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As mentioned in last month's Update, Clearing is now open across UK universities and we are working towards one of the busiest periods in the Clearing process when students receive their A Level results this week on Thursday 17 August and our Hotline opens to them at 7am that morning.

Many members of staff across the organisation will be involved in Clearing this week - whether it's answering the Hotline calls, giving advice and making offers to potential students, confirming offers, proactive calls out to those [who've registered their interest](#) to receive a call from us or working at the Open Day on Saturday 19 August or Open Afternoons that follow. Our thanks go to you all for the hard work that is already being undertaken and is to come – this is an exceptionally busy time of the year, in a competitive higher education marketplace, and we all have our part to play in ensuring Wolverhampton is a student's number one choice in Clearing.

The Clearing Hotline number is **01902 51 85 85** and opens from **7am – 7pm on Thursday 17 August, 7am – 7pm on Friday 18 August, 9am – 5pm on Saturday 19 August, 10am to 4pm on Sunday 20 August, and 8am to 5pm from Monday 21 August onwards.**

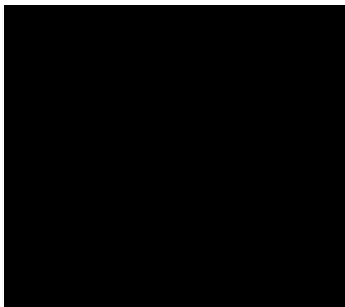
2017/18 pay award

The Universities and Colleges Employers Association (UCEA) has advised employers of the conclusion of the 2017/18 pay round and acceptance of the final offer of pay uplifts with effect from 1 August 2017, following consultation with major Unions including UCU (University and College Union) and Unison. A further communication on this will come out to staff shortly.

Career Development Week 2017/18

Following the success of the first cross-University Career Development Week (CDW) earlier this year, we're pleased to announce that CDW will take place from 12 – 16 February 2018. Colleagues across the University are already busy planning the programme and what we're offering students this time around, and we're building on student feedback from February's programme to launch an even better CDW for 2017/18. Promotion has already started to students and will build during Welcome Week until the point when the programme for 2018 is launched in October. Please do support and tell students about the benefits of getting involved.

Staff appointments and successes



Welcome to Tracey Hulme, Director of HR, who joins us from the University of Bradford where she was Deputy Director of Human Resources.



Congratulations to Clare Dickens, Mental Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator, who has been shortlisted for [Nurse of the Year at the prestigious Nursing Times Awards 2017](#) on 2 November 2017. This nomination particularly focuses on Clare's pioneering work with the 'Three Minutes to Save a Life' programme.

Apprenticeships

Work is apace through the Apprenticeships Hub, and some of our latest news includes the launch of the new [Chartered Surveyor Built Environment Degree Apprenticeship at the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors \(RICS\)](#) recently, the new [Bachelor of Science with Honours \(BSc\) Degree Apprenticeship](#) which starts in September 2017 with two routes of study depending on the Apprentice's job role - Cardiac Physiology or Respiratory & Sleep Physiology, as well as the University being chosen as a [preferred supplier to provide Degree Apprenticeships for two leading public service providers](#) – Shropshire Council and National Health Service Business Services.

Wolverhampton Pride 2017

We're delighted to be supporting Wolverhampton Pride again this year, and the organisers Wolverhampton LGBT Alliance. The event takes place on Saturday 30 September 2017 and will pass by the University's Ambika Paul Building (MD) at City Campus.

Promoting events

If you're holding an event, conference or guest lecture on campus, please complete the online [events form](#) – this is the predominant way of promoting an event on our web pages and will also help other staff to promote your event further.

Estates update – summer works

A separate Geoff's Update Special will be coming out soon about our busy programme of estates works across our sites this summer.

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