Student Support

In the School of Physics, we take supporting our students very seriously. While your time at University can be a very positive experience, we understand that you may sometimes find that you need some additional support.

Every undergraduate student has a personal tutor who will help you with your academic and personal development whilst you are at the University. You can also talk to the Senior Tutor with concerns about your course by booking a meeting at any time, or come and see one of the friendly non-academic staff in the Student Administration Office.

University Study Skills and PASS
The University’s Study Skills service offers online resources and individual and group sessions to help you to develop and enhance skills such as critical thinking, exam and revision techniques, and time management, and is available to everyone, no matter what course you’re on, the grades you are getting, or your level of study. Additionally, students within the School of Physics can book one to one appointments with a fellow from the Royal Literacy Society to improve the quality and structure of their academic writing.

PASS (Peer Assisted Study Sessions) are friendly and informal weekly study sessions where you can ask questions about course material from existing students on later years of your course. PASS is a safe place to ask questions and improve your confidence in your studies, through planned activities and discussion.

Disabled Students
If you have a pre-existing health issue or disability, there are many places within the University which are here to help you. Disability Services can identify and assess your specific needs and put support in place, if needed. Within the School of Physics, our Disability Coordinator is also here to help.

Counselling and peer support networks
The Student Counselling Service offers supported self-help, individual sessions with a counsellor and workshops/groups with a counselling facilitator. The Service can help with anything from depression, anxiety, obsessive compulsive disorder, exam stress, home sickness, coping with crisis and change, social anxiety or low self-esteem. This list is not exhaustive – and no issue which is bothering you is insignificant.

Off campus, Big White Wall provides multi-award winning 24/7 peer and professional support, with trained counsellors, plus a range of wellbeing tools to help people self-manage. Over 1300 students at the University have used Big White Wall since it was introduced.

Peace of Mind is a student led society dedicated to raising awareness and reducing stigma surrounding mental illness. They provide a supportive environment where people with any mental health issues can talk confidently and comfortably, and also provide guidance on good mental health and well-being.
Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

The School of Physics is a welcoming environment for everyone, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, disability, race, religion, nationality or age.

The School of Physics is very proud to be the holder of a Juno Practitioner award for our efforts to address the under-representation of women in university level physics.

Our Athena Swan Bronze Award recognises the advancement of gender equality, representation and progression for our female students and staff. Women researchers work in a wide range of specialisms, including computational astrophysics, nanophysics and particle physics.

The School of Physics’ teaching staff encompasses leading academics from around the world.

Staff and students from Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, China, Germany, India, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Poland and United States (amongst other countries) could be sharing their expertise with you.

The diversity in the backgrounds and research interests of our academic staff creates an environment in which students can learn about ground-breaking Physics from a range of different perspectives.

As well as promoting equality, diversity and inclusion within the School of Physics, the University as a whole is always working to improve the experiences of students during their time with us.

"At Bristol Student’s Union, equality and diversity are core values. The Students’ Union has democratically elected student representatives and various liberation networks to support women, trans students, LGBT+ students, disabled students and BME students, with Chairs who work to support the interest and improve the welfare of self-identifying students."