AUGUST
60 dramatic years
The University of Bristol Theatre Collection celebrates its diamond anniversary. 60 years of Bristol theatre and 10 years of the Theatre Collection, a key source of research for theatre scholars from across the world.

SEPTEMBER
Botanic Garden stands out
The University of Bristol's Botanic Garden was awarded the Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher Education. The Garden is a national and international centre for research and education in plant science, supporting the wider botanical community.

OCTOBER
Celebrating Black History
African dance and drumming, poetry recitation and other events marking the month included CBBA's screening of the documentary ‘The Last Almbridge’ and ‘Bristol Emancipation: The Movement for Freedom and the End of Slavery’.

NOVEMBER
Campaign of discovery
An interactive advertising campaign for The University turned an image of the Clifton Suspension Bridge into a QR code – a type of barcode – which, when scanned with a mobile smartphone, takes you to a section of the University’s website which promotes the city of Bristol and its diversity.

DECEMBER
Brain for Christmas
Professor Brian Hood, Director of the Bristol Biomedical Research Centre, delivered the inaugural St Vincentius Lecture, entitled ‘Thinking, not just doing: the story of human cognitive development’.

JANUARY
Year of the Dragon kicks off
Bristol students from China took part in a range of performances and activities at the Bristol Museums and Art Gallery, as part of a three-part presentation, ‘Children of the World: East and West’.

MARCH
Alumnus becomes RSC Artist Director
Simon Doran, MBE, saved acting when his drama studies were ended by a brain tumour. He appeared in new plays, Directed by the Royal Shakespeare Company. Doran, who left the Royal Grammar School, Bristol, went on to be named Chief Associate Director of the RSC in 2006. He received an honorary Doctorate from the University in 2011.

APRIL
Children of the 90s celebrates 21 years
Hundreds of former graduates gathered in Bristol to discuss the remarkable scientific discoveries the Children of the 90s study at the University have made over the last two decades. The study, which started in the 1990s, is the world’s largest birth cohort study, tracking the health and development of over 19,000 Bristol and South Gloucestershire families.

JUNE
Suit gives music a hand
Bristol students and professionals were part of a world-first ‘Radio Suit’. Designed to analyse and interpret music and movement, the suit is the first of its kind to be publicly demonstrated.

JULY
Higgs boson revealed!
Bristol physicists working at the Large Hadron Collider at the European Organization for Nuclear Research in Geneva, Switzerland, played a key role in the experiment.

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Professor Guy Cope – Pro-Vice-Chancellor

Elected members of the academic staff
Professor Gary Foster
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Dr Sophie Crossley
Dr Trevor Thompson

Elected members of the non-academic staff
Ms Pru Lawrence-Archer
Mr Tony Macdonald

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Ms Alexandra Birt – Vice-President of the Students’ Union

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Three members of the University – Bettina Urban – were bearers of the Olympic torch on its journey through the packed streets of Bristol. Georgie Twigg (BA 2012) and Teaching Fellow Shirley Hume and

SEPTEMBER
Botanic Garden stands out
The University of Bristol Botanic Garden was unveiled by The University’s Vice Chancellor, Sir Paul Maxted, in the presence of the Royal Horticultural Society.

OCTOBER
Celebrating Black History
“Black History month is a celebration of diversity and a platform for change.”

NOVEMBER
Campaign of discovery
An interactive advertising campaign for Bristol Children’s Hospital showcased cutting-edge medical research. The campaign, which ran across bus stops, trams, and train stations, aimed to engage local communities and encourage support for the hospital.

DECEMBER
Brain for Christmas
Professor Bruce Hood, Director of the Bristol Research Development Centre, delivered the BBC’s ‘Brain of the Year’ address. His talk, titled “The Brain: The Most Interesting Organ in the Human Body”, was also broadcast on BBC Four.

FEBRUARY
Royal visit to Langford
Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall, on behalf of the Prince of Wales, officially opened the new University of Bristol’s Institute of Veterinary Science, Langford, in order to mark the University’s 21st birthday. The Duchess gave a speech, officially opened the new building, and met with students and staff.

MARCH
Alumnus becomes RSC Artistic Director
Greg Doran (BA 1980), award-winning theatre director and Bristol alumnus, was appointed the new Artistic Director of the Royal Shakespeare Company. Doran, who studied Drama and English at Bristol, had been Chief Associate Director at the RSC since 2006. He received an honorary Doctorate from the University at the Bristol Graduate School, had been Chief Associate Director at the RSC since 2006. He received an honorary Doctorate from the University at the Bristol Graduate School, and was also broadcast on BBC Four.

APRIL
Children of the 90s kicks off
Three members of the University – distinguished alumnus, George Odlum (BA 1959), who became Vice President of the Students’ Union for local schoolchildren during the May 2011 General Election. The University’s Botanic Garden was also broadcast on BBC Four.

JUNE
Suit gives music a hand
The Suit has been designed by the University’s Department of Electronic Engineering in order to assist with musical performances. The Suit gives music a hand.

JULY
Higgs boson revealed?
British physicist, Professor Peter Higgs, who is a member of the University’s School of Physics, is working at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at CERN, and has played a key role in the discovery of the Higgs boson. The Higgs boson is believed to finally establish the existence of the Higgs field, which accounts for the mass of elementary particles.