

This weekly email, sent to all University of Sussex staff and postgraduate researchers, contains important news, as well as events and actions for the week ahead.



Monday 11 September 2023



Reminder about this week's academic titles modernisation feedback sessions

Academic staff, please sign up now for your online event being held on Thursday 14 and Friday 15 September.



Sussex academics secure large external grant to tackle climate adaptation and resilience

The funding will allow an interdisciplinary Sussex team to assist cross-border communities living in the Horn of Africa.

Industrial action



End of the marking and assessment boycott

Please read Sasha's update on the end of the marking and assessment boycott. All outstanding marking and assessment should now be completed by 12 noon on Monday 2 October.

Don't miss out



Student update: resits and planning return to campus

In the first student update of this academic year: information about the new My Sussex online support portal and how our 12 new Centres of Excellence will make a difference to the world.

Course Leadership Programme sessions

The Educational Enhancement team is running a programme designed for Sussex staff who are new to course leadership or who are already in post but would like further support. Two events this week, on [Tuesday 12 September](#) (2-4pm) and [Wednesday 13 September](#) (1.30-3.30pm), will focus on getting started as a Course Leader and planning your year ahead.

Curriculum Reimagined Festival of Choice

[Thursday 14 September | 10.30am-3.30pm](#)

This event will provide space to reflect on our elective provision and begin to discuss interdisciplinary choices for future electives. Come for the full day, or dip in and out as you please.

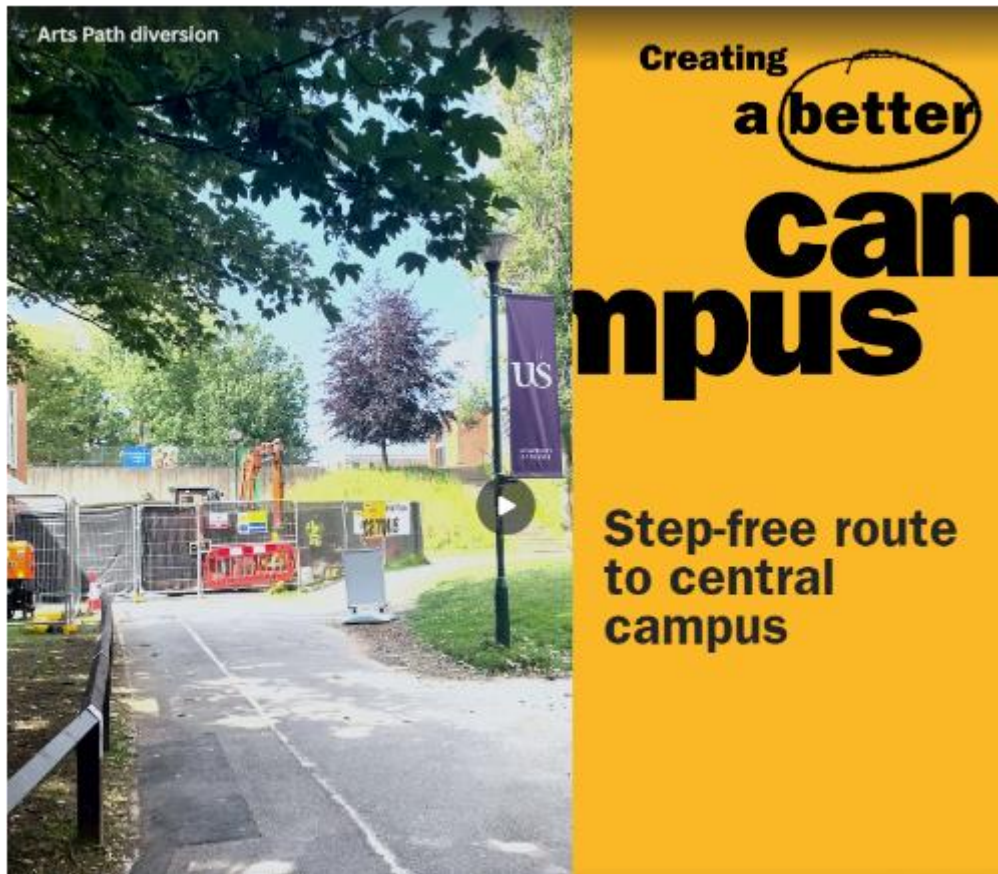
Wellbeing for working parents webinar

[Thursday 14 September | 12.30-1.30pm](#)

The challenge of managing the competing demands of work and parenthood can have a significant impact on our mental health and wellbeing. Join this webinar to focus on what matters, develop ways to act compassionately towards yourself, learn strategies to manage stress, and create a self-care plan for how to thrive.

Arts Path closure

[From Friday 8 September to Wednesday 20 September](#), the Arts Path under Arts Bridge will be closed and diversions will be in place. Click the image below to view the diversion route video in a new tab.



Sussex in the media

Key stories from the past week

- [Professor Chris Bird \(Psychology\) explained his research](#) about how human memories are unreliable because of our tendency to construct complete storylines. The piece was also picked up by national outlets. *The Evening Standard*, Tuesday 5 September.
- [Professor Dave Goulson \(Life Sciences\) was quoted in *The Guardian*](#) about the UK rise in Asian hornets and the impact this will have on native bees. Tuesday 5 September.

- [An *Economist* article referenced recent Sussex research](#) into how few people interact with their bus drivers. Thursday 7 September.

Sussex on social



Stargazing from Chichester Building

Mathematics student [@logesh_venkat](#) took this shot of the recent super blue Moon from campus. Get your camera ready for this month's full moon on 29 September. It's called the Harvest Moon, harking back to a time when farmers used its light to collect crops at night.

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? Any email notifications you receive from the platform [can easily be disabled](#). Some of the chats this week have included:

- Check out our [Food at Sussex community](#) for regular updates on café opening hours
- The [Sussex House undercroft has been transformed!](#) ([PS Places community](#))

- Join our [Creating a Better Campus group](#) for updates on West Slope building work.

Why not join a community and make your first post?

[Keep everything in one place - add the Viva Engage app to Teams](#)

Other important news



Keith Jones welcomes news that UK will be fully associated with Horizon programme

Sussex researchers will once again have access to the world's largest research collaboration programme, and its associated funding opportunities.

IT Service Desk - limited access available in Shawcross

Due to essential repair work, a limited IT counter service is currently available in Shawcross. If you need to collect or drop off equipment please call the Service Desk on 01273 678090 between 9am and 1pm or 2pm and 5pm to book a face to face appointment.

Conferences on campus this week

Please be aware that the presence of conference delegates may mean longer than usual queues at catering venues this week on the following dates:

- [British Sociological Association conference](#)
13-15 September
Jubilee
- [European Scientific Association on Residential and Family Care for Children and Adolescents conference](#)
11-15 September
Attenborough Centre for the Creative Arts, and Fulton

Transport update

[Find out how to apply for your parking permit](#) now that all applications are now open, and read about how car park closures and local roadworks on and off campus may affect your commute.

Pearson Online Learning Services becomes Boundless Learning

[Our existing Online Distance Learning partnership](#) to deliver a number of postgraduate qualifications online will continue with Boundless Learning.

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This week at Sussex is issued at the start of every working week – [view an infographic about the types of content featured.](#)

If you would like to include something in the newsletter please submit this to internalcomms@sussex.ac.uk by 2pm the preceding Thursday.

Our next edition will be on Monday 18 September.

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