Staff at Sussex

New school heads get settled in
Sussex has appointed a new head for each of its 12 new schools of studies, each of whom will have an essential role in delivering the growth and development set out in the Strategic Plan. The new heads are:

- Professor Peter Aggleton (Education and Social Work)
- Professor David Axon (Mathematical and Physical Sciences)
- Professor Richard Black (Global Studies)
- Professor Pete Clifton (Psychology)
- Professor Matthew Cragoe (History, Art History and Philosophy)
- Professor Ian Davidson (Business, Management and Economics)
- Professor Tom Healy (English)
- Professor Laurence Pearl (Life Sciences)
- Professor Stephen Shute (Law, Politics and Sociology)
- Professor Sue Thornham (Media, Film and Music)
- Professor Bernard Weiss (Engineering, acting Head of Informatics)

New building names honour Sussex old guard
A number of buildings on the Sussex campus were renamed over the summer to honour some of its key early members of staff:

- The Gardner Centre will reopen as the Attenborough Centre for Creative Arts, named after Lord Attenborough, who stepped down as Chancellor in 2008.
- EDB (the Education Development Building) was renamed Silverstone, in honour of the first Professor of Media and Communication at Sussex, Roger Silverstone.
- The new teaching building at the heart of campus will be called Fulton when it opens in the summer 2010. Lord Fulton was the first Vice-Chancellor of Sussex.
- Engineering 1 was renamed after Lord Shawcross, one of the University’s founding fathers and the longest-serving Chancellor in its history, who died in 2003 aged 101.
- The Duke of Richmond and Gordon, who replaced Lord Shawcross as Chancellor in 1985, has given his name to the Engineering 2 building (renamed as Richmond).
- Engineering 3 will be renamed after John Clifford West, who was a pioneer in starting the Applied Sciences Department.

Teaching awards 2009
Three members of staff received awards at the graduation ceremonies in July 2009 in recognition of their excellent contribution to teaching and learning:

Dr Sarah King, a lecturer in the Psychology department, keeps her teaching interesting by successfully integrating current neuroscience research with textbook facts. She also supports fellow faculty by participating in annual peer review and is an ‘excellent’ mentor to associate tutors.

Dr Mike Titheradge is currently Deputy Head of Biochemistry and Biomedical Science at Sussex and has played a key role in developing the proposed new Biomedical Science degree.

Special Collections Manager in the Library, Fiona Courage, was commended for her extensive background knowledge, innovative use of resources, thorough reflection on feedback and enthusiasm for her area.