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Welcome to the University academic year 2017/18. As one of the busiest times of the academic year, it's a pleasure to celebrate the achievements of over 3,000 students attending our 17 graduation ceremonies at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre last week. We are also welcoming just under 5,000 new students and nearly 14,000 returning students and you'll have seen how busy the campuses have been today. Recruitment is healthy for 2017/18 and our full-time undergraduate numbers are generally sound, with an increase in our postgraduate students for the second year running as well as a growing apprenticeship portfolio.

Our campuses are looking better than ever, the Digital Campus is making great strides and you can read more about the Canvas VLE below. Our research grants are improving, our business engagement is strong and our student employability is high. However we, like all universities, face a number of years of a challenging future and we

need to plan to be sustainable and strong. The challenges are a mix of political policy and the consequences of our own performance, and we have recently held a series of staff roadshows across our campuses where we are addressing the future plans of the University under the umbrella of 'Future proofing: The Way Forward'.

Please visit our dedicated web pages on this topic [here](#) which will give you more information on the steps we'll be taking over the next three academic years. Deans and Directors will also be organising individual Faculty and Directorate sessions on this and there will be regular communication updates as we move forward as an institution.

BBC Question Time

We are delighted that the University is to host BBC1's Question Time this week. The show will be broadcast at 10:45pm from the Chancellor's Hall in the University's Wulfruna Building on Thursday 28 September 2017.

If you are interested in being a member of the audience you should visit [here](#) and click on join an audience, and scroll down to Wolverhampton.

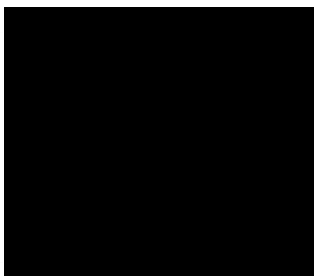
Canvas

We've invested significantly in our Digital Campus, and Canvas – our new Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) – is here. We have some guidance [online](#) for staff on the next steps, as well as some top tips on preparing for Canvas.

Staff appointments and successes



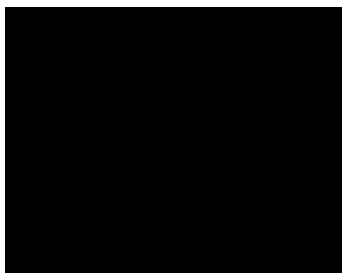
West Midlands Combined Universities (WMCU) has appointed a new Director – welcome to [Wayne Langford](#) who takes up the role next month. He joins from the Black Country Consortium.



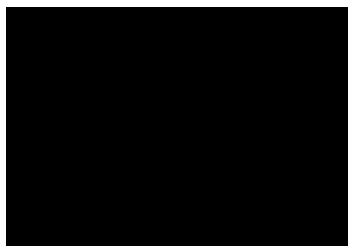
Congratulations to Dr Megan Lawton, Senior Adviser in Academic Practice, College of Learning and Teaching, who has been awarded a [National Teaching Fellowship \(NTF\)](#) from the [Higher Education Academy \(HEA\)](#).



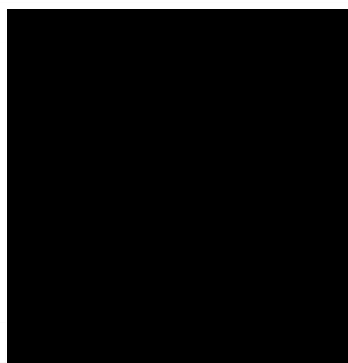
Diana Bannister MBE, Assistant Director of Pedagogic Partnerships and Head of Postgraduate Taught Provision, Faculty of Education, Health and Wellbeing, has also been awarded Principal Fellowship of the HEA.



Dr Moses Murandu, Senior Lecturer in Adult Nursing, and Dr Ranjit Khutan, Head of the Department for Public Health, Faculty of Education, Health and Wellbeing, have both been chosen on a prestigious listing of inspirational people from the Black Country. The [100 Masters](#) campaign has been produced by Creative Black Country to identify contemporary skilled people from the region, helping to inspire future talent. University students and alumni also appear in the listings – well done to all.



Congratulations to Dr Paschal Anosike, Director of the University's Centre for African Entrepreneurship and Leadership (CAEL), who has been instrumental in a [significant bid](#) valued at a total of €1.397.750,00 which will support the education of entrepreneurs in Africa. The University has been selected as the only EU technical partner to be involved, to oversee implementation through the African regions involved – East, South and Western Africa. The seven African partners include Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia) (the lead institution), Makerere University (Uganda), Kyambogo University (Uganda), University of Ghana (Ghana), Milpark Business School (South Africa), Ministry of Education Uganda and the Private Sector Foundation Uganda.



Professor Mike Fullen, Professor of Soil Technology, Faculty of Science and Engineering, has been selected as the winner of the Caiyun Award of Yunnan Province, China – the highest award for foreign experts working in the Province.

Revised timescales for quality processes

In May 2017, University Academic Enhancement Committee approved revised timescales for processes including Validation, Accreditation, Approval and Deletion, Curriculum Review, Periodic Review and Modifications. There have been a number of internal and external drivers for this activity and it has therefore been necessary to adjust our internal deadlines to meet these demands. We will now be closing validation, approval and modification activity by 31 May each year, for delivery from September of the following year – for example, for a new course to be delivered from Semester 1 2019/20, activity would need to be closed 31 May 2018. Please read more [here](#)

Career Development Week 2017/18

We're pleased to confirm that bookings for the Career Development Week activities running 12 – 16 February 2018 open to students on Monday 16 October 2017. There will

be information and booking points across our campuses in Faculty, so do encourage students to get involved and book early. You'll find more information on the CDW [web page](#) from w/c 2 October 2017.

Estates update

A new entrance is being created in the Wulfruna Building, City Campus which will provide dedicated access to Chancellor's Hall – this work is scheduled for completion in November 2017. This will radically change the accessibility to this building.

At Walsall Campus, the car park is open utilising the current access. The new access road off the Broadway should be complete in January 2018.

Clegg Construction has completed the £10.1 million [Science Centre](#) at the University's Science Park in Wolverhampton. New tenants will start to arrive this autumn.

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