

Dear student

The situation with coronavirus is continuing to change very rapidly and every day there are new developments. I realise everyone is understandably very worried. I am writing to you today to reiterate some decisions we have taken, and update you about some new developments.

Lectures and other classes

At the moment, our University remains open. For the majority of subject areas, from 23 March you will not be expected to come onto campus for lectures and other classes, although at this point we expect that the campus will remain open and that you will continue to be able to access the library and other facilities (including those for research). We are working hard to make learning and teaching materials available online, as soon as possible. Please be aware:

- Some learning materials are already available online and will be available online before 23 March, replacing the need for large group lectures. You will be told by your School/Institute where this is the case.
- Some learning materials will only become available after 23 March, and some learning activities will be extremely difficult to conduct online. We are working hard to make as much available to you as soon as possible, and also to put in place arrangements for tutorials and small-group teaching.

Your School/Institute will keep you updated and do look out for emails on a daily basis.

Assessments

We are working hard to make arrangements for assessments in the majority of subject areas to be online. Many of you will be working towards assessments in May/June; please do keep studying using all the material that is available to you! We have agreed there will be no large group face-to-face assessments, such as formal written exams, in May or June. Alternative assessment arrangements will be put in place. Your School/Institute will be in touch with you in relation to any essential practical assessments and other small-scale assessments. Please keep in close touch with us and keep a look out for emails from the University, and from your School/Institutes. We guarantee students will not be disadvantaged by the arrangements that we put into place, including international students who have travelled home. All students expecting to graduate this year will get an award.

Living on campus, and accessing facilities

Our University is open and all the normal facilities you access are open and available to you. At the moment, we envisage this will continue to be the case beyond 23 March. If you have concerns, our wellbeing and residential teams are here to support you. In the message we sent yesterday we offered international students the choice of returning home, owing to possible future travel restrictions. This offer includes students from the European Union. Students from the UK, at the moment, should continue to come to University as normal.

Students holding Tier 4 Visas

We are following UKVI advice in relation to the implications of coronavirus. You must continue to engage with online learning materials and assessments in order to satisfy the conditions of your visa. If you decide to leave the UK please inform your School/Institute. This will be counted as authorised absence.

I will write to you again next week, or over the weekend if there are further developments. If you have questions please have a look at [our FAQs](#), contact the student enquiry team, your School or Institute or me, at principal@qmul.ac.uk.

Best wishes,

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