Dear student,

As you know, QMSU Executive Officers have been working hard with the Deans for Education, Vice-Principal (Education) and other Queen Mary staff on the detail of the Covid Mitigation measures in relation to assessment for this academic year and during the remainder of the pandemic. In all our discussions, students’ wellbeing and fair assessment have been central to our approach.

We have now set out some of the details about the currently agreed mitigation measures. This builds on our earlier email which set out the core aspects of our approach, which are streamlining our Extenuating Circumstances Policy, extending deadlines where necessary, and asking our examination boards to analyse patterns of students’ performance based on student cohorts pre-Covid and make reasonable adjustments where appropriate. These measures seek to mitigate against the overall negative effects the pandemic has had on students this year, alongside individual students’ challenges. We will continue to monitor the situation and if required and appropriate adapt in response to local and national circumstances to ensure assessments remain fair and robust during the pandemic.

Your School or Institute may already have been in touch regarding the implementation of these measures locally. If they have not written to you about this, they will be writing to you shortly to explain how the measures will be implemented locally. If you have any questions, do in the first instance discuss them with your Advisor. Any other questions should be directed to your Programme Director, Student Support Officer or Director of Education. Alternatively, you can contact the Student Enquiry Centre.

Students’ feedback has fed into these discussions at every stage, and we would like to thank everyone who has contributed for their thoughts and ideas. Stay safe and keep well.

Best wishes,

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