

International Alumni Friendship Scheme – Signposting for Students

Issue Raised	Response
Visas and Immigration	<p>It is very important to try and not answer visa related questions from students, as regulations are constantly changing and it is crucial that students get up to date information. Please advise the student to email the Birkbeck visa advisor, La Young Jackson – l.jackson@bbk.ac.uk or go to a Visa Drop In Session, held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays:</p> <p>http://www.bbk.ac.uk/mybirkbeck/guides/international/visa-advice-sessions-for-current-students</p>
English language skills	<p>There are a number of in-session Academic English courses which are available for students to enrol on throughout the academic year if they need additional help with reading/writing/grammar/academic language:</p> <p>http://www.bbk.ac.uk/study/2013/short-courses/subject/academic_writing/</p>
Travel/Student Oyster Card	<p>If the student is enrolled on a full-time course at Birkbeck, they will be eligible for the TFL 18+ Student Oystercard.</p> <p>https://tfl.gov.uk/fares-and-payments/adult-discounts-and-concessions</p>
Accommodation	<p>It is very likely that the student will have already found their accommodation for whilst they are studying, but if they haven't the best people for them to get advice from is the University of London Housing Services, located on the 4th floor of ULU. They have information on private rented options, and a database of registered landlords and properties that students can search:</p> <p>http://housing.london.ac.uk/cms/</p>
Health/Registering with a GP	<p>Students should register with a GP close to where they are living.</p> <p>They can find the surgeries in their area on the NHS website: http://www.nhs.uk/Service-Search/GP/LocationSearch/4</p>
Learning Support	<p>Birkbeck offers academic development workshops for students, these include note taking, how to write an essay, time management, how to do seminars and presentations amongst others:</p> <p>http://www.bbk.ac.uk/mybirkbeck/global/workshop_timetable?orgunit=GLOBAL</p>
Careers	<p>At Birkbeck we want you to succeed and to advance your career. We offer a range of career support services and career development opportunities for Birkbeck students and alumni.</p> <p>Birkbeck Talent is a professional recruitment service aimed exclusively at assisting Birkbeck students to find employment opportunities. For a An overview of Birkbeck Talent visit www.bbk.ac.uk/careers/birkbeck-talent/students-information</p> <p>Birkbeck Careers and Employability is a new inhouse service aimed to enhance career development and employment throughout your time at Birkbeck, from enrolment through to graduation. They offer workshops to Birkbeck students throughout the year. Birkbeck Careers and Employability also provides support</p>

	<p>o Birkbeck alumni.</p> <p>Visit www.bbk.ac.uk/careers/careers-service to contact Birkbeck Careers and Employability and to view their services and resources.</p>
<p>Student Life/Birkbeck Student Union/ULU</p>	<p>Students should be aware that as Birkbeck is part of the University of London; they are entitled to join societies at any of the UoL institutions.</p> <p>Birkbeck SU also has an International Students' Society, amongst many others - http://www.bbk.ac.uk/su/societies</p> <p>ULU has now been branded as Student Central. The facilities on offer include the gym/swimming pool, societies and events, and bar and club nights. https://www.studentcentral.london/</p>