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## This week at Sussex

**Monday 29 January 2024**



### **How to support the promotion of the National Student Survey**

[The National Student Survey 2024 is now open.](#) Find out how to support our promotion of the survey to final-year undergraduates, which will run until the survey closes on 30 April.



### **Shape the new Digital HR programme**

[Take part in the survey](#) by Wednesday 31 January and help shape the programme, which will ensure consistency of experience for staff.





## **Student update**

The most recent student update includes information about the upcoming rail strike, a reminder to ensure vaccinations are up to date, the Refreshers Fair and more.

## **Sussex 2035**

### **Share your views on Research and Enterprise**

Online | Thursday 1 February | 11am-12.30pm

Share your views on Research and Enterprise, a core theme for our future strategy.

### **Join one of our 'drivers of change' strategy events in February**

Find out more about the next stage of our strategy work in these 'world cafe' style events hosted by the Vice-Chancellor, Sasha Roseneil.

## **Don't miss out**

### **Becoming a mentee: how to get the most from mentoring**

[Online | Tuesday 30 January | 10am-11.45am](#)

Learn more about the mentoring programme for staff at Sussex and explore how mentoring can benefit your personal and professional development at any stage of your career.

## **Apprenticeships drop-in**

[Online | Wednesday 31 January | 10am-12 noon](#)

Drop in and chat with Chris Hamilton, Staff Apprenticeships Officer, about how an apprenticeship could help you grow your career.

## **45 minutes of music**

[Chapel, Meeting House | Wednesday 31 January | 12 noon-12.45pm](#)

Don't miss out on this concert to start the new term, which includes music from Cox, Bach and Ritter.



## **Research with Impact forum: Research Culture**

[Online | Wednesday 31 January |  
2.30pm-3.30pm](#)

Find out about the importance of Research Culture, identifying our strengths, priorities and the challenges we face.

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## ***Develop Your English: with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals'* book launch**

[Seminar Room, Library | Wednesday 31 January | 3pm-4pm](#)

Join Senior Lecturer and bestselling author, Sue Robbins, at the launch of her new book, a unique language-learning textbook centered around the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

## **Vending machines, knowledge exchange and extreme weather events: what has HIV got to do with it?**

[Online | Wednesday 31 January | 5pm-6.30pm](#)

Join the Brighton and Sussex Medical School team researching HIV for an exploration of some of their ground-breaking work.

## **LGBT+ History Month: In Conversation with Vaneet Mehta**

[Online | Thursday 1 February | 12 noon-1pm](#)

Join author, activist and public speaker Vaneet for this conversation about his new book, *Bisexual Men Exist: A Handbook for Bisexual, Pansexual and M-Spec Men*.

**Our community**



## **Nominate inspiring staff for the 2024 Education Awards**

[Nominations for the annual awards](#) - which recognise and celebrate both academic and Professional Services staff - are now open.

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## **Tell us your views on our communications for a chance to win a voucher**

[Share your feedback on our internal communications](#) by Friday 2 February for a chance to win a £10 Munch Money card.

## **2024 Academic Promotions Process open**

[Academic staff who wish to be considered for promotion](#) can submit their applications before Monday 11 March.

## **Doctor's Orders reopens with a new look and new products**

[Pop in to a transformed Doctor's Orders](#) at the Brighton and Sussex Medical School building and try some free samples from their new menu, including a range of smoothies and baked goods.

## **Protect yourself against measles**

[Have you had your MMR vaccine?](#) Measles cases are rising across the UK,

and Universities can be especially vulnerable to outbreaks. Please get in touch with your GP to protect yourself and everyone else from this serious disease.

## Coming up



### **The Art of Explanation: Ros Atkins in Conversation**

Attenborough Centre | Tuesday 6  
February | 1pm

Join BBC journalist and presenter Ros Atkins, in this In Conversation event about his new book and what it takes to present complex stories with clarity and impact.

## Sussex in the media

### **Key recent media stories**

- Professor Sambit Bhattacharyya (Business School) commented on how the high debt to GDP ratio will affect the cost of borrowing for the government and increase debt servicing costs. *Daily Express*, Tuesday 23 January.

- [Dr Alessandro Colasanti \(Brighton and Sussex Medical School\) and Guy Fincham \(Psychology\)](#) were quoted in an article about the importance of 'breathwork'. *The Guardian*, Wednesday 24 January.
- [Dr Chris van Tulleken, Sussex Honorary Graduate](#), spoke to Danny Pike about his experience working with Sussex and BSMS, stating that 'there's no other university he would rather get an honorary degree from'. BBC Radio Sussex, Thursday 25 January, starts from 02:44:15.

## Sussex on social



### **Sussex graduates in international dress**

[Check out the international outfits](#) we spotted at this year's Winter Graduation.

## Community conversations

Viva Engage is our University social platform where you can join communities, catch up on the latest news or just find out more about what interests you.

- [Wandered around campus recently?](#) Check out the latest news on pathway changes - in the Creating a Better Campus community.
- [What do you think is the biggest cyber security threat](#) to the HE sector today? Vote in our poll - in the All Company community.

Why not join a community and make your first post?

## Other important news

### Transport update

Find out about [upcoming rail industrial action](#) in January and February, including a strike day on Tuesday 30 January that may impact your commute, and advice on driving safely during the winter.

## Contact us

*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](mailto:internalcomms@sussex.ac.uk) by 2pm the preceding Thursday. Our next edition will be on Monday 5 February 2024.

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