

INTRODUCTION FROM CHRIS OLDHAM

A huge thank you to you all in making Graduation such a fantastic experience for our students, their families and friends. You play a vital role in the student experience and should be exceptionally proud of your contribution in creating a lasting memory for our outgoing students.

The Vice-Chancellor Professor Anthony Forster has also thanked everyone for delivering graduation this year, describing it as 'a tremendous occasion and testament to great team work'.

Well done everyone.



REDUCE, RECYCLE, SAVE

Graduation 2018 may be only just behind us, but we are all working hard to ensure Welcome Week 2018/19 is a great success.

All students who sign up to the Essex Food Rewards app in October will be entitled to an Essex Food Rewards Keep Cup. Not only will the Keep Cup help us reduce disposable cardboard cup use on campus, but also students will be able to save 10 pence on all hot drinks purchased from Essex Food outlets.



CHUMS

Three cheers to our Essex Sport children's holiday club scheme, currently going down a storm with our young guests this summer. Hitting record numbers this year (75 children for one day!) the 5-14 year olds have been enjoying a wide range of activities, including nature walks around campus, arts and crafts as well as professional coaching in tennis and climbing and even

cheerleading....



WIVENHOE HOUSE

This summer Wivenhoe House are hosting a variety of music and arts events open to all. On Bank Holiday Monday, 27 August, Good Time Jazz will be performing while guests enjoy afternoon tea. On Sunday 9 September, all artists are welcome to set up their easel in the hotel grounds as part of the nationwide Heritage Open Day scheme



GREEN IMPACT AWARDS

University departments and teams that took part in the 2017/18 environmental accreditation scheme, [Green Impact](#), were recognised for their months of hard work at an awards ceremony held at Wivenhoe House hotel

Fifteen groups achieved Bronze level, seven Silver and a record nine achieved Gold. This year Rose Builders were accredited as Green Contractors through the programme. If you are interested in taking part in Green Impact 2018/19, which will launch in the autumn, contact [Daisy Malt](#).



LECTURE THEATRE BUILDING DOORS

Our Maintenance team carpenters have completed the challenging job to replace all the heavy doors to the LTB lecture theatres and toilets, on time and under budget. The Access Forum, who reported that the three-metre high doors were too weighty to be opened by disabled users, put the project forward.

Working mainly at weekends, the carpenters created bespoke shorter doors with panels above, saving £££'s on a comparative external quote for the job.



REMINDER OF EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS

In the case of any emergency on campus, please call the Security Information Centre on 2222. The Security team are based on Square 3 and offer a 24/7, 365 days a year service. Please do not dial 999 yourself, by calling the Security emergency number the Security Officers can direct any emergency services to the exact location if required.

Please also ensure that you inform the Health and Safety Advisory Service as soon as practicable. Any accidents or near misses need to be reported through the online web form or

via the near miss /safety concern reporting process that captures near misses by staff that do not have easy access to computers.



GREEN FLAG AWARD

Wivenhoe Park, home to our Colchester Campus, has been given a prestigious [Green Flag Award](#) for the second year running.

The international award is the mark of a high quality park or green space and is now in its third decade. It demonstrates that the park boasts the highest possible environmental standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent visitor facilities. Our historic parkland is among a record-breaking 1,883 UK parks and green spaces to receive a Green Flag Award this year.



BUSINESS HUB PUTS GREEN IMPACT INTO ACTION

Business Hub Administrator Julie Taylor explains how her team has embraced our Green Impact scheme. **Why did you want to get involved in the Green Impact scheme?**

I joined the Southend Campus Green Impact Team as the representative from the Business Hub to see how we could support the scheme.

What have you achieved so far?

In the Business Hub we've been working with the tenants on a number of green initiatives.

- We have phased out the use of plastic cups for water and we provide coffee mugs to encourage tenants to use the kitchen rather than go to a nearby coffee shop
- Unwanted furniture is offered to other tenants and there is a recycling area in the post room for smaller unwanted office items such as stationery and electrical cables

- We are always promoting cycling and using the train when tenants ask or complain about the local parking. Five of our tenants now regularly cycle and two use skateboards!

In the Business Hub office we've made a conscious effort to cut down on the amount of printing we do, and we are now archiving electronically. This has freed up space and also made searching for historical information easier.

What would be the next step you would like to take?

In the new academic year we are planning to encourage the tenants to get even more involved with Green Impact. We have our own thoughts about things they can do, but we want to see what ideas they have. We hold regular tenant networking events so we will use one of these to get the word out.

How do you approach sustainability at home?

I gave up driving about 20 years ago. My husband never learnt to drive so we don't own a car (just imagine, 20 years of no tax and car insurance, no petrol money, and no car related bills!). I would love to say it's because we are a super serious eco family, but for us it was purely a practical decision. Southend is so congested already, I wouldn't even be able to park in my road after 8:00pm and it's often quicker and less stressful to walk or ride to where we need to go. There is the added bonus that it keeps us fit and active so we save on gym membership too. My two daughters aged 15 and 10 don't know any different so they embrace cycling and walking as part of their life. We also get the milk delivered in bottles. It's because I love the nostalgic sound of the glass bottles chinking in the morning but there is also an eco aspect.

What's the easiest thing everyone can do to help our environment?

One of the things I think we are all guilty of is being attracted to convenience. Whether it be a takeaway coffee, quick drive to a shop, or food already in weighed out portions. It's easy to challenge our view of choosing convenience and to make changes.

Has anything you have learnt through the Green Impact process surprised you?

I talk to people about Green Impact and they all think its a great idea, but they lack the confidence to sign up and get involved. They assume it's all about the big ideas, whereas I share the thought that it's the little things that make the difference and that people should be proud of what they can do.

STAFF UPDATES

Welcome

Verity Webber started in UECS Marketing & Communications on Monday 6 August as the Essex Sport Marketing Officer.



We hope that you enjoyed the latest Estates and Campus Services newsletter. If you'd like to contribute to the September edition, please send your story to ecscomms@essex.ac.uk by 31 August 2018.