

Hey everyone!

Wish you all a very happy new year! I hope you had a wonderful festive season and that your first term has been a wholesome journey with the right amount of balance between studies and enjoyment with the plethora of activities that the university and your student's union organised.

This month, due to a lot of deadlines and workload before most of us went back home, we couldn't organise many events. However, some of us who were here during the vacation were able to have a good time at the greenhouse cafe at the coffee break event. I also attended the recent parliamentary meeting, where we talked about collecting donations that would help the student union help other students and how the student union has been working towards a functioning night bus.

This month, I will be hosting our second mixer and will discuss ideas for other events with the SU engagement team. I am hoping to have many more activities in the future so that you guys have as much fun as you can alongside the academics. If you wish to see any activity in the future do let me know, so that I can organise them. I have received suggestions for having a karaoke event and a movie night, which I would be hosting soon.

Please feel free to share any questions regarding our community, any concerns regarding any problem that you are facing or just come for a chat, know that you have a family here. I'm most likely roaming around the campus somewhere (email – [pgtofficer@essex.ac.uk](mailto:pgtofficer@essex.ac.uk) or shoot me a DM on Instagram @pg\_uniofessex).

Lastly, for all the new students coming in January, I'm very excited to get to know you and for what's to come in the year ahead. I hope to hear from you, see you next year!

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