

Welcome to the second edition of our newsletter, designed just for students on placement to keep you updated on what's happening at BU.

It's been a busy year already with lots happening on our campuses. We have also been reflecting on our achievements over the last six years and looking ahead to our plans for 2025 – why not read our **BU Review 2012-2018** to see how far we've come since you joined us?

I hope you like this edition, and if there are any topics you would like us to cover, or you want to be more involved, then do let us know by emailing [studentcomms@bournemouth.ac.uk](mailto:studentcomms@bournemouth.ac.uk).

Very best wishes,  
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## Networking with LinkedIn™

LinkedIn is a quickly becoming the place for recruitment, with over 80% of companies reported as using the networking channel as a primary way of finding new employees. If you haven't signed up yet, give it a try, as it could really enhance your employability. Here are our top tips to help you make the most of your profile:

1. Add a photo - your profile is 14 times more likely to be viewed if you do
2. Flesh out your profile - include a catchy headline and add quality detail, including your industry, work experiences and skills
3. Sell yourself - put your most important skills and endorsements at the top and write in a style that reflects you
4. Don't just say it, display it! Add rich media to your profile and publish posts relevant to your profession
5. Include keywords – make sure your profile is full of words relevant to your profession, career goals and experiences to help recruitment teams and agencies find you
6. Get linking – start your network by joining groups, linking with the BU community of students, staff and graduates, and, most importantly, with employers and employees from organisations you've worked at or met at careers fairs
7. If you've got an online portfolio or website, adding a LinkedIn share button will also help increase your connections
8. Sign up to the LinkedIn blog for their top tips <https://blog.linkedin.com>.

## Estates developments

### Your new bus hub

From the Student Centre and the Fusion Building to the groundworks for a new bus hub, you've experienced a lot of improvements at BU in the last few years. The six-bay bus hub - located next to Poole House - and a new road off the Boundary roundabout have now opened, providing a high-quality purpose-built facility for journeys to and from the Talbot campus, with real-time departure information and canopy shelters fitted with solar panels. There are more improvements to come with the Poole and Bournemouth gateway projects – read about the **Six ways your campus will change in 2018**.



## New and improved computer access

Over 400 new all-in-one PCs have replaced the computers in the BU libraries and Open Access Centres. These more compact PC's give you more room to work or to use your own laptop. They're also more powerful yet use less energy, contributing to BU's target to reduce carbon emissions. We've also extended our laptop loan scheme from 12 to 72 MacBook Airls available for use across both campuses.

Earlier this year over 150 new computers were also installed across both BU libraries, so you'll have more work space options when you return – you'll also find a free printer in the Student Centre on the Talbot Campus, courtesy of SUBU.



## NEW SUBU Officers for 2018/19

### Five new Full-Time Officers elected to SUBU

Over 2,600 BU students voted in the **SUBU elections** this year, which saw five new recruits elected to represent you and your views in 2018/19:

- SUBU President: Ade Balogun
- Vice President Activities: Lea Ediale
- Vice President Community: Abidemi Abiodun
- Vice President Education: Lenrick Greaves
- Vice President Welfare & Equal Opportunities: Bradley Powell

Find out about each of the Officers and their plans for next year on the SUBU website and Facebook page.

[www.subu.org.uk/elections](http://www.subu.org.uk/elections)



## SCONUL service Accessing partner libraries

While on placement, you're entitled to access and borrow resources from other libraries through the SCONUL (Society for College, University and National Libraries) scheme.

You'll need to have returned any overdue books and paid any library fines to BU before your membership is approved and don't forget to take your BU student ID when you first visit another library.

To join this free service, access the registration form from [our Library webpages](#).

## Be a Placement PAL Leader next year

We'll soon be recruiting for Placement peer-assisted learning (PAL) Leaders to help prepare and develop second year students' understanding of the placement experience. This paid opportunity will involve you delivering a minimum of four sessions throughout the academic year, sharing your experiences of working in a professional environment and those bits of advice you wish you'd known before you started your placement! Look out for emails with more information soon, or email [pal@bournemouth.ac.uk](mailto:pal@bournemouth.ac.uk).



## BU student in record-breaking attempt

Second year BSc (Hons) Sports Management student Vedangi Kulkarni is also an ultra-endurance athlete and writer.

This June, she will attempt to circumnavigate the globe – covering 18,000 miles, unsupported, on a bike, in an attempt to become the fastest, youngest, female to do so. Find out more about her Pedal the Planet attempt at

[www.vedangikulkarni.com](http://www.vedangikulkarni.com)

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