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Our Spring 2021 issue of Northumbria University News is out now!

Packed with the latest news, features and interviews, the newspaper is the perfect way to keep up to date with the exciting developments taking place across the University. The Spring 2021 edition also comes complete with two special supplements. Our **Partner of Choice** supplement features all the University's latest business news, collaborations and case studies, while **A Parents' Guide to Northumbria** is the perfect guide for anyone applying for university or supporting their child through the transition to university.

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Mapping COVID-19 - One year on

Over the last year, academics from Northumbria University have been working with partners in the Covid-19 Genomics UK (COG-UK) Consortium to map how Covid-19 spreads and evolves. Northumbria is a funded academic partner of the COG-UK consortium. The University's DNA sequencing research facility, NU-OMICS, has been assisting the consortium in rapidly sequencing whole SARS-CoV-2 genomes since April 2020. Since then, Northumbria has sequenced over 11,000 SARS-CoV-2 genomes, with a highest weekly submission of approximately 1900 genomes.

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Alumni News



Northumbria University Alumni Association calling...

From 18 April - 2 May 2021 a team of Northumbria University students will be making calls to alumni as part of our Spring telephone campaign. The calls will be an opportunity to reconnect with the university and catch up on recent news, while also giving the students the chance to gain valuable advice and inspiration for life after graduation. Find out more and meet some of our student callers by visiting our website.

[Find out more](#)



Return to Education virtual event

Whether you want to build upon the skills you gained from your bachelor's degree or want to take on a new career path, discover the benefits of returning to study a master's programme with us at our virtual Return to Education event on Tuesday 20 April 2021, 7pm - 8pm. Discover more about how you can attain the skills and knowledge you need to succeed in an ever-changing landscape, as well as flexible study options, our alumni discount and more.

[Book your place](#)



Celebrating the graduation of BMS students

Nearly 400 students attended a graduation ceremony on 25 February 2021, at Business Management School (BMS), Sri Lanka, a long-standing partner of Northumbria University for 20 years. Despite the challenges presented by the Covid-19 pandemic, BMS were able to safely host four physical graduation ceremonies in line with the Sri Lankan government guidelines. BMS were also able to organise traditional activities for students to enjoy in order to commend their achievements, with family and friends tuning in virtually to watch live.

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Graduate market to experience growth with launch of new funding

Northumbria graduates are once again set to benefit from growing their own businesses through funding available via the University. Following the success of the previous ERDF funded project, the Northumbria Enterprise and Business Support (NEBS) 2 scheme includes a financial contribution to help small businesses in Tyne and Wear and Northumberland employ a fellow graduate. NEBS2 is also an excellent opportunity for recent job-seeking graduates to secure paid employment and take their first steps on a graduate career.

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Northumbria students set to benefit from new wellbeing initiative led by Matt Dawson

A new mental health and wellbeing programme funded by Student Living by Sodexo has just been launched at Northumbria University by Rugby World Cup winner and TV presenter Matt Dawson. Sodexo health and wellbeing ambassador Matt Dawson launched the NU Thinking initiative which has received £6,000 from Sodexo as part of a 'whole wellbeing' approach combining fitness and mental health and will provide students with a bespoke support package.

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Graduates expand Stay The Night start-up

When two Northumbria Graduates met on their first day starting new jobs in the University's marketing department, and left to go travelling two years later, the idea for creative marketing company Stay The Night was born. Rosie Willan and Charlotte Hall were working in a boutique hostel in South Africa, when they realised there were no marketing agencies specialising marketing for hostels. Two years ago, after returning from their travels, the two graduates enlisted the help of Northumbria's Student and Graduate Enterprise service.

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Expand Your Horizons at Global Careers Week

If you are a Northumbria student or recent graduate, attend one of our webinars to learn how working and studying abroad can expand your horizons and enable you to experience new people, places and opportunities. This is a great opportunity for you to build your confidence, increase your independence and demonstrate your adaptability to future employers. Whether you want to learn about study abroad options, how to navigate the overseas job market, learn more about visa options or find out about funding and virtual internships, this week will help expand your horizons and give your career an edge.

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Northumbria University Alumni Association encourages our graduates to get involved in the work of the University as one of our Alumni Ambassadors. From providing an alumni profile to providing a lecture, talk or workshop, there are lots of ways to volunteer.

Get Involved

In addition to our COVID-19 Fundraising Campaign, there are a range of other opportunities to support the University and students. With your support we can continue to inspire our students to take on the challenges of tomorrow without financial barriers. Join our growing numbers of alumni supporters today!

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We commemorate and celebrate the lives of alumni and friends of the University who are no longer with us. If you would like to submit an obituary for an alumnus or former member of staff for inclusion, please email alumni@northumbria.ac.uk.

Obituaries

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