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It's been a busy few weeks at the University. I hope you've had some time to enjoy the weather or get away for a break before we start a new academic year in September.

Clearing

We have made a good start to the Clearing period with enquiries and calls to the hotline up this year.

To date the number of Clearing enquiries is 1,341, last year at this point it was 1,037. We had our August Open Day on Saturday across City, Walsall and Telford Campuses and we welcomed more than 1,700 visitors through our doors with 850 being individual registrants.

There's also lots of marketing activity with UCAS mailers sent to 11,000 unplaced applicants, alongside monthly nurturing newsletters. The University's digital campaign and out of home campaign is running up to the end of September and Gateway drop in sessions being held every Wednesday are being promoted through all media channels.

I'd like to thank everyone for all the work they have put into all these activities so far. We have made a positive start but we need to ensure we continue this not just in the short-term but over the next few weeks right up to enrolment and the start of teaching.

Graduation

We're fast approaching 2018 graduation. It is always a fantastic occasion for the University, staff, students and their families. This year we will have 3,000 students graduating from 17 ceremonies at The Grand Theatre. We will also have [14 Honorary Graduates](#) including [REDACTED].

Satisfaction and Employability

We have seen more good performance in two major surveys of our students. In July the Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education Survey found that 96 per cent of our students from 2017 were in work or further study six months after graduation. What was even more pleasing is that the number of our students going into graduate level jobs is also continuing to rise with 72 per cent in professional or managerial roles. This month we received our National Student Survey (NSS) results and satisfaction has risen again. Overall satisfaction rose from 82 to 83 per cent, which means we are now at sector average.

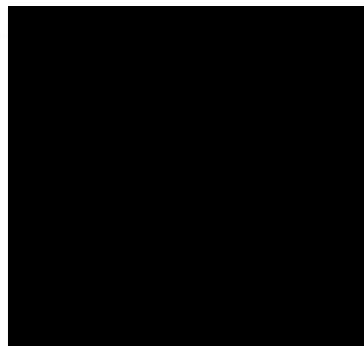
Staffing

We welcome Jo White who has joined the University as new Academic Registrar replacing Chris Twine. Thank you to Richard Middleton who has been acting as interim.

We also say farewell to Deputy Academic Registrar Gina Masters who leaves us after 32 years!



In the Faculty of Arts Sam Hope has been appointed to the new role of Associate Dean (Knowledge Transfer and Outreach) and will take up post on 1 September while three new heads of school have also



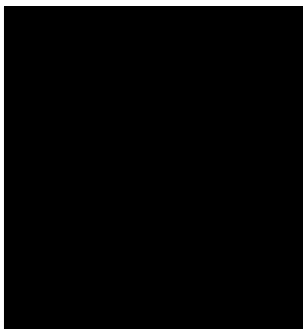
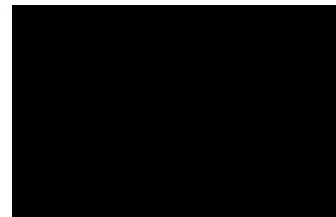
Sarah Hayes is joining us from Aston University as Professor of Learning and Teaching within COLT.

been appointed. Maggie Ayliffe as Head of Art, Frank Wilson as Head of Humanities and Sarah Browne as Head of Performing Arts.

We also welcome new Students' Union Officers – Nabil Alibi (Academic), Jade Francis (Community) and Aida Ngene (Diversity).

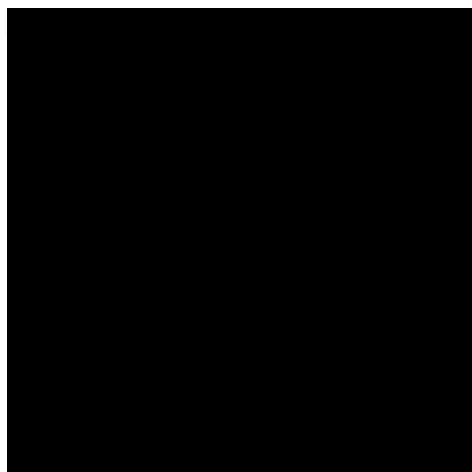
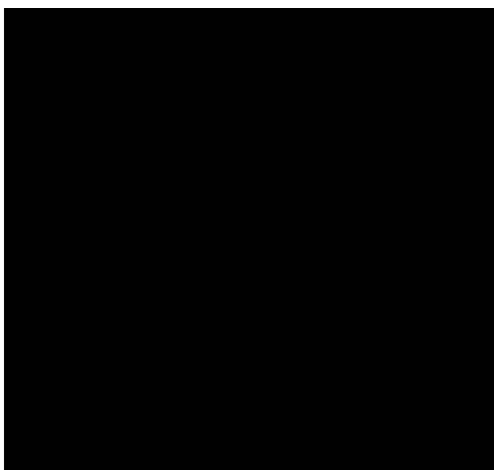
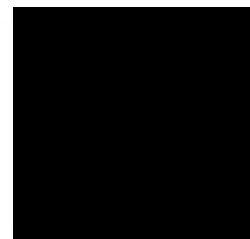
Staff and student success

Well done to [REDACTED] who has been selected to represent Team GB at the Junior European Judo Championships in Sofia, Bulgaria in September. [REDACTED] is a BSc (Hons) Sports and Exercise Science student and also trains at the British Judo Centre of Excellence at our Walsall Campus.



Professor Ross Prior has become a Principal Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and has also just been elected Chairman of the Board for the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust.

Well done to Dr Vinodh Kannappan who was awarded first prize for a presentation on his cancer research using the anti-alcoholism drug Disulfiram at an event organised by the British Lung Foundation.



Senior Lecturer in Adult Nursing, Garry Cooper-Stanton, has been awarded the Queen's Nurse (QN) title by the community nursing charity The Queen's Nursing Institute (QNI) in recognition of his commitment to high standards of patient care.

Our Mathematicians have been ranked number one in the world for their research for the second year running as part of the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), also known as Shanghai Ranking, published recently.

Estates Summer Works

As ever during the summer we have undertaken a large scale works programme in order to refresh, update and upgrade facilities across the University.

The Lord Swraj Paul Building is set to reopen in the first week in September following an upgrade to its heating and ventilation system. We have also undertaken a refurbishment of main lecture theatres and teaching rooms across our campuses for the new academic year.

A new lobby area for the George Wallis Building is ongoing and due to be complete soon while the work on new flooring and equipment for the Courtyard Kitchen in the Millennium City Building is due to be completed by the end of August and the new reception area in The Technology Building at the Science Park finishes this week. Work has just started to fix and reinstate any broken paving in the Courtyard at City Campus Wulfruna and new decking is set to be installed outside the Arena Theatre to provide outdoor seating for the venue.

Finally, if you are at City Campus you can't have failed to notice the transformation in the Molineux Subway linking City Campus Wulfruna and Molineux. The work was carried out as part of a partnership between ourselves, Wolves and the City of Wolverhampton council and one side of the subway depicts the history of Wolves while the other side shows life at the University.



Project funding

The University has been successful in securing 429,682 Euros as part of a joint European funded project involving a number of universities.

The Light4Health project involves Wolverhampton along with universities from Denmark, Germany, Sweden, Russia and the United States. Facilitated by the University's Brussels Office and Project Support Office the project has been funded as part of the Erasmus+ programme.

Light4Health will bring together advanced research and teaching expertise on the intersection of lighting design and health research. It will start in October and run for 35 months.

The Faculty of Arts has also secured Erasmus+ funding. MeLDE (Media Literacy in the

Digitalised Era: Supporting Teachers through a Whole-School Approach), provides funding to work with schools, and will be led by Alison Carminke and Dr Bianca Fox, Head of Film, Media & Broadcasting and Course Leader BA (Hons) Multimedia Journalism.

The consortium comprises five organisations representing a wide range of background and expertise coming from the UK, Germany, Cyprus and Greece. The project is being coordinated by the University of Wolverhampton and has a total funding value of €329,975.

Centre for Cyber Security

A joint venture between the University and Herefordshire Council has secured £9 million funding to develop a new Centre for Cyber Security in Hereford.

The University has approved £1.5 million to contribute to the Centre as well as successfully securing grant funding of £4 million from the Marches LEP Local Growth Fund and £1.16 million of European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). Herefordshire Council has approved funding of £3.5 million to contribute to the Centre for Cyber Security which will be located on Skylon Park in the Hereford Enterprise Zone.

The new Centre will offer high quality research facilities through the University's Cyber Security Research Institute as well as providing office space for cyber businesses and advanced training facilities designed specifically to tackle threats in cyberspace.

Race Equality Survey

This is a last piece of encouragement to urge as many staff as possible to take part in the [Race Equality Survey](#). We are committed to creating an inclusive culture and environment at the University where all individuals are able to thrive. As part of that we are currently working with AdvanceHE to identify how we can advance race equality within our institution and want to hear your views.

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