Talks

Back the Future** | Cruciform Building Lecture Theatre | 11:30-12:30
Join our host, TV presenter and UCL researcher Dr Chris van Tulleken, as he leads UCL academics including Prof Hugh Montgomery, Dr Zoe Laughlin, Prof Kate Bowers and Nobel Prize Winner Prof John O’Keefe, share their ground-breaking research on the future of everything from evolution to education before we open up to the floor for a lively discussion on what the future has in store for humanity.

Exhibits, Workshops and Displays

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A Pint of Science’s Creative Reactions Present Got Brains?: Art and Science | Darwin Lecture Theatre | 16:00-17:00
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UCL Mechanical Engineering: Showcase Live!!** | Cruciform Building Lecture Theatre | 14:00-15:00
Experience an entertaining, fast-paced showcase and find out how we’re solving problems from hi-tech healthcare to coffee waste and shaping the world of tomorrow.

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Experiments Pewter Casting Masterclass** | Institute of Making | 13:45-15:15, 15:15-16:45
Explore the ancient craft of cuttlefish casting in pewter. After a demonstration, you will have the opportunity to cast your own jewellery or object to take away with you.

Tour of UCL Main Library* | UCL Man Library | 10:00, 11:00, 13:00, 14:30, 15:30 (Approx. 30mins)
Join us for a guided tour of the first library at UCL, discover the dramatic Flamman Gallery, and see how this world-class library building has been adapted over the centuries.

Green UCL: Environmental Sustainability Tour** | Meet in the Quad | 10:30, 14:00, 15:00 (Approx. 1 hr)
The UCL Sustainability team will guide you around a roof garden, UCL buildings and the logistics zone whilst explaining how these interventions are improving the environment for staff and students.

Slade School of Fine Art: MA/ MFA/ PhD Degree Show* | Slade School of Fine Art | 11:00, 12:00, 13:00, 14:00, 15:00 (Approx. 45 mins)
Join the Slade School of Fine Art for a tour of their Graduate Degree show, featuring final year work by graduate students.

Rock around UCL: Finding the hidden geology in the campus’ building stones** | Meet in the Quad | 14:00, 15:00 (Approx. 1 hr)
A chance to see UCL with new eyes; this walking tour around the Bloomsbury Campus will look at the geology of the building materials used. Discover life in Jurassic seas, 2 billion year old crystals and find out how Cornish Granite foiled the Queen!

In September 2016, UCL launched a major global fundraising Campaign to enable the university to realise some of its biggest ambitions. Aligned with the priorities of UCL 2034, the Campaign will focus on long-term fundraising and community engagement focused on four main themes - students, health, London and disruptive thinking.

The Campaign is committed to raising £600 million. From fighting dementia, to ensuring generations of students reach their full potential; It’s All Academic. UCL’s ideas and discoveries are shaping the future, improving lives and having a massive impact on London and the wider world.

Find out more at www.ucl.ac.uk/Campaign #ItsAllAcademic

SpeakEasy Corner | Wilkins Building | 10:30-16:30
Covering everything from social media, to why history isn’t always as it seems. UCL Press present a series of short pop-up lectures from some of UCL’s academics.

Just two days after the snap general election, experts from UCL’s highly-regarded Constitution Unit will use this session to discuss the constitutional and political fallout.

Smart Magnetic Materials Inspired by Nature* | Darwin Lecture Theatre | 11:00-13:30
Nature has mastered the production of highly-functional materials in a dynamic, energy-efficient manner, how ever this has inspired the development of ‘smart’ materials.

Uncomfortable Reading: Controversial Books and Their Value* | Gustave Tuck Lecture Theatre | 12:30-13:30
How do librarians resolve dilemmas created by controversial items in their collections? Dr Katie Meheux examines these concerns, using examples from the Nazi publication ‘Die Ausgrabungen in Neeuburg’ as a case study.

Ordinary Things?* | Gustave Tuck Lecture Theatre | 13:00-14:00
Exhibitions typically display the wonders of human ‘civilisation’. In contrast, artefacts that survived the Holocaust may be regarded as ‘cultural debris’. In this talk, Dr Katie Meheux examines libraries’ responses to the Holocaust, and the library collections that have been shaped by it.

Early Bird Tours | UCL Library | 10:00, 11:00, 13:00, 14:30, 15:30 (Approx. 30mins)
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Hidden Treasures of the Special Collections* | Special Collections Reading Room, South Junction, Lower Hall | 12:30-14:30 (Approx. 15 mins)
Join our curators for an in-depth exploration of some of the collections’ unique, intriguing and rarely displayed treasures.

Blitz on Bloomsbury* | Institute of Archaeology | 14:30, 15:30
Tours of Bloomsbury will bring World War II to life by showing you the effect it had on the local area.

Archaeology Adventure Trail, ‘Indie’s tail: a dog in trouble’ | Institute of Archaeology | 12:00-17:00
Indie the archaeology dog has lost his excavation tools, with the help of his animal friends around the world he will fly his hot air balloon to recover his equipment. Families are encouraged to follow the trail, answer the questions and receive a prize!

*Prebooking is highly recommended for these events

In the Institute’s 80th year, the 2017 Festival will involve activities for families and people of all ages including drop-in talks throughout the day.