

Opening times at UEA over  
Christmas and New Year



### *The Dean of Students' Office*

*Will close on Friday  
21<sup>st</sup> December and will  
open on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
January 2013 at 9am.*

*Drop-in sessions for quick  
questions will start again  
on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January  
from 9am-10am & 1pm-  
2pm.*

*In an emergency ring*

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### *Food at UEA over the Christmas holidays.*

*Blend and Vista will  
close on the 14<sup>th</sup>  
December and re open  
on 7<sup>th</sup> January.*

*The other Campus  
Kitchen outlets will  
shut on 21<sup>st</sup> December  
and open again on  
2<sup>nd</sup> January 2013*

*The INTO restaurant is  
open throughout the  
Christmas holiday and  
all UEA students are  
welcome.*



## *INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER*



*Merry Christmas from Jane, Paul,  
Susan and Lisa*

### *Did you know that?*

In England, everything shuts for Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Lots of shops are also closed on Boxing Day, which is the day after Christmas, the 26<sup>th</sup> December. So it is important to make sure you have enough food to eat over the holidays. The INTO café is open every day during the holiday, so if you are on campus you can always buy meals there. The INTO café is open to all students.

### *Things to do on campus over Christmas and New Year*

The Senior Residents have organised lots to do over the holiday. If you are in Norwich and alone over Christmas then here is a chance to join in some fun and enjoy the company too.

All international students are welcome. You **do not** have to be living in university accommodation to join the fun.

All events start at 7pm (except on January 1<sup>st</sup>, which is 2 pm) and are in Nelson Court Common room. There are free drinks and snacks at all events.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas party in association with Conversation Club.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December, Games and Film Night.

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, Bring a Dish, Bingo and Games Night. Bring your favourite or traditional food dish and share with others. Play a few games of Bingo - with prizes, board games and Nintendo Wii.

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December, Film Night "Love Actually". After the film, at 11pm, we will go to Norwich Cathedral for a traditional night time Christmas service.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December, Games Night.

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December, Games Night and Pizza Party.

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January, New Year Games Day at 2pm

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, Karaoke, Games and Fish and chips.

You can also check Facebook for UEA Christmas events by visiting:

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/24784838612493/>

### DO YOU LIKE TO SHOP?

The sales start on Boxing Day (26<sup>th</sup> December). It's always very busy, but if you like a bargain Norwich is the place to be.

### *UNION SHOPS ON CAMPUS*

All the Union shops will be shut from 4pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December until Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2013.

## *What's on over Christmas?*

### **UEA's MEDICAL CENTRE**

Closed Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 12pm to 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2013 except on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> & Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December 8am to 6pm & 31<sup>st</sup> December 8.30am to 4pm.

The medical Centre reopens with normal surgery hours 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2013.

For an emergency medical appointment phone: 01603 251600 or 01603 488488

Or

Call NHS Direct on 0845 4647

Or

Go to the Timber Hill Surgery walk in service in the Castle Mall, Norwich. Available every day, including bank holidays, 7am to 9pm. Phone 0300 0300 333 or just turn up and wait.

### **LIBRARY OPENING TIMES**

The Library is open 24 hours a day throughout the Christmas period. When helpdesks are closed you will need a valid UEA campus card in order to enter the building.

Helpdesk closed Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013.

Normal service will resume on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 11am.

### **In Norwich**

There is a lot taking place this Christmas in and around Norwich including an Art Trail, Carol Services and so much more. Please visit this website for further information <http://www.visitnorwich.co.uk/norwich-christmas.aspx>

## *Social Programme for Spring 2013*

**Here are the dates for our spring programme:**

### **January 26<sup>th</sup> Cambridge £15.00**

Day trip including 2 hour guided tour around the city and time to explore on your own in the afternoon.

### **February 9<sup>th</sup> Windsor Castle £30.00**

Day trip, with audio tour included.

### **February 23<sup>rd</sup> Visit the seals at**

**Blakeney and Blickling Hall** stately home **£15.00**. Take a boat out into the harbor to see the seals and then spend the afternoon in the grand surrounding's of Blickling, built in the 1600's.

### **March 9<sup>th</sup> Framlingham and Orford Castles £15.00**

One castle is a castle without a keep and the other is a keep without a castle wall - English history at its best!

Tickets will be on sale in the Dean of Students' Office from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

Please remember we can only accept cash for trip tickets. Thank you.



## **Would you like to improve your English skills?**

### **Conversation Club**

Meets every Tuesday in term time 7pm-9pm. It is run and supported by UEA home students.

You can meet other international students and practice your English in a friendly and informal setting.

All international students are welcome.

For more details:

<https://www.uea.ac.uk/services/student-s/international/conversationclub>

### **English Language Support Programme (ELSP)**

The Learning Enhancement Team (LET) is running the ELSP classes again next semester. The registration for classes opens in teaching week 1 and the classes run from weeks 3-9.

There is a frequently asked questions page which you may find useful, it includes information on how to sign up. Visit:

<http://www.uea.ac.uk?services/stidemt/let/elsp/faq>



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## *SPORTSPARK OPENING TIMES*

### **Christmas Opening Hours**

The Sportspark have tried to minimise disruption to their schedule, but please note a few key changes to be aware of over the Christmas period.

The Sportspark will be closed on 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> December 2012 and 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013.

The Centre will be closing at 4pm on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve and at the earlier time of 8pm from 27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> December.

Normal opening hours resume from 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2013.

Please visit the Sportspark website for further information on classes and group session schedule <http://sportspark.co.uk/>.

### *NatWest Bank at UEA to close in February 2013*

The NatWest bank on campus is to close on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2013. If you bank with NatWest at UEA, after February you will have to go into Norwich for a counter service. The nearest Branch will be:

The Norwich City Office  
45 London Street  
Norwich, NR2 1HX

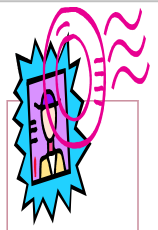
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### **Post & Visa Deliveries**

UKBA is closed for Christmas and New Year and they do not send out any documents between Friday 21 December and Wednesday 2 January 2013.



The ISA TEAM will be in the Thomas Paine Study Centre on the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> January to welcome new international students to UEA, and to oversee their Orientation Programme.

The ISA Team will be back in the Dean of Students' Office from Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013 and our appointment and drop-in sessions will run as usual from 9am to 10am and 1pm to 2pm.