INTRODUCTION FROM CHRIS OLDHAM

Happy New Year to everyone. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our first ECS Staff Breakfast Club at 9-10am on Wednesday 23 January. 2019 is already off to a fine start with the opening of the Innovation Centre on schedule for later this month and the amazing number of people who turned up to the Family Open Day at Essex Sport. It looks set to be another busy year.

ESSEX SPORT FAMILY OPEN DAY

On 5 January, Essex Sport held its first Family Open Day in the Essex Sport Arena and Sports Centre. The event was a huge success with nearly 500 people attending, 354 of which were first time visitors to Essex Sport. A range of sports and activities were run for the whole family to enjoy, including karate, futsal and dance for juniors, Cycle fit, walking netball, and gym sessions for adults, as well as family badminton, tennis, and climbing.
GET ONLINE FOR THE BREAKFAST CLUB

If you’d like to take part in the interactive section of the Breakfast Club, please bring your smartphone or tablet on January 23 to The Hex.
ENERGY SAVING WORK CONTINUES

The Estates Maintenance team carried out a lighting upgrade in Bioscience level 4 to support energy saving and the reduction of maintenance costs. Neil Miller, Electrical Supervisor, explained that the old fluorescent tube light fittings have been removed and upgraded to LED flat panels.

He said: “As you can see from the photo, the lighting levels and also colour have been greatly improved. The panels save on energy and will reduce maintenance costs over the new few years.

“The electricians also moved some of the existing light locations to new positions to give a more constant spread of light throughout the corridor.”
FOODBANK APPEAL A GREAT SUCCESS

Accommodation Essex ran a highly successful Christmas appeal, collecting for Colchester's foodbank. Thanks to generous donations and support from different departments, more than 300 items were donated including festive treats, tinned goods and toiletries.
ESSEX SPORT HOSTS BASKETBALL ENGLAND FINALS

Essex Sport is hosting the Basketball England Junior and Senior National Cup Finals in the Essex Sport Arena on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 January 2019. Essex Sport has 100 tickets to give away to University staff and students each day – find out more and register your interest by clicking the link below.

AWARD WINNING MEALS AT THE NURSERY

We are delighted to announce that The Professional Nursery Kitchen, who supply the catering at Wivenhoe Park Day Nursery, is this year’s winner of the NMT Award for Nursery Product/Innovation.

The judges felt that the Basildon based company’s approach to nursery meals has identified a huge challenge that is faced by nurseries and has approached it with an innovative open mind.
WIVENHOE HOUSE STAFF AWARDS

Congratulations to the staff and students who were presented with Awards this month at the annual staff Christmas party.

The Award winners were:

**Employee of the Year**: Declan Albini-Milner, Housekeeping
**Team Player of the Year**: Katie Ballard, Conference and Events
**Unsung Hero of the Year**: Eli García, Finance
**Edge Hotel School Student of the Year**: Anzelika Timermane
**Most Hospitable**: Ellie Proctor
**Rising Star**: Cristina Culca
ESSEX FOODS REWARDS HELPDESK

The Essex Food Rewards team are back on campus on Thursday’s with their weekly app helpdesk. Got a question about the app? Need help signing up? Want to hear about all the benefits? Just pop along to Square 4 on Thursdays between 12noon and 2pm to meet our friendly team.
CELEBRATING STAFF EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Who has impressed you this year? There are only two weeks left to nominate for the Celebrating ECS Staff Excellence Awards, which close on 31 January. They are a fantastic way to show your appreciation for a fellow colleague within Estates and Campus Services. Nominate online or look out for paper nomination forms and boxes available across our campuses.
We hope that you enjoyed the latest Estates and Campus Services newsletter. If you’d like to contribute to the February edition, please send your story to ecscomms@essex.ac.uk by 25 January 2018.