



EVENTUS, CULTURE & ARTS NEWSLETTER

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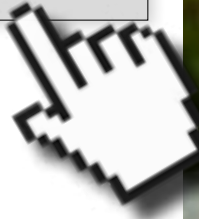
Welcome to the latest edition of the **Eventus, Culture & Arts** team newsletter.

The team have spent the last six months working on a range of activities to support staff and visitors to the University and enhance the overall student experience.

In the articles below, you'll find more detail about latest developments at **Eventus, Culture & Arts** and you'll get a glimpse into projects that are being brought forward in the coming weeks and months.

If you have any queries, you can find more information and contact details for the team at our website.

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THE GOWN STORE'S NEW LOCATION!

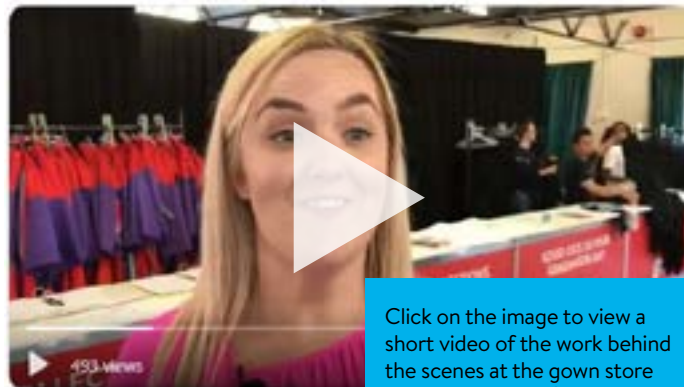
The Gown Store opened its doors for Summer Graduations 2019 in its new location at the South Dining Hall.

With its close proximity to the Whitla Hall, and the additional space it offers, the South Dining Hall has proved to be a successful location for the Gown Store.

The move saw the integration of automated garment rails, which enable the team to utilise the available space to its full potential. The automated rails also provide improved storage for the academic costumes which will ensure they are kept in prime condition for all future Graduations.

Currently the University houses over 3,500 academic gowns and over 6,700 hoods, with stock levels continually growing in line with the University's growing intake.

The Gown Store is a hive of activity with footfall reaching over 8,000 during Summer



Click on the image to view a short video of the work behind the scenes at the gown store [Opens in Twitter](#)

Graduation.

Each student will visit the Gown Store twice during the Graduation period – first to collect and then return their costume. To manage the footfall and ensure a speedy service, the Gown Store employs around 30 students to support the team.

This year saw the introduction of a new queue management system with separate queues for

staff collections and returns which helped ensure smooth running and reduce waiting times.

The Gown Store is now permanently located at the South Dining Hall, so this will be the port of call when taking part in future Graduations as part of the academic procession.

We look forward to seeing you and to help you look the part for all future Graduation ceremonies!

QUB HOSTS THE OPEN HOSPITALITY TRAINING

During May and June, Eventus got into the swing of things by hosting the 148th Open Championship Hospitality Training in the Lanyon Building.

Delivered by Off To Work, the sessions provided training in all aspects of Hospitality and food and beverage training.

The successful candidates provided catering services during the Open for event sponsors such as Rolex, MasterCard, Mercedes, Hugo Boss and HSBC.

The 148th Open Championship, held this year at Royal Portrush in Northern Ireland, is golf's oldest Major Championship and provided a huge boost to tourism in NI.



STAFF'S GRADUATION CONGRATULATORY VIDEO MESSAGES

Summer Graduation 2019 took place during June and July and a number of well received changes were put in place, including an increase in the number of

ceremonies which allowed student to celebrate with more of their family and friends.

One of the most popular changes was the introduction of

congratulatory video messages from School staff, played at each ceremony.

A link to each of the videos is included below.



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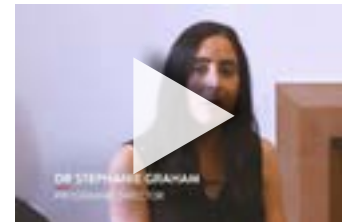
School of Electronics, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science



School of Biological Sciences



School of Natural and Built Environment



Queen's Management School



School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work



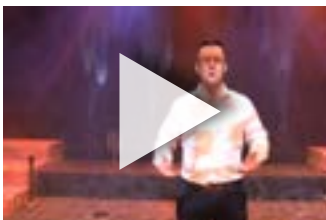
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School of Electronics, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science / School of Psychology



School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics



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School of Law



School of Arts, History and Languages / School of Psychology



Queen's Management School



St Mary's University College



School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering



School of Mathematics and Physics

STUDENTS' UNION SHOP

Queen's 2019-20 Academic Diaries are now in stock in a variety of vibrant colours and sizes from the SU Shop.

The diaries are available in A5 and A4 formats with options of 'Week to View' and 'Day to a Page'. The SU Shop are also offering a discount for the diaries for purchases over £15 – for more information contact: lorraine.meneilly@qub.ac.uk



Are you planning to travel in GB or beyond this summer? Apply for a **Totum (NUS Extra)** discount card which will facilitate travel and other great discounts worldwide - the Totum card is available to staff too! Ask at the SU Shop for more info.

Looking for a Graduation 2019 memento? The SU Shop have a selection of **CLASS OF 2019** clothing available in a range of colours. These include clothing with the Queen's crest and Class of 2019 cords.

Pop in before they're gone!

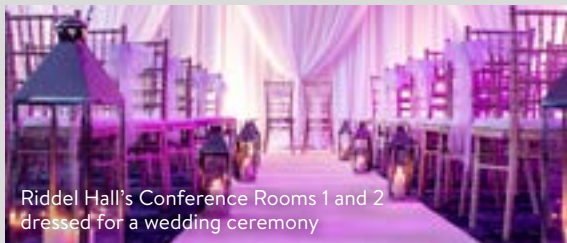


WEDDINGS AT QUEEN'S

Wedding season is in full swing at the University with 8 happy couples tying the knot this Summer at Queen's.

During July and August, Queen's hosted 6 ceremonies at the Great Hall and 2 ceremonies at Riddell Hall.

The number of weddings at Queen's are increasing year on year, and with the



Riddell Hall's Conference Rooms 1 and 2 dressed for a wedding ceremony

iconic buildings and beautiful backdrop, it's easy to understand why!

Queen's can host Weddings of up to 150 guests at its venues and is licensed to hold civil ceremonies allowing couples to have one

venue for the entire day.

Many of our couples are Queen's alumni so the University holds special memories for them.

If you are recently engaged or know someone who is, or perhaps you're planning on popping the question, please get in touch with Kirsty, our Wedding Coordinator, at weddings@qub.ac.uk

Wedding at Queen's will also be exhibiting at the annual Quirky Weddings Fair on Sunday 29 September at the Waterfront Hall.

www.quirkyweddings.co.uk



A recent wedding reception at Riddell Hall

CONFERENCES AT QUEEN'S

April to September have been busy months at Queen's with a number of both internal and external conferences hosted at various locations across the campus.

This has included two conferences with over 800 registered delegates. In total there have been over 2,400 delegates from a wide range of international destinations including the USA, Canada, France, Hungary, Belgium, Germany, Italy and Russia.

In addition to classroom space and accommodation bookings at BT9, Queen's hosted receptions and gala dinners at the Whitla Hall and the Great Hall.

Other activities included a gin-tasting event and an early morning run organised around Belfast and the Lagan.



The International Conference on Learning at the Peter Froggatt Centre in July

WELCOME CENTRE AUTUMN CRAFT FAIR

Queen's Welcome Centre will host its annual Autumn Craft Fair on **Wednesday 11 September from 10am-4pm** at the cloisters of the Lanyon Building's Quadrangle.

The Craft Fair showcases the work of many local artists and craftspeople and is an ideal opportunity to pick up a unique gift!



#BelfastMakesSense



Queen's is one of 13 key partners working with Visit Belfast on its latest digital-led marketing campaign aimed at increasing business tourism to Belfast and Northern Ireland.

The year-long campaign features a range of high-profile conference and event organisers, including some

of our academic colleagues, who are championing the city based on their own positive experience.

Since April, Belfast has secured more than 100 conferences, representing an economic impact of around £46 million – many of these through the help of a local

academic ambassador.

In line with the University's Conference strategy to impact global reputation through hosting and attending conferences, this campaign will further support this message by promoting the ability of Queen's and Belfast to deliver high quality events.

TIMETABLING AND ROOM BOOKING

The Timetabling and Roombooking Team have busy bees over the summer period!

The mammoth task of scheduling the 2019-20 academic timetable has included placing 163,429.25 hours of teaching at 158 centrally bookable teaching rooms, 7 centrally bookable

computing rooms and a variety of specialist school rooms.

Other tasks have included finalising the key booking dates for the 2020-21 academic year which details all the University core business that takes place across campus.





THE NAUGHTON GALLERY

The Naughton Gallery has presented a range of internationally-focused exhibitions this year including *Subject to Change* by Loney Abrams and Johnny Stanish, which formed part of NI Science Festival; 'SCUSE ME, a large scale group exhibition exploring body politics, mental health, inclusivity and diversity; and *Best Before*, an exhibition of hyperrealist paintings by Stephen Johnston, part of Belfast Photo Festival.

The gallery's current exhibition, *Skellyworld*, is a solo show by award-winning, Brooklyn-based cartoonist Katie Skelly, and will be followed by the gallery's third annual sports exhibition, *As Many Reps As Possible*, in October 2019.

The gallery continues to deliver a range of events including *Art in the A.M.*, The Book Club, ISSUES magazine reading group, the hugely popular Silversmithing



Workshops and the regular SCREEN/PRINT screenings in conjunction with the QFT.

This year the gallery has also developed new art installations for the Computer Science Building and the School of Psychology.

The gallery also commissioned portraits of the late Professor Patrick Johnston and Professor Jean Orr for the Great Hall Portrait Collection.



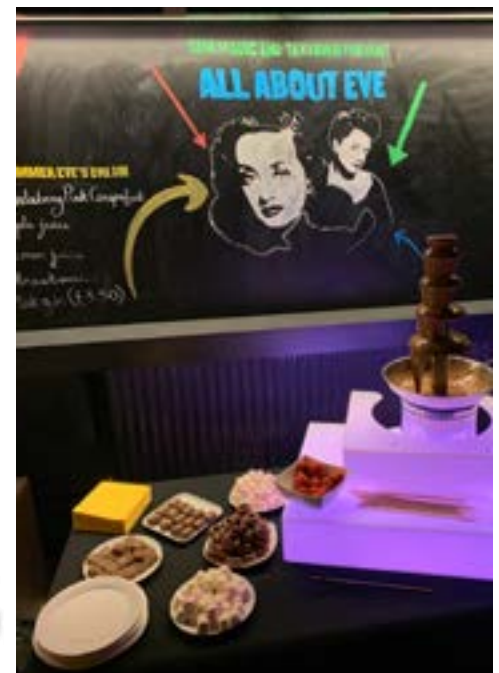
QFT'S OBSESSIONS

This summer QFT has been delving into our deepest desires and fixations with Film Feels: Obsession, a UK-wide film season exploring obsession on screen. Throughout July and August, the fourteen events cover obsession from all angles. From list-makers to fans, stalkers to gun nuts, the films get under the skin of the dark things that drive us. With support from BFI Film Audience Network, we worked with UsFolk to commission illustrator Jacky Sheridan to create artwork for the season.

Highlights from the programme have included a sold-out screening of *Jaws*, complete with a performance of John Williams'

soundtracks by the Ulster String Quartet; our best Takeover event yet, a screening of *All About Eve* presented in collaboration with Cinemagic; and a non-stop record fair for vinyl aficionados.

The season continues until Tuesday 7 August, when we invite Belfast's film fanatics to test their knowledge at our closing Obsession Film Quiz. Even when the season finishes there are plenty of films to obsess over for the rest of summer, including Quentin Tarantino's *Once Upon a Time in Hollywood* and Pedro Almodóvar's *Pain and Glory*, and a Northern Ireland-wide celebration of film culture with Cinema Day on Monday 26th August.



HAVE YOU SCENE THIS?

Who recognises this QUB room in this scene from BBC's production Dave Allen at Peace with Aidan

Gillen and Simon Day? Click on the image to watch the scene in question.

