

ESTATES AND CAMPUS SERVICES

NEWSLETTER

October 2019

Welcome from Chris Oldham



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October is undoubtedly one of the busiest months in the Estates and Campus Services and University's calendar with over sixteen thousand new and returning students arriving across our three campuses.

In addition the University holds many events including Arrivals Day, Welcome Week and the Fresher's Fair. I am continually impressed at the incredible preparation, implementation and dedication of all Estates and Campus Services staff involved who worked tirelessly to make this happen.

Thank you to all departments across Estates and Campus Services. Your hard work has not gone unnoticed and it is hugely appreciated.



What a star!



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Pat Nohar from the Estates and Campus Services Mechanical Section came to the rescue of a new student who arrived on our Colchester Campus this week. Pat went above and beyond to help the student who was experiencing some issues with plumbing in her room.

Pat said, "I was called out to help the new student and could see she was concerned about having to call out the mechanical fitters. I wanted to make sure that despite having to call us out on her first day we're here to help and will always give 110%"

Pat was notified by his Supervisor, Sam Merritt, that a letter of thanks was received for his great efforts.

The letter from the student reads:

"Please may I take this opportunity to thank Patrick (...) for his dedicated work and extreme kindness. Patrick addressed my call in a very prompt and kind manner and he was also extremely supportive. He even happily took the trouble of bringing tools and re-visiting my room several times in order to address my additional request. I am just so impressed by what he has done for me (...) and would like to send my deep gratitude to him. "

"It's all part of the service!" Said Pat.

For any help or maintenance queries email the [Estates Management Section](#).



Essex Food supports Autism Hour 2019

Autism is a lifelong disability which affects how people communicate and interact with the world. There are approximately 700,000 autistic adults and children in the UK. Each year the [National Autistic Society](#) hold Autism Hour to support those with autism and spread awareness.

[Essex Food](#) outlets across campus showed their support for Autism Hour between 9-10am on Wednesday 9 October. With the aim of creating a calmer atmosphere for autistic customers lights were dimmed and music was turned off. Some digital screen adverts were turned off and others were replaced with a message.



Donut worry, be happy!

[Crumbs](#) is now open and has moved to a larger location on Square 3. They're serving new items including; [Dots doughnuts](#), [Millie's cookies](#) and ethically sourced [Union](#) batch brewed filter coffee.



Remember to use your reusable cup for an extra 10p off your drink. Plus, when you scan your [Essex Food Rewards App](#) your 10th hot drink is free!

Holy guacamole! Cantina is back



[Cantina](#) has returned with a spicy kick on Square 3. The new menu now boasts lots of Indian options as well as firm favourites. Taco your pick from melt in the mouth quesadillas, smoky BBQ jackfruit or a loaded nacho bowl.

PAT on the back!





Thank you to Neil Miller, Matt Baxter and Colin Kent from the [Estates Management Section Electrical Team](#) for their assistance with the annual electrical PAT testing for new arrivals.

A PAT testing stall was set up in the Essex Sport Centre on Colchester campus where a free PAT testing service was offered to all students. PAT testing sessions were also held at our Southend and Loughton sites.

Winter (fair) is coming...

Leading on from the success of the Summer Fair in June, we are now starting to prepare for our Winter Fair in December. Keep an eye out for a confirmed date and a list of all the fun activities that will be available.





[Visit the website](#)

It's been an Event-ful summer!

It has been an incredible season for [Event Essex](#) with its staff organising, supporting and holding 200 events across the Colchester and Southend campus.

During the months of July, August and September there were 12,757 delegates in attendance. The highest number of delegates attended the Colchester campus in September with the figure totalling 4870.



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(Photograph courtesy of the delegates at the [National Association for Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty Landscapes for Life](#) Conference 2019).

SWOOSH in for a 2 for 1 on WBBL matches this Sunday

Come and support the [Rebels](#) this Sunday 13 October as they take on the Durham Palatinates in the first double header of the 19/20 season.

Our Division 2 men take on the Canterbury Academy Crusaders from 1pm so be sure to stick around to catch 2 games for 1!

You can also enjoy a half time performance as well as our weekly shooting challenge for your chance to win a Prize!

Purchase tickets through [Eventbrite](#).





We hope that you enjoyed the latest Estates and Campus Services newsletter. If you'd like to contribute to the November edition, please send your story to ecskomms@essex.ac.uk by Thursday 31 October 2019.



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