

Dear Friends,

Greetings from BISC, Bristol International Student Centre. **So long and fair well!** This is our last weekly email for this academic year. Our next weekly email will only be in September 2010. It has been a lovely year filled with trips and events and many opportunities of getting to know one another as friends. Thank you for being such amazing students, always participating and making full use of all that BISC has to offer. We wish you the very best for the Summer. Rest well and enjoy the sunny weather.

For those of you returning to Bristol in September – remember to invite other friends to your **Home Away from Home** here at BISC. Join us again for a whole new program and keep an eye on the website that will be launched with a whole new look, mid August.

For those of you leaving Bristol – remember that we are always here. Come and drop in at BISC whenever you can and send us an email or a postcard to let us know how you are doing. Also sign up to receive updates of happenings at BISC, by filling in the on-line form on the website called: **Leaving Bristol**

Remember to sign up for the **Summer Mailing list**. This list will put you all into contact with one another. You can then organise your own summer outings amongst one another. You sign up for the Summer Mailing list by simply writing: *'Please sign me up for the Summer Mailing list'* in an email to bisc@bisc.org.uk.

We will help you plan your own events by sending you a list of what's happening in Bristol over the Summer with our next and last weekly email on Monday 21 June.

WHAT'S ON THIS SUMMER?

Please see the attached list that will inform you of all the interesting happenings in and around Bristol over the Summer. The list includes paid and free events for all to attend.

BISC OPENING HOURS

The BISC centre will be **closed for all of July**. We will be back in the office on Monday 2d August 2010. Opening hours for June will still be Monday – Friday, 1-5pm. We're located at 45 Woodland Road, Clifton. Opposite the Biological Sciences dept.

TELEPHONE CARDS & PHONE ROOM

BISC sells a variety of telephone cards and will also now **sell special SIM cards specifically designed to benefit University Students** so you can call home for less. Phone cards including Uni-Tel cards for use at Deans Court, Chantry Court, Woodland Court & Unite House, as well as on UWE Campus (Mendip/ Cotswold/ Brecon/ Quantock Court). We also have a phone room that you can use, with a phone card, during our office hours.

TIP OF THE WEEK

If you have **any unwanted house hold items**, like pots and pans, cutlery, dishes, plates, cups, or bedding that you no longer want – please bring them along to BISC so that we can pass it on to new students that will arrive in September. This will help you to get rid of unwanted items and it will definitely help the new students that first arrive without any house-hold items. **PLEASE NOTE:** We cannot accept any electrical items or clothes.

Have a great Summer

Jacqueline and the BISC Team

Stuff to do in Bristol over the Summer, 2010

See <http://visitbristol.co.uk/> for all the information you need about what there is to see and do in Bristol. Here is a selection:

Festivals:-

- Bristol Harbour Festival – Bristol’s largest and liveliest Harbourside event with plenty of entertainment, 30th July-1st August.
- Bristol International Balloon Fiesta – 12th-15th August in Ashton Court. Mass launches of hot air balloons and more!
- St Paul’s Carnival – 3rd July. Bristol’s much-loved colourful community carnival
- Festival of Ideas - aims to stimulate the minds and passions of the people of Bristol with an inspiring programme of discussion and debate, see http://www.ideasfestival.co.uk/?page_id=10 for programme
- Bristol Shakespeare Festival throughout July – open air plays in Queens Square and Bristol Zoo Gardens, see <http://www.bristolshakespeare.org.uk/>
- International Festival of Kites and Air Creations – Ashton Court, 4th & 5th September

Free things:-

- City Museum & Art Gallery (temporary exhibition is Art from the New American Art Scene until 22nd August but there’s a lot more to the place than that!)
- Arnolfini – free access to contemporary art
- Red Lodge - Historic Elizabethan house and tranquil walled garden located in the heart of Bristol’s West End
- John Wesley’s Chapel in the New Rooms - visit the world’s oldest Methodist building as it was in the 18th century
- St Mary Redcliffe Church - Explore the beautiful stained glass windows and gothic arches at this fine church, described by Queen Elisabeth 1 as “the finest in all England”
- There are plenty of parks close by to take a picnic to and relax in – e.g. Brandon Hill, the Downs, Castle Park, the Suspension Bridge (free guided tours at 3pm on Saturdays & Sundays), Ashton Court Estate and many more just a bus ride away...