

Dear student,

I hope this email finds you well and that you are able to enjoy some of the advantages of the gradual easing of the lockdown restrictions.

Significant amounts of activity are now taking place on our campuses to ensure our students have the facilities they need now, and that we get ready to welcome our undergraduate students back in September. In this email, I would like to tell you a bit about facilities on our campuses that are now available, and what you can expect when next term starts.

Reopening additional facilities on our campuses

Today, I'm delighted to announce the following additional facilities are now open:

- The ground floor of the Mile End campus Library.
- Study spaces on our Mile End campus at canalside and in the Francis Bancroft Building. To use these study spaces you must book in advance. Please follow the [instructions on MyQMUL](#).
- The Clinical Skills area in the Robin Brook Centre on our West Smithfield campus.
- Facilities in the Francis Bancroft Building for staff to prepare for their teaching next term.

The Curve (restaurant and coffee shop) at Mile End and Nucleus Café at Whitechapel are already open, as is our nursery and working space in the Queens' Building (both at Mile End).

Ground floor Library facilities and teaching spaces now open.

Most of our research facilities across our campuses are also open. We are looking to open up other buildings very soon: for example, from next week all floors of the Graduate Centre will be open. I will keep you up to date with progress. Remember that if you can't easily access campus our Library facilities are available online and are being very well used. Our e-books have been accessed over 62,000 times over lockdown, and over 800 students have attended our online talks, workshops and tutorials since March. There is lots of information about using online Library facilities [on the Library website](#).

I'm also able to share the exciting news that Qmotion (our gym and sports facilities) is reopening, subject to further safety checks, on 27 July, the Mile End village campus shop will be opening on 3 August and the additional cafés on campus will be reopening by end August. All of these facilities will be Covid-19 safe. By the beginning of term, we will have a full range of exercise activities available for you to choose from, in addition to the normal range of student clubs and societies.

Undergraduate students can record all of your extra-curricular activity on your [Higher Education Achievement Record \(HEAR\)](#), which will ensure you have a full list of all your achievements. Your HEAR will be incredibly useful to you as you prepare for your next steps when you have finished your degree.

At the beginning of term our campuses will feel as vibrant and exciting as they always did. There will be some differences you will see, in terms of one-way systems through our buildings, different furniture layouts in our teaching and learning spaces and hand sanitiser stations. It will be up to all of us to maintain social distancing and keep ourselves safe. We have developed a ['Covid Code'](#) to

remind you of the steps you need to take. We will also be providing you with two washable face coverings and your own bottle of hand sanitiser to help ensure you can keep to our Covid Code.

Educational offer next term

Your lecturers and other University staff are working incredibly hard to get everything ready for next term. I think that the work we are doing as a result of Covid-19 will improve your educational experience: you will have more digital resources at your fingertips, inspired by the latest in online teaching methods, and the face-to-face educational activities will be in smaller groups, leading to a richer experience for you. The other aspects of our educational offer, including [access to e-mentoring](#), is available, alongside the extra-curricular activities described above. All aspects of our provision for next term are being carefully thought through to make sure you have the outstanding student experience you expect and deserve.

Implications of Brexit

The UK's departure from the European Union in January of this year has meant significant changes to the rights of EU, EEA and Swiss nationals entering and living in the UK. If you are an EU, EEA or Swiss national please read this [guidance](#). This is particularly important if you have temporarily left the UK. If you have any questions you can contact the [Advice and Counselling team](#) who will be pleased to help you.

We are all very much looking forward to welcoming you back in September. If you have any questions, comments or concerns do get in touch, via the [Student Enquiry Centre](#), your School or Institute, or by contacting me at principal@qmul.ac.uk.

Please stay safe, and look after yourself and your loved ones and I look forward to seeing you on campus.

Best wishes,

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