

ESTATES AND CAMPUS SERVICES

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome from Chris Oldham



As the academic year draws to a close, I would like to personally thank you all for your dedication and commitment over the last year. In particular, a huge thanks to all in making this year's Graduation such a fantastic experience for our students, their families and friends. Graduation is a perfect showcase for the hard work, passion and skill that our teams provide in supporting the University mission. To see more photographs from Graduation head to The University of Essex's [Flickr](#) page.

I'd also like to thank staff who attended our consultation event for the Estates and Campus Services Supporting Strategy 2019-2025.



Your input and contributions are invaluable; all comments and suggestions will help shape our future direction. Watch this space for further updates.

Accommodation Essex brings home award after award

The Accommodation Essex team have a lot to celebrate this month after receiving recent awards and accolades. Student review website, Student Crowd, revealed in their recent survey of over 21,000 students that The Towers accommodation is in the top 50 in the U.K. for value for money. Offering a skyline view for residents, The Towers, scored 4.47 for value for money. For the full review click [here](#).

In addition to this, the University of Essex has been selected as a finalist for the Best Booking Experience Award in the National Student Housing Survey Awards, run by Redbrick. Winners will be announced in September.





And finally, Accommodation Essex scooped an impressive five awards at the [Green Impact Awards](#). These included an Accommodation Advocate for commitment to change, three bronze awards and a prestigious gold award to the South Courts Accommodation Office. Well done to Accommodation Essex!

Post van switched on

Great news from Sustainability: Post Room Services received their new electric van this month and Postal Services Manager, Beverley Purslow, couldn't be happier!

Electric vehicles are increasingly popular with free charging available on Colchester campus in the Multideck Car Park or North Towers Car Park.



Click [here](#) to see our current policies and commitments.



The University of Essex is committed to the environment and is making great efforts to achieve our sustainability goals.

Campus photography competition

The Sustainability team are running a competition to showcase the biodiversity of our campuses. We want you to submit a photo taken on our Colchester, Southend or Loughton Campus that captures the nature and environment.

The competition is open to all staff and students; the winning photos will be included in the team's Welcome Week wildlife photo gallery.



Deadline for submissions is Monday 2 September 2019. For more details or to enter your image visit this [link](#). Happy snapping and good luck!

Essex Sport's Staff Active Week

[Essex Sport](#) are holding a Staff Active week between Monday 2 and Friday 6 September 2019. Exercise plays an important part in keeping your body and mind healthy, but it can be hard to make time in our busy schedules. That's why Essex Sport are opening up some of their fitness classes and active sessions.

Whether you're an existing Essex Sport member, or just fancy trying something new, all staff are welcome to join in the

To finish the week of activities there will also be lunchtime walk with refreshments in Time Out. Please meet outside the Essex Sport Arena at 1pm on Friday 6 September.

For full details on Essex Sport Staff Active Week head to the [event](#) page for full details.



activities! These include walking netball, badminton, yoga, football and legs, bums and tums.



Essex Sport Family Open Day

After the huge success of last year's [Family Open Day](#), Essex Sport have decided to do it all over again. But this time it will be bigger and better!

Bring your friends and family to enjoy sport taster sessions and a range of activities in the Essex Sport Arena, Sports Centre and Gym.

Registration opens at 9am with activities between 10.00am to 3.00pm on Saturday 7 September 2019.



Click here for more information on the [Open Day](#). If you would like to enquire about becoming an Essex Sport member [click here](#).

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 Monday 26 August 2019.



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