

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 18 September 2023



New student welcome video from the Chancellor

[Chancellor Sanjeev Bhaskar](#) shares a special welcome message for new students joining Sussex this month.



Dean of the Brighton and Sussex Medical School to retire

[Professor Malcolm Reed](#) has announced he will retire at the end of July 2024, after 10 years in the position.





Student update

[The most recent student update](#) includes the latest news about marking pending assessments, preparing for the new academic year, and more.

Industrial action

UCU announces strike action

[Read the message from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost, Professor Michael Luck](#), about UCU's announcement of five days of strike action between Monday 25 and Friday 29 September.

Declaring participation in the marking and assessment boycott

[Any members of staff, including Tutors, who have participated](#) in the marking and assessment boycott but have not yet declared, must do it by **5pm today, Monday 18 September**.

Don't miss out

Free coffee tasting in Arts Piazza

[Arts Piazza | Tuesday 19 September | 3pm until 5pm](#)

Come along to Arts Piazza and have a free taster of our new Blend 53 coffee.

Menopause café

[Online | Tuesday 19 September | 1pm until 2pm](#)

A safe, friendly space to discuss all things menopause. We encourage all ages and genders to come along, even if you are not experiencing symptoms yourself.

Sussex research culture consultation workshops

Take part in an online workshop sharing great research practices from across campus and identifying the actions we should prioritise to strengthen our research culture. There are two sessions available:

- [Workshop for colleagues working in Science: Online | Wednesday 20 September | 11am until 12.30pm](#)
- [Workshop for colleagues working in Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities: Online | Thursday 21 September | 1pm until 2.30pm](#)

Food at Sussex

The Veg Bowl menu

[From today, Monday 18 September, you can enjoy the new vegetarian menu](#) at the Veg Bowl, formerly the Dhaba Café.

Bao House coming to campus

[Sussex Innovation Centre Café | Wednesday 20 September | 12 noon until 2pm](#)

Try this popular Taiwanese street food. Meat and vegetarian options available.

Sussex in the media

Key stories from the past week

- [Professor Robert Barrington \(Law, Politics and Sociology\) discusses](#) the escapee from Wandsworth Prison, explaining that inside help cannot be ruled out. *BBC Radio 4*, Friday 8 September.
- [Professor Winfried Hensinger \(Mathematical and Physical Sciences\)](#) and PhD candidate Sahra Ahmed Kulmiya discuss their quantum computing breakthrough in this programme about microchips. *All Consuming, BBC Radio 4*, Thursday 14 September.
- [The University is ranked in the top five universities in the South East](#) in the Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide. *The Argus*, Friday 15 September.

Sussex on social



A day in the life of a Sussex student

[Check out this TikTok video aimed at new students](#) - it highlights campus facilities and things to do.

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? Some of the chats this week have included:

- [From new menus to refurbishments and transformations](#), there's a lot happening in our campus eateries at the moment - in the Food at Sussex community.
- [Having a clear out? Donate to the Students' Union](#) and your pre-loved items will be given away for free to students during Welcome Week - in the Charity at Sussex community.
- [Building work is happening across our estate](#), including the replacement of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete panels, as part of our Capital Programme - in the Creating a Better Campus community.

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

Moroccan earthquake and Libyan flood: support for students and staff

[Find out about the support available for students and staff](#) affected by the recent earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Sussex has created a dedicated donations page to respond to the Moroccan disaster.

Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS) 2023 valuation

[The valuation of the USS scheme funding position](#) is on track for completion by April 2024, with an anticipated surplus of £7.4bn. USS will email members to consult on proposed changes and improvements to benefits.

Arts Path closure

[From Friday 8 September to Wednesday 20 September](#), the Arts Path under Arts Bridge is closed and diversions are in place.

Conferences on campus this week

Please be aware that the presence of conference delegates may mean longer than usual queues at catering venues on [Wednesday 20 September, due to the Implant Centre conference in the Jubilee building](#).

Transport update

[Find out how to apply for or renew your parking permit](#), and read about how car park closures and local roadworks on and off campus may affect your commute.

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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 25 September.

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