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AN INTRODUCTION  
TO STUDENT LIFE



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# WELCOME

Hello all, I'm Freya Thompson, President of the University of Westminster Students' Union.

**CONGRATULATIONS ON RECEIVING YOUR OFFER TO STUDY HERE AT WESTMINSTER.**

I hope you're looking forward to studying in the heart of London.

This magazine will give you an insight into student life here at Westminster, and give you some helpful tips for things to do and places to see while you study here.

We also want to tell you a bit more about life at the University of Westminster, and perhaps answer some questions you might have about funding, finding work or choosing accommodation.

You can find ideas for the best student-friendly places to visit in London. There is an eclectic selection of restaurants, bars and clubs to see under London's night lights, and museums, parks, shops and galleries to see on a bustling London day.

This is just a small collection of the amazing things you can get involved with alongside your course.

I wish you an enjoyable read and look forward to meeting you soon.



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# LONDON LIFE



Get lost in old bookshops  
Daunt Books, Marylebone



Shop for vintage clothes  
Brick Lane, Shoreditch



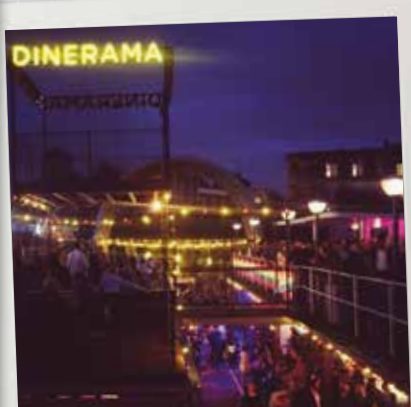
Go to a rooftop cinema  
Rooftop Film Club



Go on a street art walking tour  
East London



Attend a fashion show during  
London Fashion Week  
University of Westminster



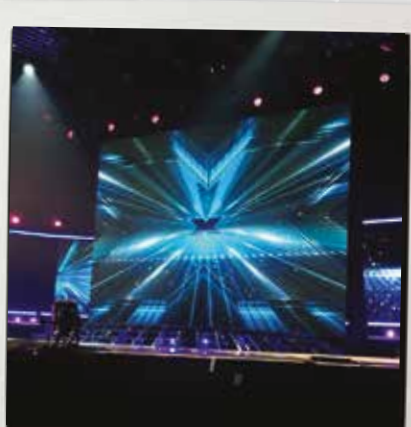
Socialise with friends in new places  
Street Feast, Shoreditch



Explore  
London's canal network



Go to day festivals with friends  
Lovebox Festival, Victoria Park



Be in the audience of a TV show  
The X Factor, Wembley

# WESTMINSTER LIFE



Regent's Park  
Close to London campuses



Social space  
Cavendish Campus



Regent Library  
Little Titchfield Street



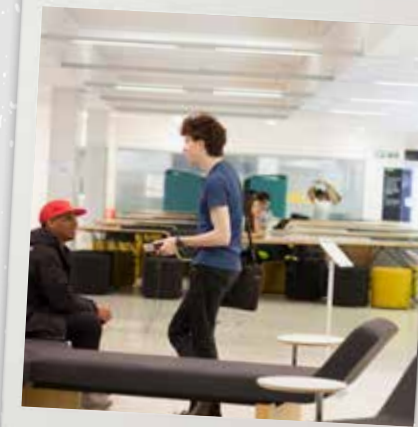
The Forum  
Harrow Campus



London is our Campus



Events & Fairs  
Cavendish Campus



The Platform  
Marylebone Campus



Regent Gym  
Regent Campus (309 Regent Street)



Social Events  
Harrow Campus



# A WEEK IN THE LIFE

We take a peek into the jam-packed diary of Kenzie, one of our first-year degree students.

**NAME:** Kenzie Karkkainen

**COURSE:** Creative Writing and English Literature  
BA Honours

**YEAR OF STUDY:** Year One

**CURRENT ACCOMMODATION:** Raffles House, Wembley

**HOME:** Minnesota, USA



## MONDAY

My week started with a lecture for my literature class that introduced the class to what we will be discussing in our seminars over the next two weeks. This week we started the module 'What is Drama?' and learned about Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*. After the lecture I had a quick snack from the Gallery Café and went to my extra module 'Shakespeare and Performance.' Those two hours went quickly as I find the staging of Shakespeare so interesting and soon I was stopping at the library to pick up the books I reserved for next week's reading and going home.

## TUESDAY

The 'What is Drama?' discussion continued on Tuesday at my 2pm lecture. I knew the lecture from the day before was going to be mentioned, so I took a few minutes before class to review the notes I had taken and to make sure I had my copy of the play we had to read. It was my only module of the day, so I went home and started *Hamlet* for my Shakespeare class. My flatmates and I cooked dinner together and had a night in.

## WEDNESDAY

I only had one seminar that ended at noon. Since it ends early, I like to use the free afternoons to explore the area around the campus. So far, my favourite place to go to is Regent's Park. The walk is around 20 minutes, and it's worth it. I particularly love the sculpture garden where I like to sit under a tree and read.

## THURSDAY

On Thursdays I don't have a class until 3pm, so I usually spend my mornings organising/reviewing my notes, reading, or completing my weekly journal for one of my writing classes. My module is a three-hour seminar about writing, and I go straight from this to meet the Musical Theatre Society. We meet once a week for rehearsals and are starting practice for our Spring show, *Rent*. The Society has been a great way to make new friends and I love being part of it.

Milk Train Café



"IT WAS AMAZING TO SEE THE HISTORY AND ALL THE DIFFERENT PEOPLE THAT HAVE COME TO LONDON."

## FRIDAY

Every other Friday I have a Reflective Writing class, but some of those days include a guest speaker and today was one of those days – we had a visit from author Toby Litt. Everyone interested gathered in Fyvie Hall and we learned about the writer's process, past, and inspiration. As a Creative Writing student, it helps to hear what it is actually like to be a writer. I had about two hours between the guest speaker's visit and my class, so I met up with a classmate at the Gallery café and we hung out until we had to go to class.

## SATURDAY

Two of my flatmates and myself have dedicated Saturdays as our "travel day". One flatmate is from the Bahamas and like me has never been to the UK before, while the other is from the UK and enjoys showing us around. Each week we decide on a part of London we want to explore and spend the day there. Today we went to Westminster to see Big Ben and Westminster Abbey. It was amazing to see the history and all the different people that have come to London. My friends and I wanted a snack and chose to walk to a café we had seen online. We walked through Trafalgar Square on the way. Our journey ended at the Milk Train Café where we treated ourselves to the Choo Choo Clouds: an ice cream cone surrounded by candy floss.

## SUNDAY

Like many others, I use Sunday as my day of rest. I spend the day either watching tv or movies with the rest of my flatmates or reading. I also use the time to tidy up.



Regent's Park

"... MY FAVOURITE PLACE TO GO TO IS REGENT'S PARK. THE WALK IS AROUND 20 MINUTES, AND IT'S WORTH IT."



Big Ben



Trafalgar Square



# LIVING IN HALLS

One of our students gives an insight into living in student accommodation.



**NAME:**  
Karolina Matyga

**COURSE:**  
Business Management  
BA Honours

**YEAR OF STUDY:**  
Year One

**HALLS OF RESIDENCE:**  
Raffles House, Wembley

**HOME:**  
Cambridge

**" I'M MORE CONFIDENT AND FEEL MORE GROWN UP LEARNING HOW TO MANAGE MY OWN MONEY AND TIME."**



Raffles House, Wembley

## WHAT'S IT LIKE LIVING IN HALLS?

I live with five other people in a shared flat on the same floor. We all have our own room with bathroom en-suite and we share a kitchen. It's great here and I'd say to all students if they can to definitely live in Halls in their first year. You get to meet people from all over the UK and Europe and it's really enhanced my university experience. We meet up in the kitchen and cook together or hang out in other people's rooms or in the communal areas. Everyone is really friendly and sociable.

## WHAT'S THERE TO DO IN THE LOCAL AREA?

We have a good choice of supermarkets with cheaper options like Lidl that keeps my food bills down. Plus there's lots of restaurants and cafes nearby as well as 24-hour fast food places and a really good gym.

## HOW DID YOU DECORATE YOUR ROOM?

For ideas on decorating your room, visit Pinterest.com as there are loads of pictures of super cool dorm rooms. Make your own wall mural with photos, pictures and posters. Use fairy lights and add a few cushions. I bought a cheap three-drawer cabinet to keep all my stuff in.

## WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNT SO FAR?

Living in halls has given me a lot of independence and I've learned how to look after myself, whether it's cooking meals, doing laundry or just keeping my room clean and tidy. I've learned how to manage my time as well. I study during the week and hold down a part-time job at weekends. I'm more confident and feel more grown up learning how to manage my own money and time. It's a great experience.



Kitchen and dining area,  
Raffles House

**"LIVING IN HALLS HAS GIVEN ME A LOT OF INDEPENDENCE AND I'VE LEARNED HOW TO LOOK AFTER MYSELF..."**



Reception, Harrow Hall



Bedroom, Harrow Hall



Common Room, Harrow Hall



Bedroom, Harrow Hall



## CAKE-IN-A-MUG RECIPE

### INGREDIENTS

- ✓ 1 slice of butter 1 cm thick (30g)
- ✓ 6 squares of milk chocolate (30g)
- ✓ 1 egg
- ✓ 2 tpb caster sugar
- ✓ 1 ½ tsp vanilla sugar or ½ tsp vanilla extract
- ✓ 4 ½ tpsb plain flour
- ✓ 1 tsp baking powder

### METHOD

#### In a mug:

Melt the butter with the chocolate in the microwave for **30 to 40 seconds** (800 watts).

Beat the mixture until smooth, then allow it to cool slightly.

One by one, whisk in the egg, sugar, vanilla, sugar, flour and baking powder.

Cook in the microwave for one minute **20 seconds** (800 watts).

Allow to cool for **one minute** before eating.

Enjoy!



# CAMPUS LOCATIONS

We have four campuses in London, which are home to our five faculties. Three of our campuses are in central London and one is in Harrow, northwest London.

All campuses have been extensively redeveloped to create fresh and inspiring places to learn and socialise, creating a unique university community.

## HARROW CAMPUS



Our Harrow Campus is a short Tube ride away from our central London campuses and is home to our vibrant Westminster School of Media, Arts and Design.

**Closest Tube station:** Northwick Park

## CAVENDISH CAMPUS



Based in Fitzrovia, our Cavendish Campus is truly in the heart of London and is home to the Faculty of Science and Technology.

**Closest Tube station:** Great Portland Street, Warren Street, Goodge Street

## MARYLEBONE CAMPUS



Located on Marylebone Road, our recently refurbished Marylebone Campus is home to the Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment and Westminster Business School.

**Closest Tube station:** Baker Street

## REGENT CAMPUS



Regent Campus is made up of three sites: 309 Regent Street, Little Titchfield Street and Wells Street. This campus is home to the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities and Westminster Law School. Regent Street Cinema is located next door to 309 Regent Street.

**Closest Tube station:** Oxford Circus



ALL OF OUR CENTRAL LONDON CAMPUSES ARE WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF EACH OTHER AND ENJOY ENVIABLE LOCATIONS IN THE HEART OF LONDON.



# NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

## FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

### WESTMINSTER GRADUATE AND ASTRONAUT-IN-TRAINING UNITES AGAINST MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

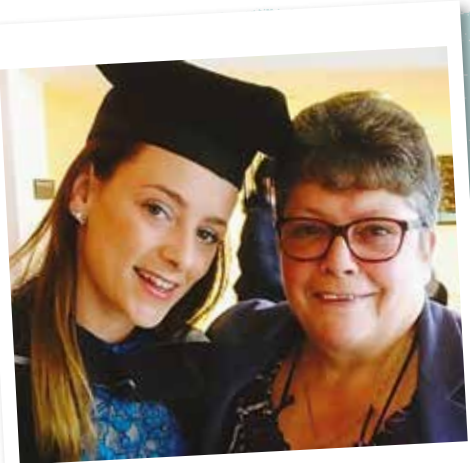
Having won a competition of a lifetime to venture to space, astronaut-in-training and Westminster graduate **Hussain Manawer** took to the stage in Canada in the company of Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and Ambassador for UN Women and actress Emma Watson, to address the global population to unite against mental health issues.

At the One Young World Summit 2016, Hussain presented his spoken word poetry piece 'Mother Tongue'. Having already undergone round one of space training in Holland in preparation for his trip of a lifetime, Hussain continues to use this platform as a means to raise awareness of mental health.

The young campaigner will take on the challenge of hosting the World's Largest Mental Health Lesson and hopefully breaking the Guinness World Record.



Above: Hussain Manawer



Left: Nicola Dougan

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### DISTRICT COUNCIL'S FIRST FEMALE BUILDING SURVEYOR

University of Westminster graduate and mother of two, **Nicola Dougan**, became West Lindsey District Council's first female building surveyor.

Nicola was able to study her Building Surveying BSc Honours degree at the University's Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment after winning a scholarship, while also juggling a full-time job.

### TOURISM COURSES RANKED AS NUMBER ONE IN LONDON

The Guardian University Guide 2016 league tables ranked us as No.1 in London for undergraduate **Hospitality, Event Management and Tourism**.

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## FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### SECOND-YEAR SCIENCE STUDENTS SPENT SUMMER RESEARCHING CANCER AND STROKES



Two second-year Westminster students from the Faculty of Science and Technology spent their summer studying at the University of Westminster, contributing to essential research – such as treating and preventing cancer and stroke – as part of their high-profile summer studentships. The funding was provided by the Wellcome Trust and the British Society for Neuroendocrinology.

### FACULTY GRADUATE WINS BRITISH PHARMACOLOGICAL SOCIETY'S (BPS) PHARMACOLOGY PRIZE 2016



**James Camp** was nominated by the University's Department of Life Sciences for the British Pharmacological Society's (BPS) Pharmacology Prize 2016.

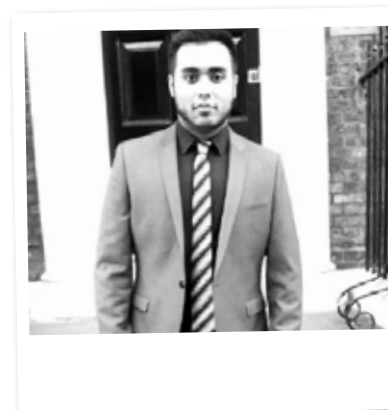
The Pharmacology and Physiology BSc Honours alumnus won due to his excellent performance in his studies and was awarded a prize of £500.

## FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES

### WESTMINSTER GRADUATE HELPING IMPOVERISHED COMMUNITIES IN PERU

**Samuel Stevens**, who graduated from the University of Westminster in June with a First Class degree in Politics and History, has been chosen to undertake an internship with a charity in Peru which works to improve the country's low-income communities' access to medicine, education and development opportunities.

Samuel is spending months carrying out the task of communicating MEDLIFE's daily activities externally in order to build awareness of the charity and attract vital funds to make a difference.



Above: Shaheen Mamun

### WESTMINSTER LAW GRADUATE SHAHEEN MAMUN SHORTLISTED AS JUNIOR LAWYER OF THE YEAR 2016

**Shaheen Mamun** who graduated from University of Westminster with an LLB Honours Solicitors Exempting degree (now MLaw – Integrated Masters in Law) was shortlisted for the Junior Lawyer of the Year Award 2016 as part of The Law Society Excellence Awards.

The annual award is run by The Law Society, an independent professional body, which looks to promote and support all solicitors, and believes that everyone should have access to justice. Shaheen said that his experience at Westminster played a key part in his achievement. "I owe a substantial amount of gratitude to the University of Westminster, where they not only challenged my academic ability to the level I am at now but also greatly assisted in my professional development."



# NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

## WESTMINSTER BUSINESS SCHOOL

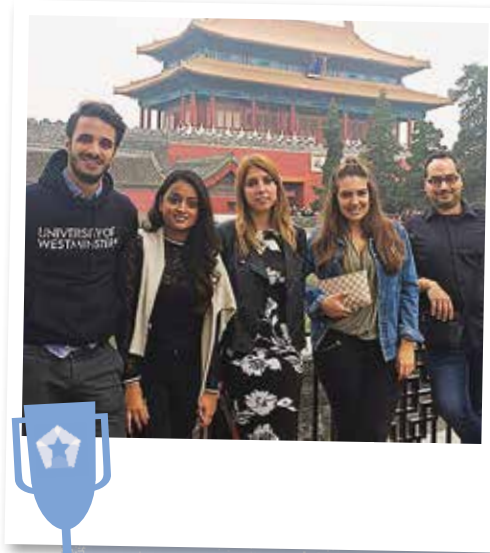
### WESTMINSTER BUSINESS SCHOOL TEAM RUNNER-UP AT INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATION COMPETITION

A team consisting of alumni from Westminster Business School travelled to Beijing, China, for a prestigious international negotiation competition – and came back with a second-place trophy.

The Future Top Business Negotiation Contest is an international competition organised by the China Association of International Business Negotiation and Beijing Foreign Studies University.

Each team had to prepare a negotiation plan to enter the final stage of the competition. In the final, they were given two trade scenarios. Then they had to negotiate with an opposing team in front of a panel of judges during two intense days.

Universities from all over the world took part in the competition, with the team from Westminster Business School being awarded second place of the 16 finalists, narrowly beaten by host institution Beijing Foreign Studies University.



### WESTMINSTER BUSINESS SCHOOL STUDENT LAUNCHES SNAPCHAT GEOFILTER DESIGN AGENCY

Current Westminster Business Management – Entrepreneurship BA Honours student **Pascal Sabatnig** showed off his top-notch entrepreneurial skills by officially launching a Snapchat geofilter design agency. A geofilter is a design you can overlay onto a photo you take in the Snapchat application.

The start-up company, called Geofilter Studio, produces outstanding bespoke geofilters for businesses and individuals whilst working with organisations to create integrated Snapchat strategies.



## BUSINESS SCHOOL PLACEMENT AND INTERNSHIP FAIR



Our Business School hosts an annual Placement and Internship Fair which gives students the opportunity to meet and talk directly with employers.

### PAST PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE:



## WESTMINSTER SCHOOL OF MEDIA, ARTS AND DESIGN

### NEW BOOK – HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS WITH ILLUSTRATIONS BY OUR WESTMINSTER ALUMNUS JIM KAY

A new fully illustrated J. K. Rowling book *Harry Potter and Chamber of Secrets*, published by Bloomsbury this October, is illustrated by the University of Westminster Illustration BA Honours alumnus **Jim Kay**. J.K. Rowling, who was personally involved in the picking of the talented illustrator, said, "Seeing Jim Kay's illustrations moved me profoundly. I love his interpretation of Harry Potter's world, and I feel honoured and grateful that he has lent his talent to it."



'Love & Hate', which is the second album from singer-songwriter Michael Kiwanuka, became a UK No.1 album in 2016.

### WESTMINSTER ALUMNUS MICHAEL KIWANUKA NOMINATED FOR TWO BRIT AWARDS

**Michael Kiwanuka**, who graduated from University of Westminster's Commercial Music Performance (BMus Honours) programme, received two nominations for the BRIT Awards 2017. He's up for Male Solo Artist and Album of the Year for his album 'Love & Hate'.

Shortly after releasing 'Love & Hate' in July 2015, the album was shortlisted for several prestigious awards in the music industry, such as Best Album at the MOBO (Music of Black Origin) Awards and Album of the Year for Hyundai's Mercury Prize.

### WESTMINSTER ALUMNUS ASIF KAPADIA DIRECTS BURBERRY'S 2016 CHRISTMAS ADVERT

Burberry's 2016 Christmas short tells the story of the brand's founder, Thomas Burberry, and was directed by Academy Award-winning Westminster alumnus **Asif Kapadia**.

The short film, entitled *The Tale of Thomas Burberry*, comes in the form of a three-minute video starring Sienna Miller, Lily James, Domhnall Gleeson and Dominic West. The video is currently sitting at nearly 15 million views on YouTube.

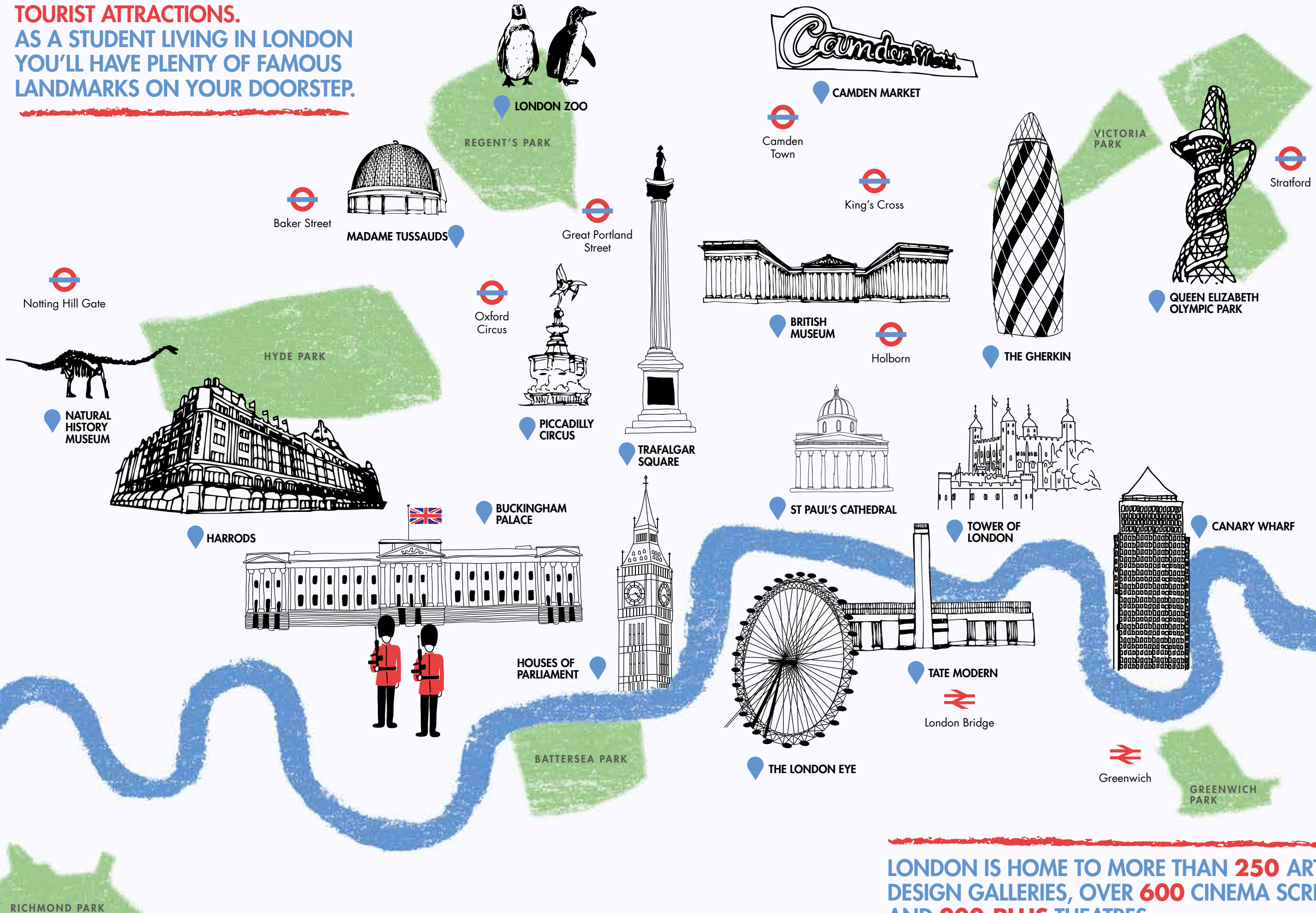
Since graduating from the University of Westminster's Film, Video and Photographic Arts (now Film BA Honours) in 1994, Asif has directed several award-winning films, including his Amy Winehouse documentary, 'Amy' (2015), which won a Best Documentary BAFTA and Best Feature Documentary Academy Award in 2016.

CHRISTOPHER BAILEY, BURBERRY'S CHIEF CREATIVE AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IS ALSO A WESTMINSTER ALUMNUS. HE GRADUATED FROM FASHION DESIGN BA HONOURS.





**LONDON IS FILLED WITH TOURIST ATTRACTIONS.**  
**AS A STUDENT LIVING IN LONDON YOU'LL HAVE PLENTY OF FAMOUS LANDMARKS ON YOUR DOORSTEP.**



**LONDON IS HOME TO MORE THAN 250 ART AND DESIGN GALLERIES, OVER 600 CINEMA SCREENS, AND 200-PLUS THEATRES.**



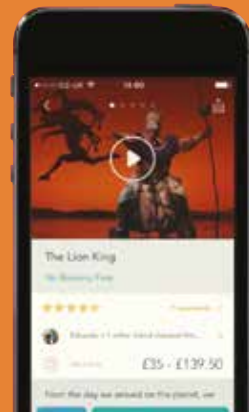
# ESSENTIAL APPS

**UNIDAYS**  
One benefit of being a student is all of the discounts. UNiDAYS is a one-stop shop for student deals and discounts on food, drinks, clothes, computers, transportation – just about everything. Every penny saved helps, right?



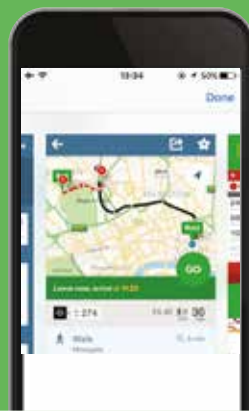
SAVE WITH UNIDAYS' STUDENT DISCOUNTS.

**YPLAN**  
Interested in theatre, music, film, comedy, food and drink, culture, nightlife or sports? YPlan has it all. This app helps you find the best things to do in London, whether you're looking for something to do on the same day or at the weekend.



BROWSE THROUGH A CURATED LIST OF EVENTS.

**CITYMAPPER**  
A multi-award-winning app that helps you navigate your way around London. This app gives you multiple transport options and approximate journey times. Provides you with real-time bus, Tube and train timetables.



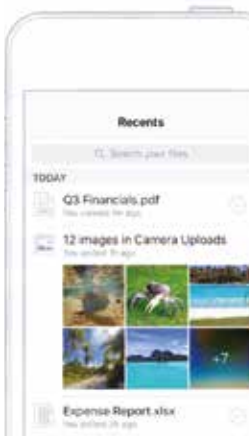
EASILY COMPARE ALL TRANSPORT OPTIONS AVAILABLE.

**WATERLOGGED**  
A healthy body and a healthy mind are essential for success at university. You can help yourself achieve both with this app, which helps you track how much water you're drinking in a day and sets reminders to make sure you're hitting your recommended intake.



KEEPS YOU HYDRATED FOR A HEALTHY BODY AND MIND.

**DROPBOX**  
An app that backs up your photos, documents, videos and other files. Files saved using the Dropbox app can be accessed from all of your electronic devices. Can also be used to share large files with friends.



SAVE FILES OF ALL KINDS ON DROPBOX.

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SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES

Congratulations to the **Department of Politics and International Relations** for great success in the National Student Survey 2016 – two courses with **100% satisfaction**.



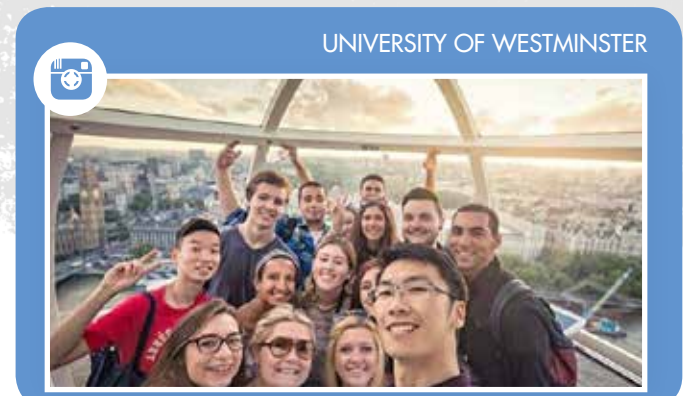
WESTMINSTER BUSINESS SCHOOL

Westminster Business School students arrive in Brussels for their **international study trip**.



MEDIA, ARTS AND DESIGN

Tom Baxter performs in Area 51, Harrow Campus #musicmasterclass



UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER

Fun in a capsule with an amazing view! #LondonEye



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The Biomedical Sciences department has launched a new UKAS-accredited blood testing service. We are the first London university to receive approval.

**This provides students with the first hand experience of a career as a Biomedical Scientist.**



ARCHITECTURE AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

University of Westminster Architecture students build installation at Burning Man in Nevada desert with their tutor.

[westminster.ac.uk/news-and-events](http://westminster.ac.uk/news-and-events)



# UWSU

UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER STUDENTS' UNION

The University of Westminster is more than just a place to study. There is so much to get involved in whilst you study. The Students' Union is where you can find out about all the clubs, societies, sports, and different ways you can get involved in activities and events outside of class.

WITH A BASE AT EACH OF OUR CAMPUSES  
THEY'RE NEVER FAR AWAY.



## ADVICE TEAM

There is always plenty of support at university from academics and support staff, but with a Students' Union office on each campus **many students find the UWSU Advice Team to be one of the best places to get help and advice** from advisors who are current students.



## CENTRE FOR PERFORMING ARTS

We offer a wide range of activities, and if you love performing arts but hate the limelight, there are opportunities such as the creative team and backstage team for you to get involved in.

**We run societies for dancers, singers, actors and musicians.**



## SPORTS AND SOCIETIES

Your university experience is what you make of it and this is why Westminster is more than just a place of study.

**Societies are a great place to find a sense of community on campus and to develop lifelong friendships.**

This applies to all our societies ranging from academic, political, faith-based and spirituality, to cultural and special interests.



## ENTERPRISE SUPPORT

Westminster Start-Up is where we support student entrepreneurs to gain business experience. Last year we offered the chance for 13 businesses to pitch for £50,000 investment in their business.

**If you are interested in starting a business or already run one that needs funding, then this opportunity is for you.**



## EVENTS

As you would expect, being in the centre of London is the best place to be for a social life.

From the Fresher's Ball to the end of term boat party, there are plenty of social events to attend. There's also time for food festivals, poetry readings, theatre trips, dance festivals and much more.

**You'll find that many of our societies organise events.**



## SMOKE MEDIA

All students can get involved in Smoke Media. We have Smoke magazine, QH student newspaper, Smoke TV and Smoke Radio.

**Smoke Radio won the 2015 Best Station Award, making it officially the best student radio station in the UK.**



# REGENT STREET CINEMA

In May this year we re-opened the doors of the historic Regent Street Cinema. The cinema has been restored to its former majesty – and quite right too, as it occupies a significant place in the history of British cinema.

In 1896 the Regent Street Cinema was the venue for the first-ever performance of a film to a paying audience in the UK, showing the short films of the famous Lumière brothers. Now, thanks to a major fundraising campaign by the University and grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Quintin Hogg Trust, we are proud to open the cinema to the public.

This luxurious, historic cinema has already been booked to host a number of diverse film festivals such as the Korean Film Festival, the Noel Coward Film Festival and the Nordic Film Festival. The space is also a great learning asset, regularly hosting Q&A events with actors and directors and playing a part in our work with local schools and community groups.

For our students the cinema offers exciting (and discounted!) access to a huge range of films, from new blockbuster releases such as *La La Land*, to independent and world cinema like *Amy* or *Tana Bana*, to double bills of science fiction classics like *Alien* and *Blade Runner*.

The University's Students' Union also organises a monthly student screening, with an additional discount and the film chosen by members of the Union themselves.

To find out more about the cinema, please visit [www.regentstreetcinema.com](http://www.regentstreetcinema.com)

Previous screenings have included:

(from top to bottom);  
*La La Land*, *Macbeth*,  
*Devdas*, *WALL-E*,  
*Funny Face* and  
*There's No Business Like Show Business*.



THE SPACE IS ALSO A GREAT LEARNING ASSET, REGULARLY HOSTING Q&A EVENTS.



# POLYLANG

If you're interested in learning a new language or developing one of your current languages, consider taking part in the University's open language programme, Polylang.

## YOU CAN LEARN ANY OF THESE LANGUAGES:

- ARABIC
- CHINESE
- FRENCH
- GERMAN
- ITALIAN
- JAPANESE
- RUSSIAN
- SPANISH

- Enhance your employability and career progression prospects
- Improve your general communication skills
- Gain an insight into new cultures and ways of seeing the world
- Around 1,300 Westminster students and staff are currently taking Polylang modules.

## DOMINYKA MIEZELYTE

DEGREE COURSE:

**Tourism and Events BA Honours**

POLYLANG LANGUAGE: **French**

YEAR OF STUDY: **Year Two**

NATIONALITY: **Lithuanian**



I decided to study French alongside my degree because I love the language and I would love to understand it more and be able to speak and write French fluently.

I currently study tourism and work at the London Eye, so being able to communicate in French would be a great benefit. It will help when communicating with tourists in the future, because the tourism industry involves communicating with people from all over the world.

What I enjoy most about the course is that the teacher is very charismatic and enthusiastic; the tasks are fun and involve a lot of practice.

I am thinking of visiting France to work in a vineyard for a month, where I can continue using French. I am glad that I have a general understanding of the language and to be able to use it at work as much as I can.



**74%**  
OF BRITISH EMPLOYERS  
LOOK FOR CANDIDATES  
WHO HAVE SKILLS IN A  
FOREIGN LANGUAGE\*

\*According to a Confederation of British Industry survey.

# STUDENT SUPPORT

We have a wide range of support at the University to help you with financial, emotional and academic support.



## DISABILITY LEARNING SUPPORT

Advice and support for students with specific learning difficulties.



## ACADEMIC LEARNING DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

One-to-one appointments and academic skills workshops for anyone wanting to improve their essay writing, critical thinking and presentation skills.



## CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Offers career planning and help finding part-time work, placements and internships (see pages 26 and 27 for more detailed information).



## STUDENT HEALTH SERVICE

Advice on health and well-being from experienced nurse practitioners.



## COUNSELLING

Offers students the opportunity to talk confidentially to a professionally trained counsellor about any emotional or practical issues that may be worrying them.



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVICE AND SUPPORT

Visa and immigration advice and practical information on adjusting to life in the UK.



## FAITH AND SPIRITUALITY

Advice available for students of any faith, offering spiritual counsel and space.



## SUPPORT FOR LGBTI STUDENTS

Our LGBTI Society provides a safe-space for LGBTI defining people, organises regular social events to provide a supportive social network, and works to raise awareness among Westminster students of LGBTI issues.



## STUDENT FUNDING OFFICE

Offers advice and guidance on the possible funding options available to both UK and international students.





# CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Support is available for current students and those who have graduated within the last three years.

The University of Westminster's Career Development Centre assists with sourcing vacancies, developing employability skills, identifying key skills and experiences, planning your professional development, presenting a positive image and learning how to market yourself effectively.

## CAREERS GUIDANCE APPOINTMENTS

These appointments provide in-depth careers advice and give students feedback on CVs, application forms, interviews and other career concerns.

## VACANCIES AND EVENTS PORTAL

Our online vacancy and events service helps students look for part-time placement, voluntary and graduate opportunities.

## EMPLOYER EVENTS

Employer events and company presentations and networking opportunities allow students to meet employers face-to-face, and to gain first-hand information about a specific company and the market it operates in.

## TALENT BANK

The Talent Bank is an invaluable resource that helps students find paid, temporary and part-time jobs both within the University and with local businesses.

## INFORMATION RESOURCES

We hold a range of comprehensive materials online relating to occupations, employers, voluntary work, enterprise, working and studying overseas, further study and training.

## ASSOCIATES IN SCHOOLS SCHEME

An exciting opportunity for students to gain valuable work experience in a school classroom.

## MENTORING

Students can develop skills and expand their knowledge and experience of the working world by taking part in a mentoring scheme designed to widen the aspirations of students and enhance their personal effectiveness.

## CAREERS FAIRS

An excellent opportunity for you to meet employers on campus – many students come away from the day with useful contacts or even having secured an interview.

## DROP-INS

These are opportunities for students to meet face-to-face with employers on campus. Employers come from a wide range of industries and recruit for casual part-time jobs on either a one-off or long-term basis.

## VOLUNTEERING

Helping you find unpaid work that helps other people, charities, local communities or the environment.

## DIANA FLORESCU

Marketing Communications BA Honours

"Personally, this organisation has succeeded in assisting me throughout my studies with up-to-date vacancies both within and outside the faculty.

I am glad to say that I have accepted three work opportunities in the past two years thanks to Talent Bank.

I am currently working as a Marketing Assistant for ConnectiD Ltd, a new tech start-up in London. This job was advertised through the Talent Bank's website."



# WORK PLACEMENTS

At the University we have a dedicated Placements Team in each of our faculties. These teams are tasked with helping to source placements and assist students in finding and applying for placements for summer and sandwich years, in the UK and abroad. The team also administers the Santander SME Internship Scheme, which is open to all students.

Many of our students have gone on to secure internships and even jobs following on from a placement they secured whilst studying here at the University.

Here are the stories of four students who secured placements in 2016 with brands recognised nationwide.

## NESTLÉ

Nestlé is one of the largest food and beverage companies in the world. During the year I gained key skills that allowed me to influence and collaborate with key stakeholders, as well as having the opportunity to get involved in projects such as the setup of Nespresso pop-ups and Boutiques.



HASSAN AL-NAJIM

SUBJECT STUDIED: Business Management – International Business BA Honours

EMPLOYER: Nestlé

I enjoyed the exposure I received in working for a global company and now know that I would like to continue to work in the FMCG market.

## NHS

Undertaking a placement has allowed me to develop and enhance my skills which I now recognise as being invaluable within the field of Clinical Psychology. The staff have been exceptionally helpful throughout the placement process, from application to placement ending.



SADE KING

SUBJECT STUDIED: Psychology BSc Honours

EMPLOYER: East London NHS Foundation Trust

I strongly advise any students considering undertaking any placement or work experience opportunities to do it, as the benefits are incredible.

## VOLKSWAGEN

Volkswagen UK HQ focuses on sales and marketing with approximately 800 employees. I had the responsibility to facilitate monthly inductions for all new starters which gave me lots of exposure to the brand. I really enjoyed my placement year at Volkswagen and have learnt a lot.



FORREST MACIBORSKY

SUBJECT STUDIED: Business Management BA Honours

EMPLOYER: Volkswagen

I think everyone should try to gain some work experience during university as it helps paint a clearer picture for the future.

## HUGO BOSS

During my work experience year, I had the unique opportunity to work for Hugo Boss - one of the leading companies in Luxury Fashion. Working as an allocator broadened my knowledge in merchandising and also gave me stronger analytical skills, deeper communications skills and the ability to work extremely well under pressure.



JULIEN SABARATNAM

SUBJECT STUDIED: Fashion Merchandise Management BA Honours

EMPLOYER: Hugo Boss

This work experience made my network bigger and I am confident that it has helped to make me stand out and thus improve my employability.

AS OF 2016 – EVERY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERTAKE A PLACEMENT OR WORK-BASED OPPORTUNITY AS PART OF THEIR COURSE.



# WESTMINSTER ALUMNI

2016 HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLE YEAR FOR OUR GRADUATES.

From breaking world records, winning film awards, creating global campaigns and flying to space – our alumni have truly made 2016 count.

Here are five of their stories:



2001

**MIRANDA BRAWN**

MASTERS OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA)  
GRADUATED: 2001

2016 has seen Miranda feature in the Financial Times List of the Top 100 global leading executives from ethnic minorities. As well as working as a banker, entrepreneur, barrister and public speaker, Miranda has founded the Miranda Brawn Diversity Leadership Foundation which raises awareness of diversity and equality in Britain and beyond.

*"The students [at Westminster] were from all over the world and different industries. I was the youngest student from an investment banking background, hence it was great to exchange knowledge with other students."*



2006

**ROHIT PRADHAN**

AUDIO PRODUCTION MA  
GRADUATED: 2006

Since graduating, Rohit has had phenomenal success as a Sound Designer. Amongst many others, Rohit has been awarded the renowned IMFFA award for Achievement in Sound Design and won a Filmfare award, the most prestigious film award in India, where Rohit now lives. He continues to be successful and worked on his latest film 'Photocopy' in 2016.

*"Very few universities teach you how to cope with the pressures of working in the media industry, but Westminster taught me how to manage a range of people and priorities at any one time ... I would not be where I am today were it not for my experience at Westminster."*



2012

**ANGEL CAPOBIANCO**

MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS MA  
GRADUATED: 2012

Angel is behind the 2016 #likeagirl campaign. A campaign for global brand Always, which has had incredible success in promoting confidence in women across the world. After trending globally with more than 60 million views on YouTube and winning over 150 awards, including an Emmy for Outstanding Commercial, Angel's campaign went on to make a historic appearance during the Super Bowl.

*"The great thing about the course was the fact that it was such a culturally diverse group ... Seeing how people deal with different problems – not just practically but creatively and intellectually – was a really cool experience."*



2014

**MEG DYOS**

ENGLISH LITERATURE BA HONOURS  
GRADUATED: 2014

In January 2016 Meg set two new world records as a part of the Coxless Crew, becoming a part of the first all-female team, and team of four, to row the Pacific Ocean. This incredible journey, that spanned over 257 days and covered 8,446 miles, raised over £54,000 for women's charities including Breast Cancer Care.

*"The University of Westminster is a very multicultural university and through the societies I was able to meet people from different cultures and backgrounds. They were fantastic experiences."*



2015

**OLIVER FROST**

COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCE BSc HONOURS  
GRADUATED: 2015

Oliver's talent and study of the structure and function of the brain in his degree have helped him secure a job as a Data Engineer, focusing on analytics and Business Intelligence.



*Oliver holds the world record for solving the 4x4x4 Rubik's Cube blindfolded in the fastest time.*

The alumni team are here to help you stay in touch with your friends and a worldwide community of fellow graduates who have shared the Westminster experience.

Upon graduation all students automatically become members of the 150,000-strong global alumni community in over 180 countries.

Here a just a few of our many well known graduates:



**AMIR AMORE – RUDIMENTAL**  
COMMERCIAL MUSIC BA HONOURS  
GRADUATED: 2013

Since graduating Amir Amor has celebrated two No.1 singles and two No.1 albums with his band Rudimental. NME has named Amir as one of the "20 hottest producers in music".

**ASIF KAPADIA**

FILM, VIDEO AND PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS BA HONOURS  
GRADUATED: 1994

Asif Kapadia has directed multiple award-winning films including *The Sheep Thief*, *The Warrior* (which won the BAFTA for Best British Film) and *Senna* which won the World Cinema Audience Award Documentary at the Sundance Film Festival 2011. His documentary, *Amy*, has received rave reviews and recorded the biggest opening weekend for a British documentary in both the UK and US.



**DAME VIVIENNE WESTWOOD**

JEWELLERY AND SILVERSMITHING  
GRADUATED: 1957-1958

As one of the most influential fashion designers in the world today, Vivienne Westwood has become admired for her thought-provoking and groundbreaking fashion.

The first stages of the legendary fashion designers career began at the University of Westminster. At the age of 17, Vivienne relocated to London with her family and from 1957-58 began studying a jewellery and silversmithing course at the Harrow School of Art which has since become a part of the University.





# WHAT TO DO NEXT

## ATTEND AN APPLICANT DAY

As an applicant you may be invited to attend one of our Applicant Days.

At an Applicant Day you will:

- Get a taste of student life
- Find out more about your course
- Talk to our current students.

For more information, please email [applicants@westminster.ac.uk](mailto:applicants@westminster.ac.uk)



## FIND YOUR ACCOMMODATION

Whether you want to apply for halls of residence or live in private housing, we can help you to find the right accommodation. Please visit [westminster.ac.uk/accommodation](http://westminster.ac.uk/accommodation)



## EXPLORE OUR CAMPUSES ONLINE

If you aren't able to visit your campus, or are just looking to get an idea of what it's like to study at the University of Westminster, we now offer a Virtual Open Day.

Please visit [yourvirtualopenday.westminster.ac.uk](http://yourvirtualopenday.westminster.ac.uk)

## FIND OUT ABOUT FEES AND FUNDING

To find out more, please visit [westminster.ac.uk/fees-and-funding](http://westminster.ac.uk/fees-and-funding) or [www.gov.uk/student-finance](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance)



## ACCEPT YOUR OFFER

You can view and accept your offer by logging on to **UCAS TRACK**.

On UCAS Track you can also see your deadline to reply.



## CONTACT ADMISSIONS AND APPLICANT SUPPORT

Stay in touch with us right up until enrolment. If you need to send us any additional documents to support or update your application, please contact the relevant admissions office:  
E: [applicants@westminster.ac.uk](mailto:applicants@westminster.ac.uk)

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- Westminster Business School

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### HARROW CAMPUS

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