

Dear student,

I hope this email finds you well, and that you are looking forward to starting, or continuing, your journey with Queen Mary.

We are all very much looking forward to seeing you again, or, for our new students, to [welcoming you](#) for the first time. I realise you will have seen the new Government guidelines on numbers of people who can meet at one time, and wanted to send a short email to tell you how it affects your university experience.

On campus educational activities

All students who are able to join us on our campuses will have in-person educational activities to enjoy. These activities are exempt from the new Government guidance on numbers of people who can meet together. The nature of the activities will vary between courses and you will receive more detail about them from your School or Institute. The activities will be Covid-safe; we have spent the summer reconfiguring our campuses to ensure that we can all maintain social distancing and the hygiene standards necessary to mitigate the risk of coronavirus.

Students who are unable to travel to our campuses

If you are not currently able to travel to London, please be reassured that you can access your education fully remotely. I do however encourage you to come to join us on our campuses if you are able to.

Social activities

I know how important social activities are to students to enable people to settle in and make new friends. I want to reassure you that University and Students' Union-organised social activities, including sporting activities, will still be able to go ahead in Covid-secure environments. We will also be offering online social activities for everyone to take part in, wherever they are.

Keeping safe and adhering to Government guidelines

It is really important that we all keep ourselves safe. When you arrive on our campuses, you will be given two washable face coverings and some hand sanitiser. You will see lots of information about social distancing, hygiene and other guidance and instructions, including our [six steps to keep Queen Mary Covid-secure \[pdf\]](#). I must remind you that, in line with the new Government guidance, you should not meet in groups of more than six outside of University or Students' Union-organised activities. This includes in your residences on and off our campuses. More information about the Government guidance is available on the [gov.uk website](#).

All of us at Queen Mary are looking forward to seeing you in the very near future. There is lots more information about our response to coronavirus, and what to expect when you come to our campuses, [on our website](#). If you have any questions, contact your School or Institute, the [Student Enquiry Centre](#) or you can contact me at principal@qmul.ac.uk.

Best wishes,

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