

Welcome from the Head of School

As Head of School, I am delighted to welcome you to the University of Sussex. Sussex is a great place to study and you will find it is a particularly friendly and supportive environment. The School has a long tradition of excellence and takes pride in the high quality of its teaching and research.

As a new student in the School, you will have a lot to absorb. To help you integrate into your new environment and understand the terminology used by the University we have provided you with a range of information. There are several letters, this one, one from your Head of Department, Professor Ian Wakeman, and one from the School's Director of Student Experience. Please spend a little time reading these letters as the authors, and associated staff, will play important roles in your life over the next few years.

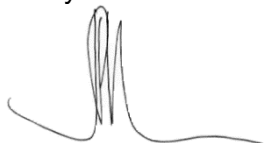
These letters, along with your induction programme timetable can be found here:

<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/ei/internal/forstudents/informatics/masters/induction>

The key thing to understand is that the relationship between you and the School is that of a partnership. As part of that partnership the School will ensure you are provided with lectures, tutorial sessions, hands-on activities, feedback (comments) about your work, and everything we can to enable you to master the subjects you study. Your role in this partnership is to take advantage of all the School provides. Hence, you are required to attend lectures, undertake background work/reading, attempt problem sheets, digest the feedback provided, ask questions, and if you are having problems of *any* sort, talk to us.

There is a student run society for the School: the **University of Sussex Informatics, Design, and Engineering (USIDE) Society**. USIDE organises trips to companies, practical projects, and social evenings including film screenings and pub nights. As new students, linking to the society is a good way of meeting others, USIDE's Facebook site is <http://www.Facebook.com/theUSIDE>.

Your time at Sussex is a short but very important part of your life; take advantage of all the opportunities Sussex affords you. I am sure you will have an enjoyable and memorable time and that you will be able to say coming to Sussex was the best thing you ever did.



Professor Jonathan Bacon
Head of School

School of Engineering and Informatics, comprising the two departments:
Department of Informatics, and the Department of Engineering and Design.