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## This week at Sussex

**Monday 8 January 2024**



### **Sussexsport January membership offers**

The free Bronze membership allows you to book classes or use the gym on a pay-as-you-go basis.



### **Apply for the Annual Leave Purchase Scheme**

The window for the Annual Leave Purchase Scheme is open until 28 February.

**Sussex 2035 strategy**

## **Strategy spotlight: how strategy work is different from business-as-usual**

[Kay Jones, Director of University Operations and Strategic Planning](#), explains how the University will deliver day-to-day operations alongside the work to create and deliver our new strategy.

## **Keeping students up to date on our Sussex 2035 strategy development**

[A video to engage students in our strategy work - made by Emily](#), one of our Digital Media Creators - and shared over the winter break, has been viewed more than 26,400 times.

### **This week on campus**

## **Free samples and discounts at the new Library Cafe**

[Try the new Costa offerings at the relaunched Library Cafe this week](#), including a 50% discount on all drinks today (Monday 8 January), free doughnut tastings on Thursday and more.

## **Staff apprenticeships drop-in**

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

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

### **Our community**

## **Easy ways to improve your energy**

[Online | Wednesday 10 January | 12 noon-1pm](#)

Find out about ways to boost your energy levels and brain productivity, tips around cravings and simple ways to reduce excessive screen time.

## **Shape how we listen at Sussex**

[Online | Thursday 11 January | 11am-12 noon](#)

Join the first of three focus groups aiming to identify the best ways for staff to share feedback about working at Sussex between our staff surveys which will now happen every two years.

## **Sussex AI seminars on YouTube**

[Watch Sussex AI seminars](#) on their new YouTube channel and find out how you can get involved by recording a seminar or talk on your area of expertise.



## **IT Services team wins the staff Winter Multi-Sports Tournament**

[Seven teams took part in the tournament](#) in December, taking on Sussexsport staff in a range of sports and challenges.

**Coming up**

## **Book launch: *Struggles for the Human: Violent Legality and the Politics of Rights***

Florence Road Café, Brighton | Friday 19 January | 7.30pm

Don't miss the launch of this book by Dr Lara Montesinos Coleman, which explores the ongoing controversy surrounding the meanings of human rights in the age of neoliberalism.

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### **VC Open Forum**

Attenborough Centre | Monday 22

January | 12.30pm-2pm

Join Vice-Chancellor Sasha Roseneil for her next Open Forum. This will be an in-person event livestreamed for a remote audience. There will also be time for questions. Please [let us know](#) if you have any access requirements.

## **Sussex in the media**

### **Key recent media stories**

- [New research from Dr Conor Boland \(Mathematical and Physical Sciences\)](#) is covered in *The Independent*, investigating how

nanomaterials - considered a waste product by NASA - could be used to produce clean energy on Mars. Thursday 21 December.

- [Professor Benjamin Selwyn \(Global Studies\)](#) provided a list of non-fiction reading recommendations in *The Guardian* to help make sense of global complexities from economic growth to the gender gap. Wednesday 27 December.
- [Professor Carol Alexander \(Business School\)](#) shared her predictions for the value of Bitcoin during 2024 with a number of outlets including the *Business Telegraph*. Monday 1 January.

## Sussex on social



### **Art in Eastbourne**

[To accompany the Turner Prize 2023](#)

exhibition at Towner Eastbourne, a series of public artworks have been installed across the town as part of Eastbourne Alive. Digital Media Creator, Grace, shares some of the stories behind the artworks – and where to find them.

## Other important news

## **Bramber House roof repairs during January**

[Find out about the changes taking place in and around Bramber House](#), including the closure of the fourth floor and the Refectory Road entrance.

## **Academic promotions 2024 opening soon**

[Academic staff who wish to be considered for promotion](#) through the Academic Promotion process can submit their application from Monday 29 January.

## **Transport update**

[Find out about roadworks](#) on campus as part of the Network Replacement Programme, including the temporary closure of Biology Road, and a reminder to use alternative car parks when campus is busy.

**Contact us**

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