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# This week at Sussex

**Monday 11 December 2023**



## **BSMS awarded Athena Swan Gold Award**

The Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS) has been recognised for its commitment to gender equality in higher education and research.



## **Final submission to HESA completed**

The HESA (Higher Education Statistics Agency) Data Futures project team has successfully delivered the final submission of 2022/2023 student data.





## Student update

[The most recent student update](#) includes information about accessing University mental wellbeing support, a chance to win one of 10 £50 vouchers before the end of term and more.

Don't miss out

## Share your views on the ADR process

[Share your thoughts on the Achievement and Development Review \(ADR\)](#) materials and resources in a short survey. Your feedback will help refine the process ahead of the next ADR cycle in 2024. The survey closes on **Wednesday 13 December**.



## Sussex Tech Week: collaborative session

[Online | Wednesday 13 December |  
10am-11.30am](#)

Share your ideas, insights and challenges with Sussex Innovation to help showcase the brilliant tech, digital and media innovation happening at Sussex ahead of the

launch of Sussex Tech Week in  
2024.

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## **Research with Impact forum: Sussex AI**

[Watch the replay of the latest forum](#) which explored Sussex AI's ongoing research into language models, emotion AI and complex networks.

## **Take part in Stonewall's annual Workplace Equality Index Questionnaire**

[Staff are invited to complete the anonymous Stonewall survey](#), part of the University's submission to the 2024 Stonewall Index, by Friday 15 December.

## **Student housing cooperative photo exhibition on campus**

[Dhaba Cafe is hosting an exhibition](#) by student Tammi Nowell and Professor Anke Schwittay called 'SEASALT: a student housing cooperative in Brighton.' It aims to capture the diverse living conditions of students on campus and in Brighton.

## **This week on campus**

### **Hanukkah outdoor menorah lighting**

[Library Square | Monday 11 December | 4pm-6pm](#)

Everyone is welcome to join the annual lighting of the menorah at Library Square and enjoy one of the 500 jam doughnuts to be shared during the event.

## **Traditional Christmas carols**

Meeting House | Monday 11 December | 6.30pm-7.30pm

Join the Christmas carol service at the start of the festive season.

Refreshments will be provided before the service, and everyone is welcome.

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## **Human Rights Act: past, present and future**

Café Bar, Attenborough Centre |

Tuesday 12 December | 7.30pm-9pm

The School of Law, Politics and Sociology invites you to this participatory event on the passage of the Human Rights Act.

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## **Christmas-themed bao buns at Sussex Innovation Centre Cafe**

Sussex Innovation Centre Cafe | Wednesday 13 December | 12 noon-2pm

Festive-themed bao buns arrive on campus this week with meat and vegan options available.

## **Pagan ceremony**

Chapel, Meeting House | Wednesday 13 December | 1pm-1.30pm

Join the Yule and Winter Solstice ceremony which celebrates nature's rebirth and ancient pagan traditions.

## Why raising awareness of the menopause in the workplace matters

[Online | Thursday 14 December | 10am-11.30pm](#)

Find out more about what the menopause is and why it is important that everyone is aware of it. Open to all.

### Coming up

## Sussexsport holiday kids' camps

[Sport Centre | Monday 18 - Thursday 21 December |](#)

Sussexsport is running kids' camps with fully qualified instructors for basketball, netball, badminton, circus skills and squash.

### Our community



### Obituary: John Rohl

[Professor Emeritus John Rohl](#), an eminent historian notable for his work on Imperial Germany and European history, died at home on 17 November.





## Remembering Alan Soutter

Marking the anniversary of the death of Alan Soutter, a Professional Services colleague who worked at the University for several decades.

### Sussex in the media

#### Key stories from the past week

- [Professor Stephen Wilkins](#) (Mathematical and Physical Sciences) is quoted in *Sussex World* on the success of the recent free science fair in Lewes, which he helped organise. Monday 4 December.
- [Professor Anil Seth](#) (Engineering and Informatics) is featured in *Prospect Magazine's* annual list of Top Thinkers. Wednesday 6 December.
- [Dr Sam Power](#) (Law, Politics and Sociology) provides analysis on Rishi Sunak's pitch for leadership for *BBC Radio Scotland*. Thursday 7 December, starts at 00:10:50.

### Sussex on social



## Christmas lights: what are your favourites?

[Get into the festive spirit](#) and discover our top five Brighton Christmas lights.

## Community conversations

Did you know you can join a number of University social networks on Viva Engage, and find out more about what interests you?

- [Works to revamp the Library Café started last week](#) - in the Food at Sussex community.
- [The Better Campus team shared our exciting plans](#) for campus improvements with new colleagues at the recent welcome session - in the Creating a Better Campus community.
- [Check out the latest news on our Capital Programme](#) in the latest edition of the Transforming Sussex newsletter - in the Transforming Sussex community.

Why not join a community and make your first post?

## Other important news

## Students discuss our new strategy

[Students shared their feedback on the Sussex 2035 strategy](#) at two engagement events with the Vice-Chancellor last Wednesday 6 December.

## Transport update

[Find out about road works](#) on and off campus, including overnight closures on the A27 between Falmer junction and the Southerham roundabout.

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Our next edition will be on Monday 18 December.

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