

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



Monday 4 September 2023



**Professor Anil Seth
awarded Royal Society
Michael Faraday Prize
and Lecture Award**

[The annual award is given to a scientist or engineer](#) for exceptional public communication of scientific ideas.



**Sussex leads several
Russell Group
institutions in latest
global rankings**

[Our ranking for the number of articles published](#) in the important journals *Nature* and *Science* has also climbed by 20 places.

Don't miss out



Join the Ask Me campaign to help support our new students

As Welcome Week approaches, become an Ask Me ambassador by wearing a badge and helping new arrivals on campus - spotting if someone looks lost, answering questions and giving advice.

MentorNet makes staff mentoring at Sussex easier than ever

Designed like a social networking site, MentorNet helps mentors and mentees find meaningful matches to support their professional development. If you are interested in becoming a mentor or a mentee, or would benefit from a refresher, please sign onto one of our workshops starting on 10 October.

Online reading lists training sessions

Learn how to create, populate and update your online reading lists with minimum time and effort - a great opportunity to improve your transferrable skills and further support the learning experience for students.

Sussex in the media

Key stories from the past week

- [Dr Darren Baskill \(Mathematical and Physical Sciences\)](#) featured in *BBC Science Focus* discussing why August's super full moon was called a blue moon - and why people say "once in a blue moon". *BBC Science Focus*, Monday 28 August
- [Dr Sean Ogilvie \(Mathematical and Physical Sciences\)](#) featured on both ITV Meridian and BBC South East to share details of equipment being developed at the University to better monitor air quality, as London's Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) expands. *ITV Meridian*, Tuesday 29 August (from 11:20)
- [An exclusive was obtained in the Daily Mail](#) centring on research around 25 years' worth of email data which suggests a number of 'super actions' which individuals can use to ensure good wellbeing when faced with a full inbox of emails, such as initiating a daily 'out-of-office' email. *Daily Mail; MailOnline; Irish Mail; Mail on Sunday*, Tuesday 29 August

Sussex on social



Blog: meet Louis, student and international Boccia competitor

[Louis \(21\) studies International Development at Sussex](#) and was a member of the GB Squad in the Tokyo Paralympics, and winner of the UK Boccia National Championship 2022. Boccia is a precision ball sport related to bowls.

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 chat this week has included:

- On 1 September, we started delivering conferencing services in-house – [meet Wayne, Tina and Ryan](#)
- Did you know that you have [access to an Employee Assistance Programme?](#)
- Why we're making sure [our menus match the diversity of our campus](#) – and how you can have your say
- [Join the Creating a Better Campus group](#) for the latest updates on our capital projects

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

Demolition of Kent House to start

With all Park Village residences now razed, the demolition of Kent House is set to start from Thursday 7 September as we continue to prepare campus for the construction of our new West Slope development.

Seven fantastic projects awarded funding from the Education and Innovation Fund

Launched in October 2022, the fund is part of our Learn to Transform strategy and awards up to £5,000 per individual project.

Use the official University policy template when drafting and updating all University policies

The template ensures consistency across University policies, and that they are all clear and focused.

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:

- 3-7 September | Chichester
Association of University Radiation Protection Officers conference
- 4 September | Fulton and Jubilee
Doctorial School Symposium
- 5-6 September | Fulton and Jubilee
British Academy of Management conference





A python found at a bus stop near an entrance to campus on Sunday 27 August. It's now in the care of Coastway Vets. Photo: [Coastway Vets](#)

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 by 2pm the preceding Thursday.

Our next edition will be on Monday 11 September.

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