

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 25 September 2023



Changes to executive governance and leadership forums

[Find out about some changes to University governance](#) in an update from the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sasha Roseneil.



Meet our new Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost

[Watch a short video](#) from Professor Michael Luck, who joined the University this month.





Student update

The most recent student update includes information about industrial action and marking assessments, our inspiring alumni, a £500 prize draw and voter registration.

Industrial action

UNISON strike action has been announced for Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 October.

The University is committed to working in partnership with our recognised trade unions and the UCU strike action this week has now been called off.

Don't miss out

45 minutes of music

Chapel, Meeting House | Wednesday 27 September | 12 noon until 12:45pm

Don't miss out on the start of the new season, which includes music from Zipoli, Stanford, Dupré and Vierne.

Power of Poetry and Living Libraries for Decolonial Dialogue

[Library | Thursday 28 September | 5pm until 7pm](#)

Join Sussex alumna and award-winning poet Jenny Mitchell, and Brighton-based poet and multimodal artist Erin James for this session which explores the transformative impact of poetry and living libraries in fostering decolonial dialogue.

Assessment in an AI world

[Ashdown House, G4 | Thursday 28 September | 2.30pm until 4pm](#)

This session explores the University's position on using AI in teaching, and how to make your assessments AI resilient in the short and longer term.

Buddycheck: a new peer evaluation tool

Join one of two training sessions available on Buddycheck, a new peer evaluation and feedback tool integrated into Canvas that can help make group work fairer and reduce workloads.

- [Online | Thursday 28 September | 1pm until 2pm](#)
- [Online | Friday 29 September | 10am until 11am](#)

Food at Sussex

New menu at the ACCA Café

[Enjoy the new menu at the ACCA from today](#), Monday 25 September, and don't miss out on the 50% discount on all hot food from until Friday 29 September.

Food events during Welcome Week

Don't miss out on the discounts, free tasters and special menus available this week for staff and students, Monday 25 to Friday 29 September, as part of Welcome Week.

- [Bramber House lawns | 11am until 3pm](#)

Come down to Bramber House lawns where free snacks, soft drinks and games will be available.

- [Library Square | 12 noon until 2.30pm](#)

Enjoy delicious meals, free tasters and find out all about food at Sussex.

Sussex in the media

Key stories from the past week

- [Dr Matthew Lockwood \(Business School\) discussed](#) Rishi Sunak's green target announcements this week. *BBC Radio Sussex & Surrey*, Wednesday 20 September.
- [Dr Jenna Macchiochi \(Life Sciences\) was featured](#) in an episode about the 5 A Day campaign as part of the series '*The Shocking Truth About...*'. *Channel 5*, '5 A Day is it a con?', Thursday 21 September.

- [Dr Andrea Brock \(Global Studies\) wrote a piece](#) about the German village of Lützerath and the recent clash between protestors and police to clear the village to make way for a coal mine. *The Conversation*, Thursday 21 September.

Sussex on social



World Alzheimer's Day

[Dr Karen Marshall, from the School of Life Sciences](#), explained key information about Alzheimer's and the University's research that aims to change lives, on Thursday 21 September, World Alzheimer's Day.

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:

- [Meet the newest member of our catering team](#), the first UK University delivery robot - in the Food at Sussex community.

- [Check out the latest campus map update](#) - in the Creating a Better Campus community.
- [Keep up to date with the latest information](#) about projects and programmes - in the Transforming Sussex 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

Mandela Hall update

We have continued to monitor and assess campus buildings for Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC). As a result of this, Mandela Hall in Falmer House has been closed until further notice after RAAC panels were discovered in the roof structure. Mandela Hall is the only part of Falmer House affected by this closure.

Falmer House is a Grade 1 listed building and accommodates the University of Sussex Students' Union and well as other University offices.

Transport update

[Find out how to apply for or renew your parking permit](#), how to collect your parking permit once ready, roadworks on campus and rail strikes that may affect your commute.

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 2 October.

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