

ESTATES AND CAMPUS SERVICES

NEWSLETTER
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Welcome from Chris Oldham



We are well into the Autumn term and I would like to congratulate all staff from Estates and Campus Services for an excellent start to the academic year. With the new term brings further growth in student numbers. We welcomed over 16,000 students onto our campuses this year and these numbers are set to increase in line with the University's aspirations to 20,000 students by 2025.

Through the growth, demonstrated during the Strategic Plan period 2013-2019, we are in a position of greater financial sustainability. This assurance means we will be able to further invest in staff, new buildings, building refurbishments, facilities and services. There are many

challenges ahead though, with an ever changing higher education environment and the current political climate.

Overall our campuses are thriving and it is great to see everybody benefiting from the important services we deliver.

Finally, I hope like me, you are looking forward to the arrival of Christmas trees across our campuses, making us all start to feel a little bit festive!



Welcome to... Iain Robertson

Welcome to our new Team Clean Manager, Iain Robertson who started on 4 November 2019. Iain is responsible for the management of supervisory staff who provide the cleaning services to parts of the university estate.

Outside of work Iain enjoys challenging himself and recently completed the Yorkshire and National Three Peaks Challenge for Cancer Research.

Iain comments, "I am looking forward to working in a fast paced environment with all the friendly, professional and supportive staff that I have met so far."

And the winner is...

The [Sustainability](#) team ran a competition during Welcome Week offering students the chance to win a bike by writing down an environmental pledge. Winner Sylwia Strzelecka is a first year student studying Modern Languages and her pledge did not disappoint.

Her amazing pledge read, "I will continue to use my reusable water bottle, try to transition into vegan (from currently being vegetarian), buy less and from sustainable brands where

I can, walk rather than taking the bus if possible, donate to offset travel related emissions when flying with Ryanair to my home country, do my best to spread the message and raise awareness among my friends and encourage them to ditch plastic straws at least! I will always carry a reusable bag and make every endeavour to be nicer to our planet.”

Act now and sign up for Green Impact

[The Green Impact](#) 2019/2020 programme has now launched and everyone is welcome to sign up and take part.

Green Impact is an environmental accreditation programme run with support from SOS-UK.

By taking part you will learn about environmental issues, how to be more sustainable at work and home and win an award. All participants will be invited to the awards ceremony in summer 2020 where you will be able to celebrate your achievements with other teams that have taken part.

[Green Impact Registration](#)

Snow much fun!

Jingle all the way to [Wivenhoe Park Day Nursery](#) on Saturday 7 December between 2-4pm for the Winter Fair.

There are lots of festive activities for everyone to enjoy including a carol singing performance, toy set carousel, snow machine, Christmassy photo booth to capture memories from the day, tasty

Plus, you also have the chance to win in our raffle. Prizes on offer include two luxury [Christmas hampers](#), Afternoon Tea for two at [Wivenhoe House Hotel](#) and a one hour family photoshoot with a professional [photographer](#).

winter treats and the chance to meet Santa Claus and Mrs Claus.

You don't need to have a child at the nursery to come to the Winter Fair. Everyone's welcome and **entry is FREE!**

Let's get ready to tumble!

Circuit Laundry and [Accommodation Essex](#) held an awareness day at the Silberrad Student Centre to promote the washing facilities on campus. Students played 'Race Against The Machine' to sort clothes out in the fastest time to win prizes.

Louise Buxton from Soft FM services comments, "The event was really successful with two students coming away with prizes. A £50 Amazon voucher for one and a Beats Pill speaker worth £180 for the other."

Circuit have laundries positioned across campus at The Hex, Harwich Court, The Meadows, University Quays, The Copse and Southend. The facilities are open to all students.



Vegan? Please lettuce know...

[Wivenhoe House Hotel](#) invite you to join them for their [Meatless Monday](#) event on 18 November 2019. The talented chefs have designed a delicious 4 course [menu](#) full of plant based and vegetarian dishes. Tickets are £35.00 per person and include a glass of Prosecco on arrival.



[Book now](#)

'Tis the season!

40 days until Christmas Day, but who's counting?! Why not get into the festive spirit by booking your Christmas lunch in Canteen?

Book a table of 6 or more before this Sunday 17 November and you'll receive a free bottle of Bucks Fizz!



[Christmas Menu](#)

[Book a table](#)

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 ecscoms@essex.ac.uk by Monday 2 December 2019.



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