

Welcome to the Vice-Chancellor's Open meeting for staff

November 2013





- Making the Future Strategy 2013-2018
- Student recruitment and student numbers
- Campus Masterplan
- Research Excellence Framework
- Campus developments staffing, infrastructure and services

Making the Future Strategy 2013-2018



- Strategy reaffirms mission of the University
- 'Making the Future' is our purpose, as first set out by our first Vice-Chancellor, John Fulton
- New strategy now since achieved many 2009 targets
- Reflects positive discussions inside the University
- Growth in order to achieve best possible impact in our research and teaching
- Thanks all involved provides framework for us all



"A progressive university delivering innovative thought and action, with a worldwide reputation for excellence in learning, research and discovery."

Why the Buckyball?

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- Design celebrates Sussex achievement by Professor Sir Harry Kroto in his Nobel-prize winning discovery of new form of carbon C₆₀
- Symbolises all the parts of Sussex coming together to make a new and distinct whole – with exciting possibilities for the future
- Image on front is "flattened out" on back is the sphere





Strategy provides a framework to:

- to achieve growth for impact since this will significantly enhance the positive impact which our research and teaching have on society
- to strive for **quality** in all our activities
- to sustain and enhance the **distinctiveness** of Sussex.

Financial autonomy helps sustain all of this



Strategy sets out our **purposes**, **goals and ambitions** across seven areas:

- research and knowledge exchange;
- teaching, learning and the **student experience**;
- our Falmer campus;
- external engagement;
- economic and social impact;
- professional services; and
- sustainable operating.



"Delivering internationally high-quality research of lasting academic value and with impact that benefits and enriches Society" - We will do this by:

- Increasing the number of research-leading staff
- Having at least 50% of our units of assessment placed in the top 15 by 2018
- Doubling our research income to £54 million.
- Increasing the number of **research students** to achieve an average of two for each member of faculty.
- Creating three new large interdisciplinary Research Centres



- Achieving a top 20 UK position consistently in national and world league tables
- Growing **undergraduate student** numbers by 50%
- Growth in **turnover** by 50% to £300m
- Growing the regional impact of our economic impact by 50%
- Creating around **10 international** partnerships
- Significant investment in campus to create facilities that support planned growth



- Strategy is result of detailed discussion and builds on current strategy – so continuation of all our efforts
- **Disseminating** and sharing the strategy internally so plans and activities can flow from them
- **Engagement** with partners and the wider community
- Implementation is through the action plans of schools and of professional services teams
- Pocket version of plan to take away
- www.sussex.ac.uk/ourstrategy





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- Continue to grow numbers in competitive environment
- In 2013-14 intake of 5,600 FTEs
- Have over 13,000 FTE students for first time ever
- Have achieved improvements in UG in competitive environment - 10% growth in year 0/1 intake
- Also 23% growth in PGR intakes
- But still overall 7% below high targets set for 2013-14
- Challenging to achieve PGT overseas numbers this year

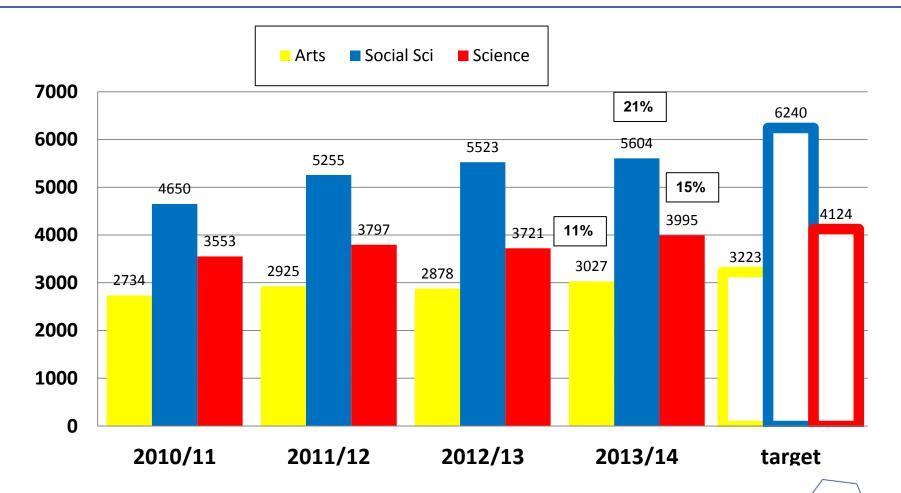
Sussex School year 0/1 FTE versus target



■ HEU UG ■ O/S UG ■ HEU PG ■ O/S PG 2010/11 2011/12 2012/13 2013/14 target

Sussex School FTEs by discipline





Student recruitment and student numbers – 2014-15



- Reaffirm challenges of achieving targets in 2014-15
- Weekly Conversion Group leading on supporting schools
- Continue also to seek to address underlying ranking position
 - Assessment and feedback scores in NSS
 - Graduate employability
 - Measures of spend per student
- Work collectively to achieve hard work ahead





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- *Masterplan* to guide growth to 2018 and beyond
- Investment in academic space, residences development and support buildings
- Renewing original Sir Basil Spence vision:
 - Better pathways and movement through campus car parks to the edge of campus
 - Creation of new signature buildings
 - Sustaining lines of sight to Downs and mature trees
 - New "great court" in science area replacing car park

Masterplan Overview





East slope – residential development – adding 1,400 bedspaces





Academic development – "Great Court" – creating new space

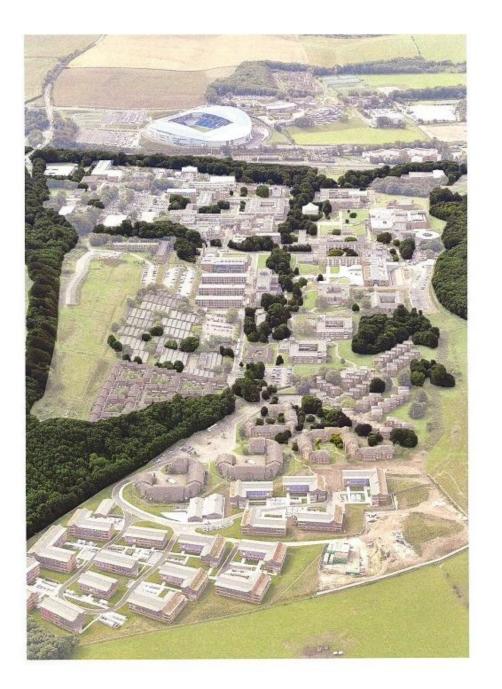






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Better pedestrian movement through campus and car parks to the periphery

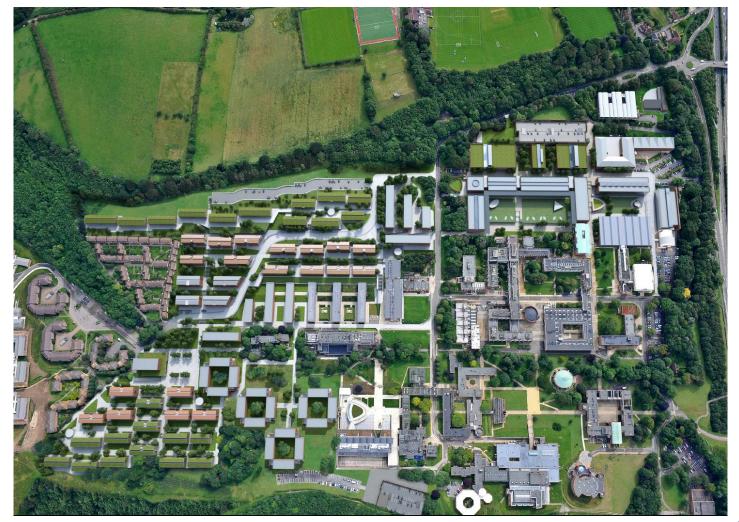




Sustaining mature tree belts on campus

Bird's eye view – east of campus at top of pic





View from the south







Masterplan developments deliver £500m investment in campus over the coming period:

- Replace **East Slope** residences extra 1,400 bed spaces
- Life sciences building to sustain new research activity
- Extension to Fulton teaching building part of original plan
- Potential Library extension to provide capacity
- Potential new sports centre development to enhance services to students and staff





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Research Excellence Framework



- REF in final stages of submission 29 November deadline
- Still some work to do academic and professional services
- Assessment and audit processes then start and run to next summer
- Results published in **December 2014**
- Financial outcomes announced in February 2015
- Useful information from process of preparing submission about our research performance
- Michael Davies will be taking this forward



- Impact of Sussex on the regional economy is huge through direct spending, jobs supported and students we bring to the region, plus the skilled graduates
- 2010 study showed just under £500m and 5,500 jobs
- New 2013 study just concluded shows around £600m and over
 6,000 jobs something we should be proud of
- Around **2.5%** of the whole local economy is derived from us
- This is not even including businesses created at **SInC**
- Baseline against which our 50% additional contribution





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Senior staffing developments



- About to appoint new head of Global Studies
- New head of BMEc to be recruited following retirement of Professor Ian Davidson
- New Dean of BSMS following departure of Jon Cohen
- Continuing to make additional professorial appointments
- New Director of ITS announce shortly will be starting in January 2014
- New Deputy Finance Director Sian Thomas
- New appointments to lead e-technology learning and academic quality within academic registry

Campus development infrastructure and services



- The **Keep** now open Sussex Special Collections home
- Attenborough Centre for Creative Arts end 2014
- Major new **sewers** completion by spring 2014
- **Childcare** building spring 2014
- Northfield phase 3
- Freeman refurbishment for LPS summer 2014
- New HR/Payroll systems being put in place
- **Sussex Food** in place from September 2013
- Sussex Estates and Facilities January 2014

Open discussion



Comments and questions?

Please wait for microphone so all can hear – including those using the hearing induction loops





 Please take copy of summary of Strategy 2013-2018

Drop-in session here on Campus
 Masterplan Thur 14 Nov 1.30-3.30pm