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NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A very warm UNIC welcome back to our new and returning learners and a very Happy 2023 to you all!

We have recently returned from our Christmas break as we move from Winter to Spring, which will see longer days and shortening nights – perfect to draw on our renewed energies this semester. Remember to make the most of the support our Student Services Team has to offer and to consult with your tutor if there is something you need to check about your programme of study. Keep an eye out for the upcoming student events which Jake is leading for us; there is a trip to London pencilled in for later in the semester, so be sure to check your emails and Moodle messages for more information.

Have a great semester and good luck with your studies.

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STUDENT LIFE IN NORTHAMPTON - TIPS

Treat yourself - Café Marseille in town has an amazing menu and the best cocktails. It's a great place to celebrate your birthday or any other event.

Sunday chilling - Beckett's Park on the outskirts of Waterside Campus has a really nice walk alongside the river. Get your steps in!

Family visits - If you have a sporty family, I would highly recommend a rugby match at Franklin's Gardens, nothing beats a Saturday afternoon in a 15,000-seat stadium, full of passionate supporters.

Feeling cultural - Northampton is very lucky to have two or three influential theatres: The Deco, The Royal and Deragate, as well as the Errol Flynn Filmhouse. Abington Park also has an excellent free museum.

Money issue - The local market outside the Grosvenor Shopping Centre is amazing for fresh fruit and vegetables. Cheap, fresh and lasts a long time!

ABOUT NORTHAMPTON

Northampton is vastly known for its shoe-making legacy which goes back over 900 years.

There are many clubs and pubs scattered throughout Northampton, but the primary area is Bridge Street. The students union's own club, Platform, is one-minute walk away - it also turns into a café during the day. Wetherspoons is a short walk away, and there are various other pubs like The Optimist, all in a similar location. There are also plenty of fast food places nearby, including a 24-hour McDonalds.

BUDGET CALCULATOR

Plan your budget with a smart budget calculator, by doing this you will be able to adjust your spending and prioritize depending on your needs.



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APPRECIATION BOX

We have recently introduced our very own 'Appreciation box' which is located in the student services area. The idea behind this is to enable every individual to appreciate another.

Therefore, if you would like to say 'thank you', 'well done' or even congratulate someone on an achievement, you can now post your message in the box (this can be directed to a member of staff or a student).

Every month, our marketing coordinator will open the box and the most interesting messages will be featured in our monthly newsletter. Do you want to be mentioned for appreciating someone else? - sign the note and if your message is chosen, we will mention you or you can keep it anonymous.



IMPORTANT DATES

9 February: National Pizza Day

14 February: Valentine's Day

18 February: International Day of Women and Girls in Science



STUDENT SUCCESS STORY

Ammar Kabiru Labanan came to UNIC with the goal to start his career in Engineering as well as make his family proud. He enrolled on to our Foundation Pathway course which has led him on to complete his BSc (Hons) Engineering. Throughout his course he has received a Certificate of Recognition for his participation and devotion to the subject. He has recently graduated and already secured a job and will be going back to his home country - Nigeria, to help his family business as appointed Head Engineer.

'UNIC was like a home to me, I am now more skilled and knowledgeable in my chosen subject, I would recommend UNIC to anyone that is looking to study abroad. Also, the staff is very welcoming and helpful'.



OUR STUDENT SERVICES TEAM HAVE A MESSAGE FOR YOU

Everyone at student services would like to welcome all our students, new and returning, to UNIC for our January 2023 semester. We have had a great start to the semester enrolling more students than ever before! The semester is now underway and you will have all met your class mates and new teachers – We will soon give you the chance to become a **Student Representative** for your course group. Student Representatives volunteer on behalf of students to represent student views to the College and to transmit information from UNIC to their fellow students. We will be releasing more information, so if you are interested look out for an email coming soon! Last semesters student representatives did a fantastic job and we're looking to continue their great work this semester. We have also begun planning our activities and trips for this semester, one of which will be a trip to our capital, London! So again keep an eye out for more information coming soon! As always the student services team is here to help, therefore as your new semester starts if you have any questions, issues or just want to stop by and say hello, come and see us at the student services desk or send us an email over to unic.studentservices@unic.northampton.ac.uk



EASY ACCESS FROM NORTHAMPTON - START EXPLORING

- Northampton is located just an hour from London and Birmingham in the 'Rose of the Shires', and offers the perfect mix of market town and countryside.
- Not only does Northampton have great access to the M1 to take you north or south, but it's also just 60 miles to the capital London.
- Travelling by train? No worries - Northampton's train station is on the West Coast Main Line's Northampton Loop, offering regular services to London Euston, Crewe and Birmingham.
- You can also get the bus to Leicester, Bedford, Milton Keynes and Peterborough, as well as neighbouring villages.

STUDENT ETIQUETTE

- Arrive on time for your classes
- Your phone must be on silent or switched off in class
- Respect your colleagues and tutors
- Walk, don't run in the hallways
- Help keep the classroom tidy
- Keep toilets clean
- Speak in English
- No loud music in the corridors
- No gatherings in the corridors



NORTHAMPTON EVENTS

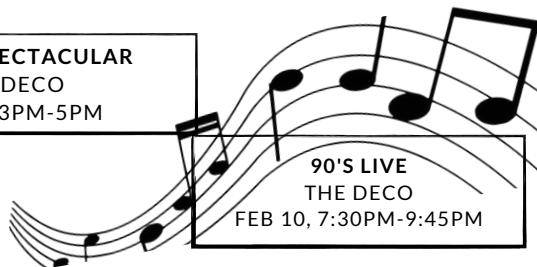
NORTHAMPTON CAREERS FAIR
THE GUILDHALL, ST GILES SQUARE
FEB 24, 10AM-2PM
BOOK YOUR PLACE



CIRCUS SPECTACULAR
THE DECO
FEB 17, 3PM-5PM



90'S LIVE
THE DECO
FEB 10, 7:30PM-9:45PM



HELPING HANDS

The team here at UNIC would like to say a massive THANK YOU to all of our student ambassadors which helped us during the busy period of enrolment.

Thank you!

CALLING ALL STUDENTS

- ✓ Have you got an interesting story to share
- ✓ Any achievements
- ✓ Please get in touch by messaging us on Instagram or contact students services and they will guide you