

INTRODUCTION FROM CHRIS OLDHAM

What a tremendous month for Estates and Campus Services after Wivenhoe Park was named one of the nation's favourite parks following a public vote. Thank you to everyone who has worked hard to make the park what it is today. I'd also like to encourage you to attend the All Staff Meeting on the 19th December, I look forward to seeing you there.



WIVENHOE PARK IN THE NATION'S TOP TEN

Wivenhoe Park has been named one of the [nation's favourite parks](#) following a public vote. The park has been placed in the top ten in the Green Flag Award People's Choice vote covering more than 1,500 parks and green spaces.

We spoke to Grounds Manager Marcus Clayton about what the award means: "We'd already retained the Green Flag Award for the second year running, which was brilliant in itself, but to be voted in the top ten out of all green spaces in the UK is absolutely fantastic.

"I wouldn't be able to do it without my team. They're all 100% dedicated and, for most of them, this is their hobby too. It couldn't be done without them. We're a team of 10 and at Colchester we maintain over 200 acres of parkland which also includes around 30 acres of outdoor sports facilities made up of both synthetic and natural turf surfaces.

"To be the only University featured in the top ten is absolutely fantastic. I'm lucky to be the custodian of this historic parkland – that's an honour in itself – but to top it off with the Green Flag Award and coming top ten in the People's Choice is fantastic.

"We're also working hard at our other two campuses. At Loughton we're planning on making improvements to the beautiful grounds, looking at planting, hard landscaping and generally making it the best environment we can for students studying there.

"Finally, we've got a big project at Southend where the planters are going to be improved and additional seating added so students can get out and enjoy their outside space."



NEW BREAKFAST CLUB FOR EVERYONE

Save the date for our very first ECS Breakfast Club. Join us on Wednesday 23 January in **The Hex Building** 9-10am to hear from different areas around the Section and to enjoy a chat, coffee and croissant with colleagues. You'll soon find an invite in your inbox. It's a great opportunity to learn more about our different departments, put faces to names, and to put your views across. If you'd like to attend just let your line manager know.



CHUMS IS HERE TO HELP AT CHRISTMAS

Our popular CHUMS holiday camp for children is back! Running for two days, December 20 and 21, the camp is open to children aged 5-14 and includes a range of sports and activities such as dodgeball, rounders, camouflage, arts and crafts, and Christmas themed challenges.

Essex Sport is also introducing two **new one day camps** – an Essex Rebels basketball camp, where you'll get to meet members of the WBBL team, and a Tennis camp led by an LTA Level 4 coach, held within our state-of-the-art Tennis Dome.



ESSEX BECOME A BUCS WOMEN'S FOOTBALL AND FUTSAL SPECIALIST HUB

The University of Essex has recently been announced as one of 19 Universities that will become a BUCS Women's Football and Futsal Specialist Hub, in partnership with BUCS and The FA. The 19 selected Universities were chosen for their passion and commitment to developing women and girl's football, and will get access to additional support in delivery and development of their women's offer through both individual and networking meetings.

As a specialist hub, we will have the opportunity to apply for innovation funding to deliver a new women's football or futsal programme here at Essex. Shaun Conlon from Essex Sport said "we are delighted to be selected as a specialist women's football and futsal hub by BUCS and The FA for 2018/19. We are looking forward to developing innovative ideas to increase female participation, volunteering and workforce across football and futsal, both internally and externally in the community. This will help us build on our previous successes from recent years."



KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE

Our in-house electrical engineers, in collaboration with HMC Electrical, completed a grand total of 293 PAT tests for our students over two days across all three of our campuses during Welcome Week.

Among the items checked were hair dryers, hair straighteners/curlers, irons, toasters, and consoles. A small number of these items were deemed faulty but repairs were undertaken to ensure their continued and safe use.

For all updates on our campuses, please follow the Estates social media pages ([@Essex_Estates](#)) or visit the [works on campus page](#) on the University website.



NATIONAL CUP FINAL HOSTS

We are very pleased to be partnering with [Basketball England](#) to host the finals of the National Cup this season. Dave Parry, Director of Sport at The University of Essex commented; "The University of Essex has made a significant commitment to supporting basketball and the National Cup Finals will take place almost exactly one year after the opening of the £12M [Essex Sport Arena](#). As the best basketball facility in the East of England, we hope it will be the venue for many major basketball events for years to come."



Last Year's Cup Winners U18 Women

WIVENHOE PARK DAY NURSERY WINTER FAIR

The [Winter Fair](#) is set for Saturday 1 December and we are looking for stall holders. If you are interested, or know of anybody who would be, please contact nursery@essex.ac.uk. It's always a fun occasion and everyone is welcome to bring along their children to enjoy the fun.

Wivenhoe Park
Day Nursery

at the University of Essex



Winter Fair Stall Holder

We are looking for stall holders to join us at the Winter Fair

1 December 11-2pm



If you're interested please contact
nursery@essex.ac.uk



SAVING MONEY AND WASTE

Mechanical Chargehand Sam Merritt has recently sourced a sustainable solution for syphon systems on Colchester Campus. He has procured the singular component part on the right needed for the task at hand minus all the additional packaging and parts on the left – saving the University money to use on other projects on campus and reducing plastic waste.



INNOVATION CENTRE UPDATE

The **Innovation Centre** is set to be completed soon. External paving and regrading of the meadow in front the building is currently underway and will be ready shortly. Internally, the rooms on the top floor are finished and the corridors are having the final decoration before the carpet is laid. The Digital Creative Studio works and the AV fit out and furniture will start next month.



INITIAL TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW

The [Sustainability and Grounds Team](#) have commissioned a transport assessment which will be undertaken on Thursday 15 November. Cameras will be installed on Wednesday 14 November, and aims to monitor all cycle, pedestrian and vehicular movement on campus over a 24 hour period. All findings from the recordings are completely anonymous, and it is hoped this assessment will help us further understand the dynamics of movement on campus to enable us to develop our external Estates plan.

The team will also be having pop-up tent engagement events on Tuesday 20 and Thursday 22 November between 11 am - 2pm. This will be your opportunity to have your say about campus accessibility and suggest improvements. Two half -day workshop events with students and staff to discuss ideas from these engagement events will follow.



CHRISTMAS IN CANTEEN

Get your friends together for our traditional Christmas lunches in [Canteen](#) which will be running Monday 10 December to Friday 14 December.

Christmas in

Canteen

10-14 December
12.00pm-4.00pm

1 Course £7.95
2 Courses £9.95
3 Courses £10.95

Book a group of 6 in
November and receive a free
bottle of Bucks Fizz!



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LIONEL GOES LIVE ON THE BBC

Food and Beverage Manager Lionel Lachasseigne took to the BBC Essex airwaves this month to talk about why he likes Wivenhoe and of course our lovely hotel!

Lionel was live in the studio on the Jodie Halford show 'Your Essex'. This clip was originally broadcast on 01/11/2018 and will be available for 30 days.



CELEBRATING STAFF AWARDS

The [Estates and Campus Services Celebrating Staff Excellence Awards](#) are returning! Save the date for 27 March 2019, in the Ivor Crewe Lecture Hall. Staff nominations for the awards will be going live 30 November so keep an eye out for more information about how to vote.



We hope that you enjoyed the latest Estates and Campus Services newsletter. If you'd like to contribute to the December edition, please send your story to ecscomms@essex.ac.uk by 28 November 2018.