

Dear student,

As we approach the end of the academic year, you are no doubt looking forward to a well-earned break from your studies.

Before then, we wanted to update you on what you can expect from your Reading experience when we welcome you back in September 2022.

Your campus and learning experience

We are committed to helping you benefit from all that university life has to offer, and we believe that the best learning experiences come from being part of our active and vibrant campus community. So for the academic years 2022/23 and 2023/24, **the main mode of teaching will be in-person on campus.**

We will not have the option this year for students to study at a distance and you will need to be on campus to engage with your programme (unless you are on a programme specifically designed as distance-learning).

As before the pandemic, we will use digital resources and activities to enhance your learning. Taking your feedback and our collective experiences into account, we will explore and integrate online learning activities that have a clear benefit in enhancing your student experience.

We know that you value clear guidance on structuring your learning, so Module Convenors will continue to provide a module roadmap, and will ensure you know what you are expected to do in the coming week. Our Study Advice team also has [guidance to help you structure your learning, time management and planning](#).

Exams in 2022/23

Your School or Programme team should have been in touch with their intended approach to exams next year, whether in-person or online. Where online exams have proved to be an effective way of assessing learning outcomes, they will be retained. For a number of subject areas, mostly those with a strong technical or mathematical emphasis, in-person arrangements will be in place. You will be able to find out which modules will require in-person exams on the module description form (MDF) for modules in 2022/23. Please visit [Essentials](#) for more information.

Keeping our community safe

Although the COVID-19 situation has much improved, the safety and wellbeing of our community continues to be our priority.

Our teaching and research activity and our campus environment are in line with the current government guidelines on [living with COVID-19](#). Any new COVID-19 safety measures will be communicated to you as soon as possible, should these be necessary because of local circumstance or new measures introduced by the UK government.

Please check in on your University emails throughout the summer.

Support

We have always supported our students in their transition to the next part of their studies and university life. You'll continue to be supported through regular meetings with your Academic Tutor, in person or online, and with access to our [wide network of advice and support services](#) such as Study Advice, Academic Liaison Librarians, and the Student Welfare Team.

We work closely with our students to help inform our approaches to teaching and learning, and we are always looking to enhance your student experience, based on your feedback. You can find out more about our [current teaching and learning improvement projects on Essentials](#).

We hope this update has been useful and that you enjoy your summer break.

Kind regards,

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