

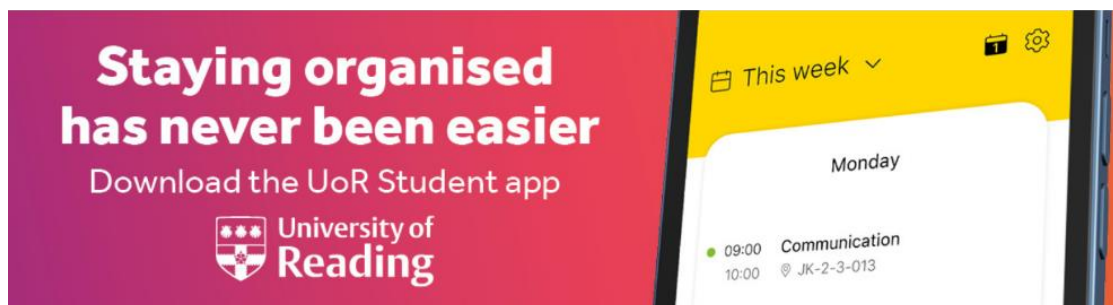


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It has been a busy term with lots happening. This newsletter will give you important snippets of information from the University that you need to know.

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**Download now: The official University of Reading Student App**

[Accessing all the essential information](#) you need for student life at Reading just got much easier. [The official University of Reading student mobile app](#) is live and available for all current students to download for free on android and iOS devices – visit your app store now, and search UoR Student. Log-in to

the app using your student username and password. Remember to turn on notifications!

The app has been designed specifically for Reading students and brings together highlights of key services, including your timetable, a personalised Me@Reading news feed, instant notifications as well as quick access to support information and location services at the touch of a button. [Download now](#).

Questions? Feedback? Let us know at [studentcomms@reading.ac.uk](mailto:studentcomms@reading.ac.uk). Please report any technical issues with downloading and accessing the app via the [DTS self-service portal](#).

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We will be unable to issue transcripts for current students from the start of the exam period (**Tuesday 20 April**), until such time as final results have been posted. This is to prevent transcripts being issued with marks that have yet to be finalised/confirmed. The relevant dates for this year will be:

- Tuesday 20th April 2021 at 9am - No transcripts will be issued from this date;
- Monday 9th July 2021 at 9am - Transcripts can be issued on or after this date.

Please Note: There will also be a later transcript embargo end date of 9am on Wednesday 21st July 2021 for awards for BA CDL finalists and PGCE/ProfGCE; progression for BA(Ed) Parts 1 and 2 due to their Awarding/Progression Boards taking place later in July 2021.

The University is currently in the process of improving its system for transcript availability for students via self-service on the [RISIS portal](#) and it is hoped that interim transcripts will become available for current undergraduate students over the coming weeks that will show finalised marks only for students.



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### **Me@Reading Student Portal upgrade**

Over the past academic year, we've been working hard behind the scenes to migrate our Me@Reading student portal over to an upgraded system, which will enable us to provide you with news more efficiently – not to mention you can now see your own personalised feed via [the official UoR Student app](#).

As part of this project, the URL to access the Me@Reading portal has now changed. To access the student portal please use the following URL going forwards: [portal.reading.ac.uk/student](https://portal.reading.ac.uk/student). The old URL (student.reading.ac.uk) is no longer in use and will redirect you to the new one. If you have a

bookmark saved, we recommend updating this to the new URL and removing the old bookmark.

As always, you can find the correct login link on our [Essentials page](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please email [studentcomms@reading.ac.uk](mailto:studentcomms@reading.ac.uk)

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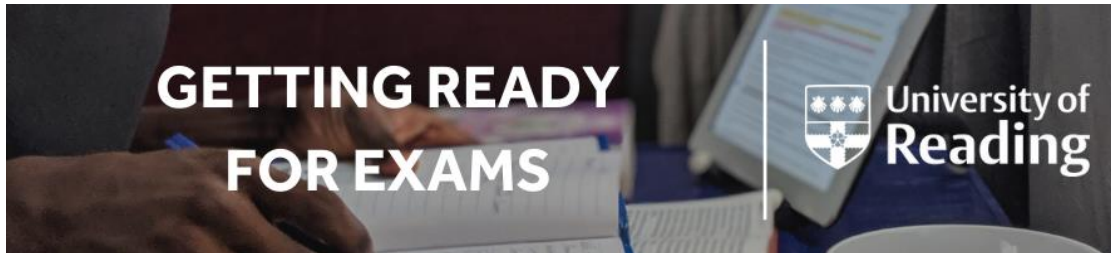
Extensive updates have recently been published on Essentials about [Exams and assessments this term](#), as well as the [University's response to the latest Government guidance about returning to campus](#).

Teaching in the summer term (19 April – 11 June) The government has advised that students should **continue to study online until at least the 17 May** (Step 3 on the Roadmap), unless they are undertaking a placement or practical and studio-based activities that cannot easily be replicated online. Following the latest government announcement, the position remains the same for your summer term teaching, placement and practical activity. If you are unsure if this applies to you, [contact your Support Centre](#) (or Henley Helpdesk / ISLI Admin Office).

Your academic timetable for the summer term is live on CMISGo or within [the UoR Student mobile app](#). There are also updates about:

- Working together to keep each other safe.

- Testing and vaccination.
  - Campus facilities
  - Access to halls and halls fee waiver – extended to 17 May
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Hopefully you're feeling prepared for the exams period – although it is equally normal to become nervous or worried. This year may feel more challenging than usual, so remember you can speak to your [Academic Tutor](#) or [Support Centre](#) (or Henley Helpdesk or ISLI Admin Office) who are here to support you with any general concerns you may have.

Our Study Advice team offers [one-to-one study advice](#), [drop-in sessions](#), [appointments with an Academic Liaison Librarian](#), webinars and have [several guides](#) available to support you. You can read [our blog post](#) and [watch a video](#) on how to revise and prepare, and explore our [exams webpages](#).

Don't forget to check the [dedicated Essentials pages](#) with advice and Frequently Asked Questions on take-home exams, in-person exams, special arrangements, and more. Please remember that there is help available here if you need it. If you have specific questions about exams, please contact [take-home-exam@reading.ac.uk](mailto:take-home-exam@reading.ac.uk). Good luck!



### **Library, study space, and campus facilities**

- Library and study space While students are encouraged to study from their residence wherever possible, the Library is open for Click & Collect and bookable study space (8:30am to midnight from Sunday to Friday and 08:30 to 21:00 on Saturdays). Students can also use non-bookable study space in Study@URS from 08:00 to 18:00 on weekdays.
- RUSU's The Study and our PC Labs in Palmer and Agriculture are also accessible 24/7 by Campus Card. A number of other buildings containing study centres and student support centres will be on open access during normal working hours. Students can also use non-bookable study space in Study@URS from 08:00 to 18:00 on weekdays.
- A number of University catering facilities are now open for takeaway. Outdoor tables will be available at Park House, the Dairy, Eat at the Square and Park Eat. Tables at Park Eat must be booked in advance through [the Catering website](#). Visit the [hospitality website](#) for more information on individual catering outlets' opening times.
- As well as the Marketplace at Park Eat, the Co-Op is also open, along with the catering outlets and shops in your Students' Union, including

takeaway food from Mojo's, with additional outdoor seating provided. For further information [visit RUSU's website](#).

- The [SportsPark](#) reopened on Monday 12 April for individual exercise. Members will be able to pre-book their gym sessions, individual workout spaces and courts via the SportsPark website, and must exercise alone or with members of their household. Group exercise activities will commence from Monday 17 May, subject to the government roadmap.



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Wellness is not merely the absence of illness or distress, it is having the space for positive mental, physical and social wellbeing. Knowing what support you need is the first step to ensuring you are looking after yourself at university. The student wellness check will help you identify areas to work on, with the help of useful links to support.

#### *What is the Student Wellness Check?*

The [Student Wellness Check](#) is an online tool, similar to the other NHS self-assessment tools that you may have seen before. It asks you to complete a series of questions, answering how you are feeling. From your answers, the check will give you a list of appropriate resources tailored to you and your needs. Any student can complete the questions, and the resources listed at

the end can be emailed to your UoR email address at the touch of a button.

*Why would I use the check?*

If you need support/guidance or advice whilst at the University of Reading the [Student Wellness Check](#) is a great place to start. It only gives you the contact details that you might need, from there you can get in contact with the team(s) you want. It makes it easier to find helpful contacts.

*Where can I find the Student Wellness Check?*

On the front page of Essentials – your student webpages, you will also find the check under [‘Guidance and support’](#). [The Student Wellness Check](#) will not store information about your answers, it uses your email address to send you your personal assessment outcome and then deletes this information. For more information, please take a look at the [data protection policy](#).

*Can I use the check more than once?*

Yes, you can use the check as many times as you want, your answers are not saved, so if you do need support in the future you can complete the questionnaire again to get contacts appropriate support for your answers. Take a look at the [Student Wellness Check](#) today – a bespoke tool for UoR students.

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**INFORMATION FOR YOU**



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## Articles and important information for you:

**Keeping safe on campus:** With safety, security, and doing more to stop sexual harassment and violence at the top of all our thoughts, [a message has been written for University of Reading students from PC Julie Susel from Thames Valley Police](#), available to read at the Student Services News blog. If you have been through any of the topics mentioned in the blog, you can speak to the [Student Welfare Team](#), your [RUSU officers](#), or Julie at Thames Valley Police, via the welfare or [security](#) teams. Whatever you are going through, it is important to remember you are not alone.

**Module selection:** If you need to select optional modules for the next Part of your degree programme starting in September 2021, the [Module Selection window on the RISIS Portal](#) is now open, until Thursday 29 April to make your selection(s). Don't forget, if you are studying full time then you must ensure that you are registered in total for 120 credits worth of modules. If this affects you, you will receive an email with details about what you need to do.

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