

## ESTATES AND CAMPUS SERVICES

### NEWSLETTER


June 2019

#### **Welcome from Chris Oldham**

I hope you have had a chance to read the new [University Strategy 2019-25](#) published last month. Towards the end of July, we will be holding a consultation event for all Estates and Campus Services staff to help develop the Estates and Campus Services Supporting Strategy. Please look out for further information over the next few weeks as your input and consideration will be valuable.

As we are now heading towards the end of another successful academic year, there are various key University events, such as Graduation, in preparation. I would like to thank everyone across Estates and Campus Services for your continued hard work and dedication in preparation for such events.

You all play a vital role in the student experience and should be proud of your contribution in creating a lasting memory for our current and outgoing students.



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**JULY**


# BREAKFAST CLUB

Come along and join us at the next ECS Breakfast Club! Open to all Estates and Campus Services staff this is an opportunity to chat and mingle with colleagues from across the section. You will also find out the latest University news and developments that affect you.

**Date:** Thursday 4 July 2019  
**Time:** 9 - 10am  
**Location:** Lakeview Meeting Room, Silberrad Centre

**Agenda:**

- Chat, coffee, croissants
- Introduction: Chris Oldham, Director of Estates and Campus Services
- Focus on Accommodation Essex and Soft FM Services: Linda McCanna-Doyle, Deputy Director (Services)
- You ask, we listen

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I would also like to thank everyone who nominated Culture Club representatives. The first Culture Club will meet this month and your nominated representatives will have the opportunity to put your ideas and suggestions forward. The newsletter will communicate outcomes of the Culture Club.

Finally, please see an invitation above for the next Estates and Campus Services Breakfast Club, to be held in the Lakeview Room on Thursday 4 July. Please come along for tea, coffee and pastries, and a chance to mingle with colleagues from all areas across the Section.

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## **Green Impact Awards**

Congratulations to all the ECS teams who will be picking up Green Impact Awards at the ceremony on Thursday 4 July.

Gold Award winners include the Accommodation Operational Office and the Estates Management Section. ECS Marketing and Communications will receive a Silver Award and the Bronze Award will be given to Accommodation South Courts A3, Accommodation North 2, Accommodation Rayleigh, Southend Campus and University Square Southend.



The Gold Project winners from ECS are Event Essex and Wivenhoe House, and the Green Contractor is Rose Builders.

More information on Green Impact at the University of Essex [here](#).

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## **New Senior Facilities Manager for Southend and Loughton**



Ben Lawson has been appointed to the role of Senior Facilities Manager (Southend and Loughton).

Ben joined the University in 2013, and has been the Domestic Services Manager at the Colchester Campus. He'll be based primarily at the Southend Campus (in GB.2.11) but will be spending the next few weeks splitting his time between Colchester, Southend and Loughton while he completes the handover from his previous role.

His new brief includes strategically developing, coordinating and managing the hard and soft FM services at Southend and Loughton.



Ben will be managing the maintenance, security, cleaning and technical teams as well as managing the Business Hub team in consultation with the Head of Operations, Jamie Burns.

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## The sky's the limit at Loughton

This September will see the start of work on the new 300 m<sup>2</sup> double height studio behind Hatfield House at the Loughton Campus.

This building will have a number of functions to support the development of the curriculum in Loughton; one studio will house the MA/MFA Theatre Directing Programmes. The second studio is intended to house a new International Foundation



For more information on building works at Loughton Campus [here](#).



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## Summer Projects

There's no rest for Estates over the summer. The outside concrete wall facing Square 5 and the façade of the Ivor Crewe Hall are being cleaned, and new handrails and digital signage are being installed between Square 1 and Square 2.

Work continues on building the North Teaching Centre 2 on North Campus and the refurbishment of Bertrand Russell Tower will go on through the summer.

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## Sustainability travel survey

Help the Sustainability team understand how the University's community travels to work. Colchester, Southend and Loughton staff are all invited to take part in this short survey.

Once completed you can enter a prize draw to win a £25 gift card. Your contribution is vital in helping to plan for the future.

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## Summer Fair and Fun



To find out about building, works and maintenance across all campus locations follow the [link](#).



[Click here](#) to complete the survey.

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Enjoy a family day out at the [Wivenhoe Park Day Nursery](#) Summer Fair and Open Day on Saturday 29 June from 12noon until 3pm.

Fun activities include a mobile petting zoo, giant garden games, and a visit from Frozen's Elsa and Anna.



It is your chance to meet the team and have tours of the nursery and its outdoor area.

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## Welcome to... Bev Blundon

Welcome to Bev Blundon, who has joined the [Wivenhoe House](#) team as Head of Housekeeping.

Bev manages the busy team of housekeepers and Edge Hotel School students who are responsible for keeping all areas of the hotel sparkling 24/7.

"I am really enjoying it here," said Bev. "Everyone has been very welcoming and I can see it is like a little family."

"I can't make my mind up yet which is my favourite bedroom. I love the garden wing rooms with their balconies but I also like the variety of bedrooms in the main house."



"I am trained as an NVQ Assessor so this role really appealed to me as I will be working with the Edge Hotel School students as part of their hospitality management degrees."

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## **Relax in style**

Everyone is welcome to kick back and relax at the first ever [Wivenhoe House Social Sunday](#) on 7 July. The hotel is turning the beautiful grounds over to fun and games to raise money for Hospitality Action, the charity for workers in the hospitality industry.



Tickets are £5 for adults and £3 for children and include free use of our giant garden games and entry into a raffle with some great prizes. Other activities include face painting, popular games from yesteryear and a delicious barbecue. Get your tickets by contacting the hotel on 01206 878450.

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## **Brain boosts**



As part of the Ethics Food initiative, Essex Food handed out more than 1,000 revision snack packs during the exam period to students preparing for the hard task ahead. The free bags included fruit, water and healthy snacks to help keep students fuelled whilst revising.

Essex Food also showcased the new cans of water they are introducing as an alternative to plastic bottles and discussed the changes they are making around campus as part of Ethics Food.



To read more on Ethics Food visit the Essex Food page [here](#).

## **Back from Africa**

Welcome back to Dominic Taddei who has returned to his role as a patrol officer after a two-year career break undertaking charity work in east Africa.

Dominic said: "I had travelled a fair bit to remote areas of the world and it made me realise just how lucky we have it here in the UK. I wanted to help others less fortunate and experience their living conditions to better understand what life is like for them.

"I initially worked in Ethiopia, teaching in



"While I was in Kenya, I helped start a charity called the Sunflower Community Orphan Support project and I'm also now a trustee for Roll Out the Barrel Trust UK so I am still very much involved.



a school for three months. For the rest of my time in Africa I was working with Roll Out The Barrel Trust UK.

"I was mostly dealing with providing clean water through the use of filters and the issue of carrying water using the charity's rotary barrel system. I also tackled the issue of period poverty, helped renovate a school and build new toilets."

Dominic's work will be remembered long after his return home. "One of my most touching experiences was while I was giving mosquito nets to a traditional birth attendant. She was caring for a woman in labour who, immediately after giving birth, asked me to come through to see her. She asked my name to which I replied, Dominic. She said that's a nice name and I will call my son that, thank you for providing the mosquito nets."

"My time in Africa was an amazing experience and an eye opener to see how people really live. I lived in the slums, ate and drank the same food and water, lived in mud huts and travelled sitting on the top of trucks I experienced Africa's biggest slum Kibera, two violent elections in Kenya and drought in Ethiopia. Encountering such living conditions made me really appreciate the small things in life."



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## **UECS Long service awards**

Congratulations to the 17 members of staff celebrating a combined total of 310 years of service at Essex this year, led by Wendy Connelly who has been here for an amazing 40 years. Bryn Morris, Registrar and Secretary, made the presentations at our annual awards ceremony held at Wivenhoe House hotel. Unfortunately, Denise Field, Margaret Bayley, Darren Baker, Hannah Langwith and Julie Cadogan were unable to join us for the presentations.





The Award winners are as follows:

Name	Department	Role	Years of Service
Wendy Connelly	Sports Centre	Receptionist	40
Denise Field	Accommodation Essex	Housekeeper	30
Margaret Bayley	Accommodation Essex	Housekeeper	30
Jayne Crowe	Accommodation Essex	Supervisor	20
Evelyn Padget	Accommodation Essex	Housekeeper	20
Patience Warren	Accommodation Essex	Housekeeper	20
Somsri Hockley	Accommodation Essex	Housekeeper	10
Darren Baker	UECS Ltd	Head of Customer Services	20
Hannah Langwith	Print Essex	Production Assistant	20
Craig Tedder	Print Essex	Assistant Senior Graphic Designer	20
Julie Cadogan	Essex Food	Catering Assistant	20
Beverley Angel	Administration	PA to the Director of Estates and Campus Services	10
Beverley Kirchin	Essex Food	Catering Assistant	10
Mark Pilgrim	Essex Food	Stores and Porter Supervisor	10
Julia Hale	Essex Food	Catering Assistant (Wrapid)	10
Nicola Monk	Essex Food	Catering Assistant (Food on 3)	10
Sharon Collins-Oswick	Essex Food	Catering Assistant	10

We hope that you enjoyed the latest Estates and Campus Services newsletter. If you'd like to contribute to the July edition, please send your story to [ecscomms@essex.ac.uk](mailto:ecscomms@essex.ac.uk) by 21 June 2019.



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