Tablet!



NSS
Rising Graduate & Employability
National Student Survey



WHO IS IT FOR?
Final Year Students (BSc/BA or HND)

Login:
Student ID & Date of Birth

WHAT DOES THE SURVEY ASK?

- NSS Sections
- Teaching
- Learning Opportunities
- Assessment & Feedback
- Academic Support
- Organisation & Management
- Learning Resources
- Student Voice
- Mental wellbeing services
- Overall Experience
- Employability and skills



WELCOME
Survey



WHO IS IT FOR?
New Students (starting after 1st January 2026)

Login: None
(but need to be logged into UWTSD account)

WHAT DOES THE SURVEY ASK?

- Student background and campus
 - Pre-arrival information
 - Welcome/Induction events
 - Students' Union engagement
 - First-month essentials
 - Preparedness for study
- Connectedness & belonging
 - Course information
 - Learning resources
 - Student support services
- Mental health and wellbeing services
- Welsh language standards (Welsh campuses only)
- Student reps
- Overall experience



Academic Experience
SURVEY



WHO IS IT FOR?
1st and some 2nd year Undergraduate Students
(if not eligible for the NSS)

Login: Student ID
Password: 2026

WHAT DOES THE SURVEY ASK?

- Sense of belonging
- Academic staff engagement
- Learning experience
- Organisation and management
- Feedback and assessment
- Learning resources
- Student voice
- Working while studying
- Meeting expectations
- Employability and skills



POSTGRADUATE
TAUGHT EXPERIENCE
SURVEY



WHO IS IT FOR?
Postgraduate Taught Students

Login: Student ID
Password: 2026

WHAT DOES THE SURVEY ASK?

- Learning and teaching
- Engagement
- Community
- Assessment and feedback
- Dissertation or major project
- End-point assessment
- Organisation & management
- On-campus resources
- Online learning resources
 - Support
 - Skill development
- Overall Experience

Welcome to Episode 5 of the Birmingham Campus Podcast: 'The Learning Exchange'

In this latest episode, entitled 'Facing Fear and Responding to Adversity', business student Damien Florin Robert is in conversation, explaining the challenges he has overcome to become a student at UWTSD. This episode will be of interest for anyone interested in the roles education, determination, and personal development can play to help move through challenging life circumstances.'

<https://uwtsd.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=d72dd371-3e4d-4058-843e-b37d00a667b0&start=60.151767>



Student Fire Evacuation

Following a recent fire drill we want to remind all students of the importance of taking immediate action when a fire alarm sounds in any University building. Failure to do so may result in yours and other people's safety being unnecessarily put at risk.

If a Fire alarm sounds whilst you are on campus, you are responsible for stopping what you are doing and evacuating the building without delay via the nearest Fire exit. This includes when you are in lectures when your lecturer will be requesting you evacuate the building without delay via the nearest Fire Exit. Signage indicating which way to go to evacuate is in place in all University buildings.

Fire alarms must never be presumed to be a test or false alarm. You should never wait to be told to evacuate the building by University staff.

Once you have left the building you are to congregate at the building's emergency assembly point. You are to remain at the assembly point and will be informed when it is safe to re-enter the building.

For **Quay Place** the designated assembly point is Utilita Arena steps



Fire assembly point

Utilita Arena steps

For **Sparkhill** the designated assembly point is Rear Car Park



Fire assembly point

Rear Car Park

Thank you for your co-operation in modelling the right behaviours when the Fire alarm sounds.

If you require any further information on evacuation procedures then please contact birminghamenquiries@uwtsd.ac.uk

Smoking

Please be aware that no smoking is permitted on-site at UWTSD Birmingham campuses. This is a serious health and safety issue important for fire risk management which also has severe consequences and can result in fire alarms being activated.

When fire alarms go off without due cause, this creates a severe disruption to studies to evacuate all lecture rooms and initiate the fire evacuation process. There is a disciplinary process that covers misconduct which can result in withdrawal from your course.



Please also note that smoking directly outside of Louisa House is not permitted by UWTSD. If you do smoke, please ensure that you dispose of cigarette butts in the bin located next to the seating area on the canal side and use the litter bins provided. Failure to do so could result in Wardens issuing with a litter fine. We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining a safe and respectful environment on our campus. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Parking

Please be aware there is no parking available on the UWTSD Birmingham campus, students are not permitted to park on-site. If you have a blue badge, you will need to receive verification and a parking permit before parking on campus is permitted.

Please visit the reception desk on campus to show your blue badge and student ID card, and please ensure that you are aware of your car registration.



If you have any questions or concerns regarding parking policies, please contact Birmingham Enquiries via the following email: birminghamenquiries@uwtss.ac.uk. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Local Car Parking Options Near Quay Place

Due to a change of ownership for the Utilita arena car parking facilities, the previous car parking options that we were in benefit of have unfortunately been removed.

Following discussions with the new managing agent (APCOA), they have advised that students can benefit from parking at the venue for £5.50 a day if you enter the car park before 09:30. Anytime thereafter will result in their standard tariffs being applied.

Print Responsibly, Protect Our Planet

Think before you print! Only print what is truly necessary to help reduce waste, conserve resources, and support a more sustainable future. Every page saved contributes to a healthier environment. Let's work together to make a difference.

Follow Us on Social Media!

We use our social media to post all sorts of events, news, student stories, academic support and more. It's a great place to get all the most up-to-date information.

Scan the QR codes or click on the links below to follow us on our social channels!

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IT'S TIME TO GET SOCIAL!

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