New housing at North Field

A start date has been set for the construction of new campus residences that will house hundreds of Sussex students.

A shortlist of interested contractors for the North Field development has been drawn up and building work is due to begin in January 2010, with completion in time for the academic year 2011-12.

The development (at the top end of campus, north of Lewes Court) is divided into 14 houses, each with clusters of six single study-bedrooms. Each cluster contains its own communal living space – including kitchen and dining areas – and its own secure entry point and corridor.

In all there will be 744 study-bedrooms, 12 family flats and 21 studio flats. The buildings will radiate into the landscape like fingers, with groups of two- and three-storey buildings arranged around individual courtyards.

Charles Dudley, director of Residential, Sport & Trading Services, says: “The new residences will help meet the growing demand for high-quality en-suite rooms within a housing portfolio that offers choice and cheaper rooms for those who want to pay less for their accommodation.”

In addition to the student accommodation, a reception building will house the site manager, launderette, mail room, larger common room, cleaners’ and maintenance spaces, storage and ancillary spaces.

The complex has 272 secure bicycle parking spots (one for every three residents) and eight car parking spaces, four of which are for wheelchair users.

A number of energy-efficiency measures include green roofs (which increase insulation and provide greater biodiversity), low-energy lighting, double glazing and recycling facilities.

The new development has been carefully designed to sit the location at the edge of the South Downs. The site is currently grassland, designated for university development in the Brighton & Hove Local Plan. It is part of the overall master plan for the campus and is the last greenfield site within the permitted development zone.

Because the scheme is such a large one, staff in Estates and Facilities Management (EFM) will be working very closely with the contractor to minimise noise and disruption to students and staff.

Record numbers to attend open day

A record number of potential students and their parents are expected on campus tomorrow (Saturday 10 October), when the University holds its annual autumn Open Day.

The day aims to give 6,250 visitors to campus a rounded picture of Sussex as they finalise their decisions on undergraduate applications:

- student volunteers will take campus tours;
- student residences will be open for viewing;
- over 40 different talks will be on offer, about student housing and money matters as well as academic subjects;
- and regular guided bus tours will depart for Brighton.

Prospective students and parents will also be able to talk to academics about their subjects at Sussex. “This is the most important element in students’ decision-making,” explained Rob Read, Director of Communications and Marketing.

For Daniella Salvage from Student Recruitment Services (SRS), the event comes hot on the heels of the induction programme for Sussex freshers, which she also co-ordinates. Daniella praised the planning work by all the staff and students involved, and said: “A good first impression of Sussex is key for our future recruitment.”

The team will be emailing follow-up forms to all those who attend, to gain feedback on the event and keep up their interest in Sussex.

SRS will also review the event and see where further improvements might be made, to ensure it continues to provide a showcase for Sussex.

For those unable to come on the day, the weekly campus tours run by SRS continue throughout the year and can be booked online.

The record number of expected visitors to the open day means that car parking on 10 October will be extremely limited for other campus users.

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Gene change could make common asthma drug less effective

The most common asthma inhaler medicine may increase the risk of attacks in a sub-group of young sufferers, new research has discovered.

A study by the Brighton & Sussex Medical School (BSMS) and the University of Dundee found that a particular gene change in certain children means they may not fully benefit from Salbutamol if they take it at least once a day.

A million UK children have asthma and over 100,000 carry this gene change.

The research showed that, while most patients taking Salbutamol had their asthma well under control, those carrying the gene variant and using their inhaler daily were at a 30% greater risk of asthma attacks compared to those with the more usual form of the gene.

The authors of the study, Professor Somnath Mukhopadhyay at BSMS and a colleague at Dundee, emphasise that children and young adults with asthma should continue to use their inhalers as indicated by their doctor. The work points towards the need for further research in this area.

Somnath says: "Do not stop using your blue inhaler or change the way you use it. Salbutamol is effective 'reliever' treatment in most children. Our work does not alter current consensus guidelines for the treatment of asthma."

"Our study shows that common gene changes may predict the children with asthma who will have a worsening of symptoms with this commonly used medicine.

"We need to find out if alternative reliever medication will provide better asthma control in these children."

The team studied 1,182 children and adolescents with asthma in Tayside, Scotland. A new study has been set up in Brighton, Eastbourne, Worthing and Haywards Heath, where the team has already recruited over 200 children with asthma.

Sussex considers response to REF proposals

Sussex is considering its response to proposals for the new system to assess research quality in UK universities.

HEFCE (the Higher Education Funding Council for England) is currently consulting on the Research Excellence Framework (REF), which replaces the Research Assessment Exercise (RAE).

The consultation, which runs until 16 December, sets out proposals for all key aspects of the framework:
- subject-based peer review, informed by metrics (e.g. citation data will be provided to science and technology subjects)
- four main panels, overseeing 30 Units of Assessment
- universities to select staff to submit three or four outputs per selected staff, with the possibility of some being double-weighted
- balance of assessment: 60% outputs, 25% impact (still under development, but based on case studies and overarching statement), 15% environment (including postgraduate research students, income, and critical mass)
- grading to remain unchanged, but with different terminology: 4* exceptional; 3* excellent; 2* very good; 1* good.

For details, see www.hefce.ac.uk/Research/ref/

Professor Bob Allison, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research) and Ian Carter, Director of Research & Enterprise, will be producing a draft response for consideration by the Vice-Chancellor’s Executive Group and others.

They will be engaging particularly with the Heads of School and Directors of Research and Knowledge Exchange, who have already received a summary of the key points.

The University’s response will also be shared with the 1994 Group of research-intensive universities (which Sussex belongs to) and Universities UK (the representative body for UK universities).

Any staff who have comments they’d like to feed in for consideration in the Sussex response should send them to Ian, I.carter@sussex.ac.uk

HEFCE will issue guidance on the REF in 2010 after completing the consultation. The first REF exercise is due to be completed in 2013.
If students have swine flu ... let Sussex know

The University has set up a Swine Flu Helpline for any students who have swine flu or are caring for someone else with the virus.

Jenni Grundy, Head of Student Support & Experience, says: "We're asking students not to attend university if they think they have flu, but to call us and let us know so that we can give them further information and support."

She adds: "A record of a student's call may help them to claim mitigation if their illness impacts on their ability to hand in a piece of work, or to attend an exam. Retrospective claims for mitigation due to swine flu, but without supporting evidence, will not be accepted."

The number for students to call is 01273 876500 (6500 from an internal number or 29992 from University residences).

Any member of staff with swine flu or who is caring for someone else with the virus should let their line manager at Sussex know.

Need for capital investment continues

A thriving university must have the buildings and estate to match its needs and aspirations. Even in times of financial constraint and cuts in public-sector funding, the need continues to develop and maintain our campus in support of our strategic plans.

Indeed, it is partly the failure to address some of these needs in the past that has impacted the University's ability to attract the best students and staff. Since arriving at Sussex in 2006, I have been determined that we create a working environment that supports world-class research and offers the very best student experience.

At Sussex we have a sensible and costed capital plan for the creation of new buildings, the refurbishment of existing buildings and the long-term maintenance of our estate. It provides a sound and flexible basis for ensuring that we can develop the campus in ways that meet the academic and social needs of our staff and students.

I am pleased that the new Fulton teaching building -- a much-needed replacement for the temporary Russell building -- is on track for completion in summer 2010. This modern landmark building will serve as a focal point for students at the heart of the campus and provides a great opportunity to develop spaces that support innovative teaching and learning.

Adjacent to this site is the Bramber House catering and retail hub, redevelopment of which starts during 2010.

An equally important part of the student experience is accommodation and there is continuing demand for value-for-money housing that offers the standard of facilities expected by our students. In the new year we will start work on North Field, a site behind Lewes Court, constructing over 700 new rooms for Sussex students.

Even at a time when we need to make considerable savings in our running costs, we are able to invest in these new facilities through a combination of direct capital funding from HEFCE and careful investment from our own funds.

Every project is backed by a clear business case that demonstrates how the project will help create a financially sustainable basis for the University and reduce our dependence on public-sector funding, as well as how it contributes to our overall strategic plan.

Like a mortgage on a house, our estate programme and its financing has to be planned over many years. This gives us flexibility on how these projects are financed and, in some cases, means we do not have to pay out the full cost at the start of a project, allowing us to build up the income we need.

During the course of this academic year we will also be starting a major remodelling of the ground floor of the Library building, creating a brand-new cafe at the south end of Arts A, refurbishing some of the existing cafes, and completing the construction of the temporary Priston building.

And that's in addition to long-term maintenance work - covering everything from renewing roofs and windows to repairing concrete and brickwork and cleaning the outside of buildings.

Keeping noise and disruption to a minimum throughout this extensive programme of building work will be a priority for our project managers, liaising closely with contractors.

Outside the campus, colleagues in Estates have been liaising for many months with Brighton & Hove City Council and with Brighton & Hove Albion Football Club on plans for a new two-way road through Stannier Park, linking the A270 with the Sussex campus. Work begins in late autumn on this new link road, which is part of the transport infrastructure associated with the stadium currently being built at Falmer, and which is being paid for by the football club. The road will give us the long sought-after benefit of an additional exit off campus, reducing waiting times for drivers at Knights Gate Road.

For the first time in many years, the Sussex campus is seeing a very significant estate development programme. With updated project-management structures in place, I am confident that the programme is being managed in a prudent and coherent manner so that the campus continues to play its part in making Sussex a university of choice for staff, students and visitors.

New Senate members to be elected

Nominations closed yesterday (8 October) for the election of new members to serve on Senate during the 2009–10 academic year. The nomination process opened on 28 September.

Two members of academic staff from each new school (and BSMS) are eligible for election, as well as two members elected by and from the professional services.

Members usually serve for two years, with half of the places falling vacant each year on 31 July. However, due to changes in the composition of Senate following the restructuring of the academic schools, half of the new members will serve for only one year to ensure a rotating membership in the future.

The results of the elections will be announced on 22 October.

Full details of the vacancies, eligibility rules, nominations process and electoral timetable are available at www.sussex.ac.uk/governance/electionsenate

Running concurrently is an election to fill one vacant position for academic representation on Council, the University's governing body.
Space cameras reveal ‘nurseries’ of new stars

Sussex physicists are delighted with the first dramatic images from the European Space Station Herschel, which reveal the early life of stars in the Galaxy.

Herschel’s major objective is to discover, using infrared technology, how the first galaxies formed and how they evolved to give rise to present-day galaxies like our own.

The Sussex team helped to develop the Spectral and Photometric Imaging Receiver (SPIRE) used by Herschel to take infrared images of Space. The team, led by Dr Seb Oliver, will also use the data collected by Herschel to map the early Universe.

Infrared technology detects radiation from very cold and distant objects, such as young stars and evolving galaxies, that would not be visible to other telescopes.

SPIRE is one of three such instruments on board Herschel and is a collaboration of 18 institutions from eight countries.

The SPIRE camera worked in tandem with another camera to produce composite images of a targeted region of our Galaxy (or Milky Way). This ‘test run’ has now shown the success of this ‘parallel mode’ by producing images of magnificent molecular clouds and previously unseen stages in the early life of stars within our Galaxy.

Seb says: “These pictures are quite breathtaking. They show the enormous complexity of the processes at work in the stellar nurseries in our own galaxy. We can see young stars apparently forming in filaments within a chaotic medium, heated and blasted apart by the supernova from stars that formed and died in rapid succession.

“Astronomers will have their work cut out to explain everything we can see here. The high-definition resolution, the colours and the size of the image all demonstrate the power of the Herschel Space Observatory. I am proud that astronomers at Sussex have contributed to the SPIRE instrument which makes these images possible.”

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Research Fellow Dr Anthony Smith says: “Some of us at Sussex have had the privilege of looking at Herschel images for some time now, while the team has been learning how to get the best performance out of the SPIRE instrument.

“But I really wasn’t anticipating anything like this. Looking at the high-resolution image, the level of detail is absolutely stunning and the whole thing is exquisitely beautiful. And this is what Herschel can do in the space of just over six hours!”

Stunning: The SPIRE camera – a collaboration between 18 institutions, including Sussex – is able to produce images of magnificent molecular clouds and previously unseen stages in the early life of stars within our Galaxy.
Fulton building takes shape

The new £110m Fulton building at the centre of campus is taking shape and is on schedule to open in summer 2010.

Designed to the highest environmental standards, the new teaching building – named after the University’s first Vice-Chancellor, Lord Fulton – is a key development in the strategic plan, Making the Future.

Construction work on the new building, alongside Swanborough student residences, started in January and a ground-breaking ceremony, led by Vice-Chancellor Professor Michael Farthing, took place in February. In July, hoarding boards were erected around the boundary of the building site showing an artist’s impression of the state-of-the-art facility alongside architectural sketches of the innovative design.

It is due to open during the academic year 2010-11 and will provide 3,000 square metres of teaching space across three floors, including two 160-seat lecture theatres and a mix of 26 different-sized seminar rooms.

On the ground floor, the design incorporates a flexible social and meeting space that will complement the dedicated teaching spaces in the rest of the building.

Once completed, it will enable the removal of the short-life Russell Building on the west side of campus, which has provided a significant part of the University’s seminar space since 2003.

The design of the new teaching building, with red brick and glass, matches the Swanborough buildings and echoes the original designs by Sir Basil Spence for the core campus buildings, particularly the Pevensey building.

The building has also been designed to minimise impact on the environment, with concrete floors acting as heat sinks, and natural ventilation systems.

In line with the campus masterplan to ensure further development of the green spaces on campus, the site also includes the creation of a new grass courtyard at the eastern corner of Arts Road and Refectory Road.

A live photo feed from the site and a time-lapsed video of the work so far are available at www.sussex.ac.uk/its/buildwatch

Residences refurbished over the summer

Feedback from students living in University accommodation has benefited many of the 3,500 new residents who have just moved in.

The refurbishment programme over the summer vacation addressed a number of areas that had been raised in the annual residents’ exit survey.

“The information provided by the survey of outgoing tenants is invaluable,” says Lorinda Holness, Residential Services Manager. “What Sussex students have to say about our housing is very important to us and results in previous years have led us to make many changes.”

In total, about £1.7m was spent on refurbishment projects in the residences over the summer:

- The kitchens in Kent House were enlarged and completely refurbished to provide improved cooking and dining facilities.
- The heating and hot-water system in Kent House was completely overhauled and solar panels were installed on the roof to supplement the hot water that is provided from the central boiler.
- New flooring was laid to several of the East Slope kitchens and some redecoration undertaken.
- The bathrooms, showers and kitchens in five of the Park Village houses were upgraded.
- Six flats in Lewes Court were fully refurbished.
- Thirty Brighthelm houses were completely redecorated and had new kitchens and bathrooms installed.
- New kitchens and bathrooms were also installed in two properties off campus in Woodesham Road, Brighton.
- The first floor of the Kings Road residences on Brighton seafront was re-decorated.

A new telephone system has also been installed in campus residences that provides free room-to-room calls on campus as well as cheaper local, national and international calls.

In addition to the funds committed over the summer months, £150,000 has been set aside to refurbish and upgrade the bathrooms in York House and Lancaster House on a rolling programme which is scheduled to begin in November.

Students get greener hot water

Students living in one campus residence will be more green keeping clean this year by using water heated by newly installed solar technology.

As part of its commitment to reducing its impact on the environment, the University has installed its first ‘solar thermal’ technology on the roof of Kent House, home to about 100 newly arrived students.

The installation consists of 12 ‘direct flow’ evacuated tube solar collectors, each consists of a series of heat-absorbing pipes that heat the water that passes through them up to a temperature of around 60°C. Stored in two 2,500-litre tanks, the hot water can then be used by the students as needed.

Annually, the new technology will generate approximately 10,000 kWh of thermal energy, offset around 5,500 kg of CO₂ and shave around £1,000 off University energy bills.

Patrick Pica, the University’s Energy and Environment Manager, said that, if successful, the technology could be used on other campus buildings.

He said: “While £1,000 a year may seem a modest saving, this is nevertheless a significant step forward which will demonstrate the validity of renewable energy on campus.

“As an increasing number of environmentally friendly technologies are designed into our campus buildings, we can really start to improve our environmental performance while supporting the University’s growth agenda.”
New online resource for postgraduates

The Library has launched a new online tool for postgraduates, doctoral students and researchers. InfoPlus (www.sussex.ac.uk/library/infoplus) aims to support these students by highlighting the services that the Library offers through a combination of tutorials and e-learning videos. It was developed in liaison with doctoral students and in consultation with the Department of Informatics and the Teaching and Learning Development Unit (TLDU). For further information, contact Joanna Ball (j.e.ball@sussex.ac.uk) in the Library’s Research Liaison department.

Honorary degree nominations 2009–10

Nominations are invited for the award of an honorary degree — for summer or winter ceremonies. For the criteria and nomination form, see www.sussex.ac.uk/governance/1-4-13.html. Completed nomination forms should be submitted in confidence to the Vice-Chancellor by Wednesday 28 October and the Honorary Degrees Committee will meet in early November. If you are in any doubt about the criteria or whether a particular person has already been nominated or recognised, contact Alan Soutter, secretary to the Honorary Degrees Committee, on ext 3732.

Link Romania Family Shoebox Appeal

If you would like to fill a shoebox as a Christmas gift to be taken to a family in Romania, call ext 7989 for a leaflet.

Planning an open lecture?

If you are planning a lecture in the spring term, and would like help with promotion through status as a Sussex Lecture, please contact Amy Stevens on ext. 7488 or E a.j.stevens@sussex.ac.uk

Sussex to give tomorrow's media industry stars a boost

Sussex is working with local digital-media organisation Wired Sussex to hold a media industry skills fair next month.

‘Make it into Media’, which takes place in the Brighton Corn Exchange from 12 noon to 4pm on Thursday 12 November, will give access to a host of resources to recent graduates looking to break into the creative and media industries.

Part of the University-sponsored Sussex Internship Programme (www.sussexinternships.co.uk/), this free event will include expert panel discussions and Q&A forums, a drop-in careers service for one-to-one advice, and information on relevant degree, postgraduate and further education courses.

"Many leading companies are involved," says Gerard Cronin, Business Development Manager at Sussex. "Make it into Media" is a unique opportunity for recent graduates to promote their talents and hone their skills through the level of industry support that will be available."

For more information contact Gerard on ext 7692, E gerard.cronin@sussex.ac.uk

Study skills website enhanced

A website launched last year to ease new Sussex students into university life has been enhanced with a raft of new features for current freshers.

Developed by the Teaching and Learning Development Unit (TLDU) and first launched in October 2008, Study Success at Sussex (S3) now has more interactive resources to help first-year undergraduates prepare for study and get the most from university life.

Improvements include:

• video interviews with existing Sussex students
• Study skills tutorials
• Video study guides from tutors
• Quizzes

Project co-ordinator Clare Hardman will continue to work with staff and students over the next year to create more online resources.

For more information, go to www.sussex.ac.uk/s3
Sussex graduates win national science awards

Sussex graduates, and a Sussex academic, secured a clutch of top honours at the 2009 Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) Student of the Year Awards in London.

Debbie Hill won the BP Award for the Science, Engineering and Technology Student of the Year, while her supervisor, Dr Michael Hardiman, who nominated her, was announced lecturer of the year.

Debbie also won the Johnson Matthey Physical Laboratory Award for the Best Physics Student.

Molecular Medicine graduate Alastair Copland, meanwhile, won the AstraZeneca Award for Best Biology or Biotechnology Student.

Heather Campbell was runner-up in the Physics category to complete the raft of accolades.

Each student had to be recommended by an academic supervisor and then submit a project to make it to the final, where they were interviewed by a panel of judges. The winners were announced at a special gala evening in London on 24 September.

Debbie Hill’s project was part of the Cryo-nEDM (neutron electric dipole moment) experiment in Grenoble, France, a major physics experiment that ultimately aims to answer the question of why there is more matter than antimatter in the universe.

Debbie says: “I’m absolutely delighted. I’ve worked really hard and I feel that reaching this stage shows it paid off. I received a huge amount of support, too, from my supervisor, Mike Hardiman, and the Sussex neutron EDM group, in particular Andrew Davidson.”

Alastair Copland’s project involved studying the role certain proteins play in the development of diseases such as Alzheimer’s disease.

He says: “It was a huge privilege to be nominated for a SET Award. The project was both challenging and rewarding – and wouldn’t have been possible without the excellent support of all the laboratory members.”

His tutor, Dr Louise Serpell, says: “I am really very pleased for Alastair and I think this is the beginning of a promising and impressive scientific career. As a supervisor, it is very gratifying to see your students do well and go on to great things.”

Heather Campbell’s project involved the search for and potential discovery of new Isolated Neutron Stars (INS), one of the rarest types of stars in the Galaxy. Only seven had been found since their initial discovery. Heather has now found 11 more very strong candidates for INS status – a remarkable achievement for a young physicist completing an undergraduate degree.

Heather says: “I couldn’t have done it without having a great supervisor, Kathy Romer, who always made the project fun. The highlight was going observing in Arizona, a chance not many undergraduates get!”

Sussex has had several SET winners in recent years. In 2007, physicist Paul Skrzypczyk won the best Physics student title, while fellow Sussex graduate Robert Zettel was runner-up. In 2009, physics student Emma King made history by winning both the Physics Student of the Year award and the overall SET Student of the Year award.

Sussex design graduate wins industry award

A Product Design graduate has won a prestigious award from the Institution of Engineering Designers (IED) for his final-year project.

Ben Thomson’s product, Clip to Clip, is one of just a handful of projects in the UK to receive the award, which is based on an assessment of the final-year individual project report. Ben receives a trophy, certificate and one-year membership of the IED.

Clip to Clip is a range of fasteners designed to simplify disassembly of electronic products, where existing techniques are destructive and time consuming and harm the environment. They are designed to be used in closed-loop systems (where any part of the product being made is capable of being recycled to create another product).

Ben worked on the speed and ease of assembly and disassembly, ability to compete with screws, intuitive design and minimizing recycling contamination.

As he explains: “I did lots of research into recycling in the local area before coming across MDJ Light Brothers in Lewes, which was a really exciting experience and allowed me to shape my product towards the right market.

“This is one of the largest, widest growing and dangerous waste problems in the world and proved to be really challenging, even for such a small fixing component!”

Ben worked with staff in the Engineering and Design department, the Royal College of Art (who provided most of the developmental prototypes), the Product Workshop, moulding engineers from Deutsch electrical connectors, and Fastplas, an injection moulding company, to design the prototypes that earned him a first class degree this summer and the award of Best Product Designer of his graduating class.

Ben is currently looking for work as a product designer and is hoping his achievement in the IED awards will stand him in good stead with future employers.

Colourful welcome for new international students

Hundreds of new international students enjoyed a welcome reception at the Brighton Dome on Sunday (4 October).

The function began with welcome drinks, a light buffet and a speech from the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Michael Farthing.

A local jazz band entertained the 800 students – some of whom took the opportunity to dress up in national costume.

Other guests included the Mayor of Brighton, new heads of school, and other academics and senior University officials.

“The feedback was very positive,” said Sara Dyer, Head of International Students’ Support. “New students said they loved the venue and thought it was a memorable way to start their studies at Sussex.”
Academic events

MON 12 OCT
5pm Law lecture: Kassala Phillip Apudui, The International Criminal Court and the Horn of Africa region, Silverstone (previously EDB) lecture theatre 121.

6.30pm American Studies lecture: Patricia Sullivan (South Carolina), The crystallizing force of Negro citizenship: The NAACP in the American South, 1915-51, Aia Briggs 2 (previously Arts A2) lecture theatre.

TUE 13 OCT
4pm Cognitive science seminar: Richard Bornat and Saeed Dehnavi (Middlesex), Rational misconceptions as indicators of programming success, Pevensey 1A7.

4pm SEI seminar: Jörg Monar and John Fitzgibbon (Sussex), The October 2009 Irish referendum on the Lisbon Treaty. Arts A71.

7pm Physics lecture: Darren Baskil (Sussex), Xtreme astronomy, Pevensey 1A7.

WED 14 OCT
12.30pm Genome Centre seminar: Zoi Lygerou (Patras, Greece), Control over DNA replication in time and space. GDSC seminar room.

3.30pm Engineering seminar: Abdullah Sezgin (Dokuz Eylul, Turkey), Free and forced vibration analysis of engineering structures using discrete singular convolution, Arundel 1B.

6pm English lecture: Steven Connor (Birkbeck), Thinking things. BSBMS lecture theatre.

FRI 16 OCT
4.30pm Philosophy seminar: David Smith (Warwick), Benign physicalism. Arts C233.

TUE 20 OCT
1pm Cognitive science lecture: Bay Whitby (Sussex), Mind as machine: Origins of the idea. JMS 1.

4pm Cognitive science seminar: J. Scott Jordan (Illinois), Meaning and sustenance in cognitive systems, Pevensey 1A7.

WED 21 OCT
12.30pm Genome Centre seminar: David Horn (London), Homologous recombination in parasitic trypanosomes. GDSC seminar room.

FRI 23 OCT
4pm Languages and linguistics seminar: Geoffrey Williams (Bretagne Sud), A lexico-graphical and corpus linguistic analysis of Europe through the Intwine corpora. Location tbc.

4pm Law lecture: Françoise Tulkens (ECH), The European Court of Human Rights is 50: The journey so far, the challenges ahead. Chichester lecture theatre.

Arts events

BLACK HISTORY MONTH
Mon 19 Oct
1pm Film: Oscar's Comeback: The Festival of the Unconquered
Adrian Goycoolea discusses the process of shooting and editing the film, directed by Lisa Collins and Mark Schwartzburg. Arts D640

Fri 16 Oct
1pm Film: Top Girl
Director Rebecca Johnson talks about the making of the film. Silverstone (previously EDB) 121.

Tue 20 Oct
1pm Soulful singing workshop
Funky, African, sacred, uplifting and fun group harmony singing with live Djsimbo drumming, Mandela Hall, Falmer House.