Welcome from Chris Oldham

Welcome to the March edition of the Estates and Campus Services Newsletter. As many of you are aware the Estates and Campus Services Staff Excellence Awards are just around
the corner and the nominations are now closed.

Thank you for taking the time to nominate staff members and teams you think deserve an award. I have read through many of the comments on the nomination cards and it shows how much of a community we are in Estates and Campus Services. It makes me immensely proud to work alongside you all.

Tickets are now available and are going fast so make sure you book now by going online or head to the Estates Management Helpdesk.

We are set for a fun night of games and entertainment with food and beverages for all. Plus, there will be a photoshoot area where you'll be able to get all your memories from the evening captured by a professional photographer – gold sparkly backdrop included!

The award ceremony will take place on Thursday 2 April 2020 at the Ivor Crewe Lecture Theatre between 5.30 - 8pm. Make sure you get there in time for the prosecco reception that has been kindly sponsored this year by Accommodation Essex.

I look forward to seeing you all there!

Book your FREE ticket

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Make Earth cool again
Each year Sustainability hosts Environment Week. It's a chance for all students and staff to get involved whether they are a keen environmentalist or just want to explore new ideas. Various events will take place across the week for all to enjoy so make sure you follow the team on social media to see the latest updates.

Environment Week runs from 16 - 20 March with daily activities taking place between 12pm – 3pm.

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### Security and Campus Safety

Would you know what number to dial in an emergency when you're on one of our campuses?

Thomas Brown, Head of Security and Campus Safety comments,

"It is really important that the campus community use these numbers to help assist our Security & Campus Safety Officers and the Emergency Services in their response to any
incident that may take place on campus. It also allows us to deploy officers effectively to support our community better.”

Here’s a reminder of the emergency numbers you might need:

- **Colchester Campus**: 2222 or 01206 872222
- **Southend Campus**: 01702 328408 or 07920 821678.
- **Loughton Campus**: 020 8508 5983 or after 5pm 07825 670709

For non-emergencies (lost property, lock outs, out of hours faults reporting etc.):

- 01206 872125 or 3148
- Or email patrol@essex.ac.uk

**Essex Rebels player is Basketball England Ambassador**
Cat Sadler, who plays for the Essex Rebels professional basketball team based at the University of Essex, has been appointed as an ambassador for Basketball England’s All Girls campaign.

The campaign aims to increase opportunities for women and girls to get involved in basketball, whether that be playing, coaching, officiating or volunteering, to help unearth the next generation of basketball stars.

Cat states, “It's important we support initiatives like this, to not only build the fan base and increase participation, but to encourage young women and girls to become involved in sport and live a healthy lifestyle.”

As well as competing on the court, Cat delivers voluntary basketball sessions to children in the area, offers training to PE staff, and acts as a table official for the Essex Rebel Junior basketball teams.

Stuart Kellett, director of Basketball England said, “We hope this ground-breaking programme will showcase the numerous ways that all women and girls can be part of this amazing sport.”

**Upcoming Essex Rebels games at Essex Sport Arena:**

- 14 March
- 22 March
- 5 April
- 19 April
**Easter CHUMS is back!**

The Easter holidays are fast approaching, and our CHUMS sports camp is a fun and active way to keep your young ones entertained during the school break.

Mini CHUMS, for ages 5-8, will include a range of games, sports, and arts and crafts. Junior CHUMS, for ages 8-14, will include favourites such as basketball, football, climbing and tennis.

- Week 1: Monday 6 April - Thursday 9 April
- Week 2: Tuesday 14 April - Friday 17 April

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**Getting Active for International Women's Day**
To celebrate International Women’s Day on Sunday 8 March, Essex Sport held a week of activities open to staff and students, including Zumba, climbing, futsal and tennis.

They had a great turnout and it was fantastic to see so many people getting active on Campus!

COVID-19 advice and guidance

The University of Essex is monitoring advice from Public Health England, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and the World Health Organisation. They will regularly update guidance for staff pages. Students should be directed to guidance for student’s pages.

We hope that you enjoyed the latest Estates and Campus Services newsletter. If you’d like to contribute to the March edition, please send your story to ecscomms@essex.ac.uk by 31 March 2020.
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