International Students

European Economic Area (EEA) Students
EEA students and Swiss nationals can work in the UK without restrictions on the type or amount of work they undertake.

Non-EEA Students
It is dependent on when the student made their immigration application. The visa stamp on a passport or biometric resident permit will show whether the student can work or not. The UKCISA (UK Council for International Student Affairs) has a factsheet on their website which has examples of what would be on a Visa or Biometric Resident Permit
http://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Working/Can-you-work#layer-3702

What work you cannot do
You cannot set up your own business
You cannot work as self-employed
You cannot work as a professional sports person or entertainer
You cannot pursue a career by filling a permanent full-time vacancy

When can you work?
There are restrictions regarding the number of hours which you can work depending on whether it is term time or not. Term time means any period where you are supposed to be doing academic work for example
Attending classes and lectures
Doing coursework and writing essays
Preparing for exams
Writing a dissertation or thesis

You may have been given immigration permission which extends for up to four months after the end of your course, in this case you can work full-time during this period.

All up to date information will be on the UKCISA website so please refer to this website.

Further Support
Careers Network runs lots of events and workshops throughout the year for international students, for a full list of events and to see other ways they can support you visit
https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/employability/careers/international/index.aspx

Video
Watch a past international student talking about their experience working part time whilst studying
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVvkmNX0q8