

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



This week at Sussex

Monday 31 July 2023



Sustainable Sussex Car Benefit scheme launched

[From today, 31 July, eligible University staff](#) will be able to offset some of their salary before tax in exchange for a new electric or plug-in hybrid car provided by Tusker.



Summer graduation highlights

[Check out the highlights from our summer graduation](#) ceremonies, where more than 3,500 finalists celebrated the end of their studies.





Obituary: Professor David Storey OBE

The highly acclaimed business
management scholar and Emeritus
Professor David Storey has died.



My Sussex, our new online system for student support

My Sussex is launching for staff today,
Monday 31 July. The new central
portal for resources and guidance
will be rolled out to students from
Monday 4 September.





Student update

[The most recent student update](#) includes the latest news about why Sussex is the bee's knees, an update for students taking resits and more.

Our community



Update from David Ruebain

[Read the latest update from our Pro-Vice-Chancellor](#) for Culture, Equality and Inclusion. David talks about the upcoming Pride parade, our pledge to students from Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities, accessibility on campus and more.

Sussex Professor elected as Fellow of the British Academy

[Professor Susie Scott has been elected a Fellow of the UK's national academy for the humanities and social sciences.](#)

Research Culture and Impact awards

[See the highlights of the Research Culture and Impact Awards ceremony](#) which took place last Wednesday 12 July. The awards celebrate research excellence and impact across the University.



Win free Sunday tickets for Fabuloso, Pride in the park

[Enter the staff competition to win last-minute tickets to Fabuloso](#) on Sunday 6 August at Preston Park. The competition closes at midday on Wednesday 2 August.



Vice-Chancellor meets our global community in China and Hong Kong

[The Vice-Chancellor visited China and Hong Kong](#) in June. Sasha attended the graduation ceremony of our partners at Zhejiang Gongshang University, and met alumni, offer-holders and partners in Shanghai, Beijing and Hong Kong.

Extra funding to support the University's refugee language scheme

The University has been awarded £30,000 from Brighton & Hove City Council to support the continuation of our English for Refugees scheme next academic year.

Contributing to the common good

A delegation from the University's Chaplaincy joined the Bishop of Chichester and other educational, sporting and charitable organisations in an event aiming to connect those in the region contributing to the common good.

Research at Sussex

Bisexual people experience worse health outcomes than other adults in England

Findings from a study led by the Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS) indicate that bisexual people face health disparities and poorer health outcomes compared to any other sexuality.

Sussex Senior Lecturer pioneers veterinary social work in the UK

Rebecca Stephens, Senior Lecturer in Social Work & Social Care, has created a peer network of veterinary professionals to identify opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration, aimed at bringing veterinary social work to the UK.

Don't miss out

Brighton & Hove Rainbow run 2023

[Hove Park | Friday 4 August | 7pm](#)

Take part in the 5km run and enjoy the party atmosphere which includes live DJs, drag queens and other entertainers. All abilities welcome.

Safety and security training for staff and students

[Arts A01 Lecture Theatre | Tuesday 1 August | 10am until 12 noon](#)

Learn how to recognise the threats associated with travelling alone, identify potential risks, and protect your work and electronic devices. This training is recommended to those whose work involves sensitive material or research, or may need to travel overseas.

Food at Sussex

This week's £2 meals

[Check out this week's £2 meals menu](#) available at the Botanical Café in the Jubilee Building from 12 noon until 2pm.

Creating a better campus

‘Teams Calling’ set to roll out across the University

[‘Teams Calling’, the digital telephony solution](#) that will allow you to make and receive phone calls via Microsoft Teams, will soon be rolled out across the University. It will replace Skype for Business and our existing desk phone network.

Ensuring value for our community

[Find out how the new catering contract](#) will continue to bring value for money in the next academic year.

Sussex in the media

Key stories from the past week

- [Professor Aleks Szczerbiak discussed the decision by Poland to retain its ban on Ukrainian grain exports.](#) *i News*, Friday 21 July
- [Andrew Simms wrote an article looking at the impact of airline advertising in the growth of flying as a means of traveling to our holidays at a time of climate crisis.](#) *The Guardian*, Thursday 27 July
- [Professor Ben Highmore's opinion piece looks at the roots of the Mass Observation Archive and how it came into being.](#) *The Conversation*, Thursday 27 July

Sussex on social



"You want a transformed world – you have the skills and tools to make it happen"

[Watch a compilation of inspirational speeches](#) from our Honorary graduates at last week's graduation ceremonies.

Community conversations

If you're not yet following any community groups on Viva Engage, here are some of the conversations you're missing:

- [Hear kitchen assistant Tomos Vaughan-Streeter](#) talking about the success of the £2 meal - in the Food at Sussex community
- [Find out what is most important to people](#) when thinking about their office space - in the PS Places community
- [A great visual reminding us how levels of habitat diversity](#) impact insect populations - in the Creating a Better Campus community

Just click on any group to join the conversations or make your first post.

[Keep everything in one place - add the Viva Engage app to Teams](#)

Other important news

Update on campus roadworks

Roadworks, part of the University's Network Replacement Programme, will be around the Southern and Eastern Ring Road for the next couple of weeks, impacting buses coming onto campus.

Transport update

Read this week's transport update which includes information about roadworks on and off campus and additional rail strikes this week. Rail strikes will affect travel to Brighton on Saturday if you are planning to attend the Pride parade.

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 7 August.

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