

Dear student,

Today marks the end of the first week of us operating all our education, our student facilities and much of our research online. It has been a really hectic and distressing few weeks, and I hope you are looking after yourselves and each other. We are here to support you if you have any concerns or are feeling anxious. If you need any help do either contact your School or Institute, look at the [student wellbeing services](#), our [FAQs](#), or contact the [Student Enquiry Centre](#) or [my office](#).

Assessment

The majority of emails I receive from students continue to be about assessments. I appreciate how important it is for you to understand what you are working towards. As I have said in previous messages, we will do everything we can to ensure that no one is disadvantaged in relation to their assessments as a result of coronavirus. We must also ensure we maintain our usual rigour, quality and standards, to retain the integrity of our educational and assessment process, and awarding of degrees. Detailed information about assessment will follow from your School or Institute.

Visas

The Home Office updated its visa guidance to provide greater certainty for international higher education students and staff in the UK currently unable to return home due to coronavirus. Full details are available [here](#).

Student volunteering

I am so proud of the student response to support the national effort to fight coronavirus. Many students have already volunteered to help in the NHS and in the community. The help you can offer is incredibly important. We now have comprehensive list of [volunteering opportunities available](#), and stories about people's experiences are beginning to come through. Do share your story so we can publicise it – email our press team at press@qmul.ac.uk.

I hope you have a restful weekend. Do continue to look after yourselves and each other, and contact us if you need help. Stay safe and stay well.

Best wishes,

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