Feeding our curiosity for food and nutrition

The University of Surrey has been awarded the Queen’s Anniversary Prize for its teaching and research in food and nutrition.

The Queen’s Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education, the most prestigious form of national recognition for any UK academic institution, has been awarded to the University of Surrey in recognition of its sustained excellence in the field of food and nutrition.

This prestigious honour is awarded every two years, with the endorsement of Her Majesty The Queen, in acknowledgement of world-leading research and teaching by educational institutions. The award was announced at a ceremony at St James’s Palace in London in November.

The judging panel described the work undertaken in nutritional sciences at the University of Surrey as exemplary. The University’s food sciences courses are ranked number one in the UK by both The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2018 and the Complete University Guide 2018, reflecting outstanding teaching and an excellent student experience.

Professor Susan Lanham-New, Head of the Department of Nutritional Sciences, commented: “I am absolutely delighted that our institution has been awarded the Queen’s Anniversary Prize.

“Nutrition is an important component of all our lives and the significance of a well-balanced diet should never be underestimated. In recent years our researchers have identified the devastating long-term effects of inadequate dietary intake to our bodies, but have also helped prove the positive effects of good nutrition, in particular the protective role it can play in reducing the risk of age-related disease outcomes.”

This is the fourth time the University of Surrey has been awarded the Queen’s Anniversary Prize. Surrey was previously recognised for its work in engineering for the space industry, the development of ion beams, and improving access to safe drinking water and sanitation.
Welcome from Helen Bowcock OBE

It is an honour to be invited to be guest editor for this edition of Your University. My association with the University of Surrey first began some years ago when I attended courses on social research methods as an external PhD student. However, my relationship with the University didn’t end there. Some years later, following my term as High Sheriff of Surrey, I served on the University’s Council and I am currently a member of the University’s Advancement Committee and a working group overseeing research on social mobility.

In this edition of Your University you will be given new insights into the many ways in which the University of Surrey has an impact on local, national and international levels. I have chosen to draw attention to some impressive examples of volunteering and local engagement, to the University’s innovation in the arts, and to ground breaking research here on our doorstep. With a particular interest in philanthropy, it seems to me that many different opportunities are offered to donors to achieve impact through supporting our local university, some of which are evident in this edition, as is the University’s role as an anchor institution in Surrey.

On page 5 you can read about the combined efforts of staff and students to support a range of local causes with an invitation to any local charity or community group to apply for volunteer help. Additionally, on page 11 you can read about how on a freezing cold night in March a group of students slept rough on the University’s piazza to raise funds for the local YMCA. Having been persuaded to do this same sleep out seven years ago I have some appreciation of just how uncomfortable the experience really is.

There are some very good examples in this edition of how the University is a hub of art and culture and is renowned for its outstanding music and performing arts. There are increasing opportunities for local residents to attend events, as listed in the ‘What’s on’ section on page 13, including performances by the phenomenal Guildford School of Acting. On page 10 you can also meet Surrey’s ‘queen of arts’: the remarkable Patricia Grayburn MBE DL, who this year will have worked as Arts Administrator for the University for 35 years. She selects her favourite sculptures on campus and we are all invited to enjoy the public art on display thanks to the open campus policy.

Moving from the local to the global, I have had the opportunity to read a research report on the three papers in the last edition, which seems to me that many different opportunities are offered to donors to achieve impact through supporting our local university, some of which are evident in this edition, as is the University’s role as an anchor institution in Surrey.

The best of Instagram

On our official Instagram account we frequently share beautiful images of Guildford and our campus, taken by our very own students and staff. Follow @surreyuni on Instagram to see more.

Astronomer Royal launches prestigious Adams Sweeting Lecture series

This February, the University welcomed world-renowned cosmologist and Astronomer Royal, Professor Lord Martin Rees, and Surrey’s Chancellor, The Duke of Kent, to launch an exciting new lecture series.

The Adams Sweeting Lecture in Frontier Science and Technology is the University’s flagship lecture series established in honour of distinguished Surrey alumnus, Professor Alf Adams – inventor of the strained-layer quantum-well laser used in DVD players and barcode scanners – and Professor Sir Martin Sweeting OBE, the founder of Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd and the Surrey Space Centre.

In his speech, ‘Will technology save us or will it be our downfall?’, Lord Rees warned that humanity should be wary of the consequences that technological advancements – such as artificial intelligence, biotechnology and space exploration – will have on the health of the planet. He said: “This topic has been close to my heart for more than 15 years and I was delighted to share my thoughts at the inaugural Adams Sweeting Lecture. Our country has many institutions that produce inspiring and innovative work, some that change the very course of history. However, it is important that we all remain vigilant and focus on how we can harness the positive effects of new technologies such as biotech, clean air, AI and space, while safeguarding ourselves against the new risks that they pose.”

Sponsored by Investec, the evening was attended by 400 guests and also featured a panel discussion with Lord Rees, Professor Adams, Professor Sir Martin Sweeting and Surrey University Professor, Julie Yelamos.

Did you know?

Professor Alf Adams was awarded the 2017 Guildford Roll of Honour for his exceptional contributions to scientific innovation, technological application and excellence in higher education.

Did you know?

In 2016 Sir Martin Sweeting was identified by The Sunday Times as one of the UK’s 20 most influential engineers.

World’s first quantum biology training centre comes to Guildford

Surrey has been awarded £1 million from the prestigious Leverhulme Trust to establish the world’s first doctoral training Centre for Quantum Biology.

The Centre will be headed by Professors Johnjoe McFadden and Jim Al-Khalili, who will train a new generation of scientists with the skills needed to study and exploit the quantum underpinnings of life.

Up to seven PhD students will be recruited by the Centre each year for the next three years. They will engage in a three-year interdisciplinary training and research programme, and work on projects from photosynthesis to nanotechnology.

Professor Johnjoe McFadden, Director of the Centre for Quantum Biology at the University of Surrey, said: “Quantum biology may lead to new approaches to solar energy, new drugs or new diagnostics, and may even hold the key to building revolutionary quantum computers that could far outperform even the most advanced of today’s computers.

To progress, quantum biology needs scientists who can operate across the discipline boundaries, which is what we hope to achieve within our new Centre.”
Celebrating Guildford’s LGBT routes
Guildford celebrated LGBT History Month by holding its very first LGBT walking tour on Valentine’s Day.
The tour, which was organised by Dr Faye Finlay of the University’s School of Psychology, and Paul Chadwick of Guildford Town Guides, included a number of places associated with LGBT individuals. Destinations included homes lived in by the enigmatic code-breaker Alan Turing and his family, and the grave of sociocultural campaigner Edward Carpenter, who was barred with his male partner in the Mount Cemetery, something that was considered very unusual at the in 1920s.
Dr Finlay said: “This tour was a great opportunity to look at Guildford with an ‘LGBT eye’, and showed how supportive the University underwrites for the duration of the tenancy, as well as our quarterly rental payments in advance.
Dr Liani Mannifield, USL Lettings Manager, said: “To be appointed High Sheriff is a great honour and provides a wonderful opportunity to highlight the many thousands of landlords who are properly maintaining homes.
The University is inviting local landlords to list their student properties with its in-house lettings agency.
The initiative was prompted by the Santander Cycling University Challenge, a national competition that gives universities a chance to develop their own bespoke cycle hire scheme: Students are of the LGBT community and its history.”

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University of Surrey Lettings (USL) offers a property management service which allows private landlords to rent their student properties directly to the University. In return, the property is subject to continuing students. The service offers discounted rates to landlords who become accredited under the Guildford Landlord Accreditation Scheme.
Lori Millermood, USL Lettings Manager, said: “Our new pro-free offers landlords a cost-effective alternative to letting privately while also ensuring that Surrey students live in properly maintained homes.”
“So far, we have found that local landlords appreciate our work and our impact on reducing the University of Surrey’s negative environmental impact in advance.
Residents may have noticed the agency’s green boards around the town which have been placed outside USL-managed properties to promote the agency’s services.
For more information, contact the USL team on: +44 (0)1483 606111 or email: usl@surrey.ac.uk

Swapping spreadsheets for spades
University staff and students have been rolling up their sleeves to volunteer for good causes across the local area.
Our next community day will see staff engaging with more Guildford-based community projects, including piloting space around Guildford’s Tesco supermarket and clearing weeds at the entrance to Westborough Woods.
If you are a registered, local charity or community group that could benefit from volunteers, email public engagements@surrey.ac.uk

The sound of giving
Surrey’s Motivation by Music Gospel Choir has recorded a new single to raise vital funds for the Surrey-based charity, Mustard Seed, which provides practical support to children living with autism.
Emily Bollon, a BMus Creative Music Technology graduate, founded the University’s Surrey's Motivation by Music Gospel Choir has recorded a new single to raise vital funds for Surrey's Students’ Union has launched a volunteering website to connect their student members with local causes.
Surreyvolunteering.com allows students to browse opportunities at local charities, schools and not-for-profit organisations, log their volunteering hours and reflect on any new found skills or experience.
Maddie Thomas, Volunteer Coordinator at the University’s Students’ Union, said: “More than 50 partners have already signed up and we have started to see a real uptake from students getting involved in local charities that have traditionally found it hard to attract student volunteers.
“From building transferable skills, making a difference and meeting new people, volunteering is a great way for students to enhance their university experience.”
Local charities and organisations are encouraged to register volunteering opportunities.
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Thank you, Guildford Rotary Club
Earlier this year our President and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Max Lu, visited the Guildford Rotary Club to acknowledge the work that they have played in establishing the University in 1966.
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In 1987 our first Vice-Chancellor, Peter Leggett, stated: “It had not been for the Guildford Rotary Club, it is extremely unlikely that the University of Surrey has come.”

Tackling street noise
The University has partnered with purpose-built student accommodation provider Scape to tackle anti-social noise in residential streets near to the campus.
A new street marshalling service will operate between 10pm and 4am on Guildford’s popular student nights, Monday and Wednesday, with an increased service operating during peak times such as Welcome Week.
Based in key areas such as Walnut Tree Close and Scholars’ Walk, the marshals will be on hand to support students, log any incidents and generally keep the peace.
A successful pilot was shown to reduce noise caused by students travelling to and from the campus, with no street being spent in the town centre.
Kate Bailey, Public Engagement Manager, said: “Many of the routes to and from the University’s campus are lined with people’s homes. We have found it helpful to remind students to keep their voices down and remember that noise travels very easily at night.
“While it is important to remember that students are certainly not the only members of the community who need to be aware of this, we have decided to follow the example of other universities around the country and introduce a marshalling service during peak times.”

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UNION LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN TO INCREASE VOLUNTEERING
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COMMUNITY NEWS
YOUR UNIVERSITY
Community news
The University has conducted its Guildford Residents’ Survey every year since 2015. Your University takes a look at a selection of the feedback we received from some of last year’s respondents, as well as what the University is doing across these areas.

"More students should live on campus." We have always felt that Guildford's student population adds significant value to the community and, like all other local residents, they should be able to choose where they live. However, we are also concerned about providing high-quality campus accommodation.

We guarantee all new undergraduates and non-EU postgraduate students a place in campus accommodation for their first year, provided they meet the accommodation application deadlines. We provide proportionately more student accommodation on our campus than at almost all other universities in the UK and, since 2005, we have invested more than £200m in our accommodation. There are currently 5,700 bed spaces on our two campuses, 1,820 on Manor Park and 3,850 on Stag Hill.

153 new bedrooms are currently being built on our Manor Park campus and will be finished by the end of 2019. We are now working to deliver a further 1,000 units on Manor Park, which will see a total of 4,000 bed spaces on this campus alone, within the next five to six years.

"Public-facing events need better publicity." From stagings evenings, a community orchestra and professional sporting tournaments, to plays, in-dialogue events and markets, our events calendar stretches across the University. Our Public Engagement team has launched a new Twitter account @UniOfSurreyCPE to promote community news and events. Our full events calendar can be found on the University’s page of our website: surrey.ac.uk. Our revamped to the community ‘websites also feature local events. The University is also set to launch a new events e-newsletter later this year. Watch this space.

Curb street noise created by students. Our Public Engagement resource and are committed to an ever-increasing programme of local events, student relationships and community projects. Since 2018, we have hosted a number of our staff at Kings College for a day a week to encourage and inspire the secondary school’s pupils. Between February 2017 and February 2018, we delivered 48 significant events and long-term projects at the school (see page 13).

Over the last year, our staff and students have increased their local volunteering efforts. One example includes helping to deliver green space renovation projects in areas such as Park Barn and Westborough.

Stop students from parking in residential roads. While it is difficult to prevent licensed road users from parking legally, we are doing what we can to offer other options to our students to prevent them from parking on roads close to the campus. We place restrictions on car use, with students living on campus not allowed to bring a car to Guildford as a tenancy condition. Public transport options are always highlighted, including the campus’s close proximity to Guildford railway station.

We have invested heavily in subsidised, alternative transport options. This includes an extensive bus network which benefits the town, walking and cycling routes, and other initiatives such as a season-to-season bus ticket scheme.

Our Public Engagement team investigates nuisance parking if it is related to our staff or students and if the provided information allows.

For more information, email: public.engagement@surrey.ac.uk

Big investment in small materials

In late 2018 the University of Surrey will open a £4m nanomanufacturing hub that will produce plastic nanoscopic electronics such as wearable sensors, tags and other wireless technologies, helping to develop ‘Internet of things’ devices for smart homes, smart cities and smart factories.

Co-developed with Qinetiq, and the National Physical Laboratory, the new facility will include a nanoscale offset printing system, based on a pioneering design by Northeastern University (US), that can print metals, organic and inorganic materials, polymers, and nanoscale structures and circuits down to 25 nanometres, without requiring a traditional multilayer-pound nanofabrication facility.

Professor Ravi Silv, Director of the University of Surrey’s Advanced Technology Institute and the new nanomanufacturing hub, said: “This exciting project will develop new technologies and techniques to make the dream of a fully wireless, smart home or smart factory commonplace in the UK.”

Surrey helps develop ‘game-changing’ 10-second test for HIV

Just a single drop of blood from a patient can now be easily tested for HIV in seconds, using mobile technology found in smartphones.

Scientists working at the University of Surrey, in collaboration with colleagues at University College London, the Africa Health Research Institute (South Africa), DJ-Rio (Nevacide), QV (Netherlands) and the Jansen Biosci Ltd, have developed a new mobile test for HIV using technology found in smartphones.

Current point-of-care tests for HIV take between 10 and 20 minutes and require bulky equipment, but the new mobile test takes just 10 seconds and uses compact smartphone technology.

The test uses surface acoustic wave (SAW) devices, which are based on microelectronic components found in smartphones. The disposable quartz biosensors are extremely fast because they do not require complex labelling, amplification or wash steps, and a pocket-sized control box reads out the SAW signal and displays results electronically.

The research could cut lengthy test waiting times, giving patients immediate access to potentially life-saving treatment and timely public health interventions to prevent disease outbreaks.

The test could also in theory be adapted to screen for a range of viruses such as Zika or Ebola, making it quick and easy to identify outbreaks before they become epidemic.

Professor Vince Emery, Senior Vice-President of Global Strategy and Engagement and Professor of Translational Virology at the University of Surrey, said: “This research shows that SAW can find the perfect marriage between traditional medical science and cutting-edge mobile technology to make a real difference to diagnosing serious viruses within seconds.”

“The development is a great example of how multidisciplinary research can lead to breakthroughs that affect global health.”

Europe’s first demonstration of how 5G could revolutionise driving

5G technology allows more data, lower latency, encryption and other features that could transform everyday life.

In November, the University of Surrey’s 5G Innovation Centre and its partners have launched 5G-VOGUE, a fully operational Audi Q7 driving around Stag Hill in Guildford, controlled remotely by a 5G data connection from the EC5 conference centre in central London.

5G’s extremely low latency means faster response times than existing mobile connections, allowing the control of machines remotely. 5G also allows improved security and faster sharing of data, meaning a car can be streamed and controlled in real time.

Professor Rahim Tafazolli, Founder and Director of the 5GIC, said: “With these demonstrations it shows that 5G is now a reality and the technology can have a transformative impact on all aspects of our lives - from mobile broadband communications to automation of many industries.”

The 5G Innovation Centre’s 5G testbed is feeding new standards of wireless communication essential to the future rollout of 5G technologies.
Surrey shortlisted for Cancer Research UK’s Grand Challenge Award

A team led by the University of Surrey and the National Physical Laboratory have proposed a novel method to identify early signs of cancer.

Working with cancer patients and survivors, as well as experts from across a number of fields including cancer health, psychology, 5G and nutrition, researchers will analyse people’s consumer and behavioural habits.

Early symptoms of cancer are often attributed to other health ailments, and patients often delay seeking medical advice. The research team will examine early symptoms of cancer and how self-management of symptoms impacts upon patients’ behavioural and consumer routines.

If successful, the research team will secure £20m of global grants to take their research further and help improve early diagnosis rates of cancer.

They will develop software tools to encourage individuals to seek medical advice early in their behavioural habits (such as shopping) match the profile of someone with early signs of cancer.

Looking after creatures big and small

The welfare assessment grid requires daily monitoring of a range of factors, such as the animals’ physical condition, their psychological wellbeing and the quality of the environment, as well as the daily procedures they experience. These factors were all previously monitored by regular health checks that zooskepers were required to assess when they were undertaking animal welfare audits.

Sarah Wolfensohn, Professor of Animal Welfare at the University of Surrey, said: “This innovative system will give zooskepers clearer guidance on what they should be looking out for to monitor animal overall wellbeing.”

Exciting new discovery could reduce recurrence of prostate cancer

Ground-breaking research could reduce the reappearance of prostate cancer, the most common form of cancer affecting men.

During this in-depth study a team of researchers, led by lead author Dr Mohammad Asim from the University of Surrey, investigated the impact of anti-hormone therapy and anti-androgen therapy as a reduced recurrence and progression of prostate cancer. As an indicator, the researchers discovered that the inhibitors prevent DNA repair, causing the cells to die rather than repair.

Dr Mohammad Asim said: “Prostate cancer is a devastating illness with a high death rate. Our exciting discovery will help remedy this and increase chances of survival for the thousands of men who control the disease every year.”

The researchers found that prescribing inhibitors for this particular enzyme, alongside anti-hormone therapy treatment, could help reduce the recurrence and progression of prostate cancer. As an indicator, if the inhibitors prevent DNA repair, causing the cells to die rather than repair.

Downtime important for keeping up health

A study led by the University of Surrey has revealed that employers should do more to ensure employees do not feel pressured to work outside of their contractual hours.

Researchers scrutinised 56 studies and found that many employees felt pressure from their organisation to be constantly available. To avoid such out-of-hours working having a negative impact on health and wellbeing, researchers recommend that employers give individuals control over their working patterns and actively involve them in any decisions or policies about technology use so employees can reap the benefits of modern technologies without the negative consequences.

Dementia study wins prestigious award

An innovative new study led by the University of Surrey, and the Surrey and Borders NHS Foundation Trust, has won Best Mental Health Initiative of 2017 at the annual eHi Awards.

The Technology Integrated Health Management (TIHM) for Dementia study will transform the support offered to people with dementia. Using advanced technologies, such as wearable devices and built-in sensors, clinicians will be able to remotely monitor the health of individuals in their care. The technology will recognize warning signs such as increased body temperature for signs of movement, and send the information to clinicians who can then step in to offer treatment and support.

Dr Payam Barnaghi, Lecturer in Machine Intelligence at the University of Surrey and Technical Lead for TIHM for Dementia, said: “This award is very welcome, as it recognises the impact that this important project is having on the lives of dementia patients and their carers. This project allows patients to be monitored for potential complications, and gives their families peace of mind that they are being well cared for using the latest technology.”
Your Public Engagement Team
Your University caught up with Surrey’s Public Engagement Team to find out more about their roles. Job sharers, Kate Bailey and Nikki Donon, and Ross Kosel, reveal why it is so important for the University to engage with the local community.
What does the average day in the life of a Public Engagement Manager involve?
Ross: It varies considerably. A typical day might see me meeting with our academics to plan some engagement research involving the local community. Nikki: Promoting our annual Residents’ Survey and Kate editing this newspaper. It's full on, but great fun and hugely rewarding.
Why is Public engagement so important to the University?
Kate: The University is a significant player here in Guildford and wider Surrey and we should ensure they understand — and hopefully support — our mission.
Ross: The University is a significant presence here in Guildford and with this comes great responsibility. We see this in our Residents’ Survey every year — people tell us whether they’re satisfied with the University’s Research Parks benefit from significant employment opportunities, or that our students bring vibrancy and diversity to the town. Others believe that student tenants don’t maintain their properties, or they don’t support the University’s proposals to build new residential homes on its land at Blackwood Farm. Whatever way you look at it, the University must keep an open dialogue with the whole community in a way that is long-lasting, trusted and meaningful relationship with its home town.
Meet Surrey’s queen of arts
Meet long-serving University of Surrey Arts Administrator, Patricia Grayburn MBE DL. Awarded an MBE in 2004 for services to the arts, Patricia will have
Meet the team
Meet Allan Sly, standing prominently at the entrance to the University and to the community."
Six reasons to hire a placement student

At the University of Surrey we work with more than 2,300 businesses throughout the UK and abroad to offer our students valuable work experience in the real world.

But our students aren’t the only ones who benefit.
Your University considers how investing a Professional Training placement student to join your team could benefit your business.

1. Fresh faces mean fresh thinking
Students aren’t limited by preconceptions. They bring a fresh dynamic to the workplace, with new ideas and perspectives.

2. Affordable talent
Paying talented placement students is often cost-effective, with the average paid placement starting salary generally equating to two-thirds of an equivalent graduate starting salary.

3. Upskill your entire workforce
Students aren’t limited by their academic experience. They will be keen to add many other aspects of modern life. They will be keen to add many other aspects of modern life.

4. Singular focus
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5. A driven workforce
Now more than ever, students are career-driven and keen to make the most of any opportunity to boost their future employability. A placement student will bring enthusiasm and dedication to their role.

6. Solid skillset
A placement student’s recent academic experience will have equipped them with excellent written, presentation, research and analytical skills. They’re also quick and eager to learn.

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Crowning achievements at Kings College

Pupils at Kings College are benefiting from an innovative partnership with the University.

The collaboration, formed in 2015, is designed to show school pupils how they could benefit from university and higher education.

A University of Surrey staff member has been embedded within the school to offer information and support, helping to bridge the gap between school and university.

Since the partnership began, over 40 significant events and long-term projects have been delivered with 90 per cent of school pupils part in at least one activity. There are strong indications that the collaboration is having an impact, with increasing numbers of Year 9 pupils making GCSE choices which include academic subjects.

Katie McKeever, Head Teacher at Kings College, said: ‘The work undertaken in partnership with the University of Surrey has been incredibly inspiring. They put so much into our pupils from the moment they set foot inside. We are very proud of their success and hope we can continue to work together to help local school children improve their creative writing skills.’

Making a difference

The University has scooped two awards at the Surrey Choices Making a Difference Awards 2018.

Surrey’s restaurant for staff and students, Hildego, and its employee, Lewis, were among 20 employers and individuals recognised for supporting the social care provider’s EmployAbility service with work placements for young people with disabilities.

Paul Stephenson, Vice-President Human Resources, said: ‘It’s fantastic to get recognition for what I think is really important work in support of our local community.

‘The team at Hildego have demonstrated exceptional dedication to helping young people with disabilities, such as Lewis, achieve their full potential within the workplace.’

The University’s partnership with EmployAbility has supported more than 60 young people over eight years.

Surrey inspires young writers

The University has launched a short story competition to help local school children improve their creative writing skills.

In January, staff and student ambassadors from the University of Surrey’s Widening Participation and Outreach team delivered workshops to 180 Year 5 pupils from three local schools. The workshops culminated in a friendly competition, in which they wrote stories that answered the question: ‘What invaded our school this year?’

Jooclyn Blasco Steele, Widening Participation and Outreach Support Officer, said: ‘Working with children from Guildford Grove Primary School, Weyfield Primary Academy and Worplesdon Primary School was really inspiring. They put so much effort into the workshops, coming up with original ideas for their stories. I can’t wait to see what they have written.’

An infectious enthusiasm for learning

Between October 2017 and March this year, Year 10 pupils from a number of local schools were welcomed to the University’s campus for an exciting series of fortnightly sessions designed to boost their confidence and build their skills.

Many activities were based on the fictional world of Harry Potter – as well as other beloved stories – to captivate and challenge. Sir Walter Scott,非常明显地，他目前是唯一一个对“游泳”感兴趣的人。我是学过这个技能的，但我不能在游泳池里游泳。我只参加过几次，而且我总是感到压力很大。我需要一个教练来指导我，但是我现在刚刚开始学习。我拿到了游泳池的会员卡，因为我是一个游泳爱好者。我每天都要去游泳，而且我也要参加游泳比赛。

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Surrey Sports Park is supporting Guildford Borough Council to deliver free taster sports sessions for young people in Guildford in the run up to the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games 2018. 13 different sports will be represented, including boxing, touch rugby, netball and tennis. The free sessions will take place from the start of May and continue up until the weekend of the event 23-24 June.

Youth can do it at Surrey Sports Park

Getting more local people involved in sport is a core part of Surrey Sports Park’s ethos. Your University takes a look at how the Park’s youth outreach programmes are stretching bodies and minds.

Netball
Surrey Sports Park is home to Netball Superleague team Surrey Storm. This year will see the team run ‘Road to the Copper Box’, a series of mixed netball tournaments for school teams. More than 400 children will take part, with the tournaments culminating in finals held at the Copper Box Arena in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park alongside Surrey Storm’s match against Loughborough Lightning.

Basketball
British Basketball League club Surrey Scorchers are also based at Surrey Sports Park. When they aren’t competing with top clubs from around the country, the players are dedicated to bringing people together and improving lives through basketball. The Surrey Scorchers Foundation supports a programme of activity for young people who are disabled, home-educated and Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET).

Climbing
This year, Surrey Sports Park’s indoor climbing centre, Surrey Summit, has worked with local schools, scout groups and The Meath Epilepsy Charity to help young climbers reach new heights.

Swimming
Our Swim Academy programme taught more than 1,000 local children how to swim last year alone. The programme supports young people to develop at their own pace, through school and after-school lessons.

Tennis
On 15 July, Surrey Sports Park is hosting a free tennis open day. For children between the ages of 3 and 10, there will be mini tennis sessions with smaller courts, nets, rackets and lower bouncing balls. We will also be serving up junior coaching sessions to children between the ages of 10 and 16.

Rugby
Surrey Sports Park is the official training base of Premiership rugby union teams Harlequins and Harlequins Ladies. In August 2017, Harlequins formally launched a programme to develop women’s rugby and create a pathway for new players to reach professional level.

Supported by England and Harlequins scrum-half, Leanne Riley, the Switch programme introduces local girls to rugby through curriculum PE lessons, after-school clubs and festivals. It also offers a platform for girls with a new-found love for rugby to transfer to local clubs such as Guildfordians RFC.

Student members from Team Surrey’s women’s rugby club have also been mentoring Year 9 girls from Kings College school since 2017. The programme aims to help pupils become more active while sparking their interest in sport and higher education.

For further information, visit: surreysportspark.co.uk

What’s on at Surrey Sports Park

Surrey Storm Vitality Netball Superleague Fixtures
Saturday 5 May, Monday 7 May, Saturday 12 May, Friday 18 May, Monday 28 May, Saturday 2 June, Saturday 9 June, Saturday 16 June, Saturday 23 June

Surrey Storm Netball continue their 2018 Vitality Superleague season with a run of home fixtures at Surrey Sports Park as they go in search of their third championship title.
Tickets: surreystormnetball.co.uk

May half term junior camps
Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June
Keep the kids active this May half term with a range of camps at Surrey Sports Park, including swimming, basketball, netball, squash and more. Expert coaches will take participants through a range of skills and drills, with sessions suitable for all abilities.
Tickets: surreysportspark.co.uk

Go Fest 2018
Saturday 21 - Sunday 22 July
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