

Dear student,

I hope this email finds you safe and well. The easing of national Covid-19 restrictions has started, albeit slowly, and more students have started to return to our campuses in line with the [government guidelines](#). In-person educational activities in practical and practice-based subjects have resumed: you should by now have heard from your School/Institute about whether we are able to offer you in-person educational activities and, if so, what activities are on offer. If you have any questions relating to this or any other aspect of your education, please do contact your School/Institute. From the end of this month under the national guidelines we will all be able to meet up with one other household, or up to six people from different households, outside. In addition, outside sports can resume. We are looking to make the most of this in the [events and activities programme](#) for students, which is developed in conjunction with our Students' Union. Do keep checking this programme, as more activities (in-person and online) are added all the time.

I know that everyone is desperate for a bit more freedom to socialise. However, it is really important that we all continue to follow the government guidance for everyone's safety.

Covid-19 vaccination programme

The Covid-19 vaccination programme is progressing at pace now across the country: the Government is aiming to have offered all adults a vaccine by June. In order to be invited for a vaccine you must be registered with a GP, so please make sure you are registered, either through our [Student Health Service](#) or near where you live. This is really important – if you are not registered with a GP, you will not be invited for a vaccine.

We are doing our bit to support the roll out of Covid-19 vaccines: at our centre on the Mile End campus alone over 16,000 local Tower Hamlets residents have been vaccinated, which is approximately 30% of all those vaccinated in the borough.

Study space

There is plenty of [bookable study space](#) available on our campuses. As more students are returning, we are opening up more space and will continue to do so. Please use the bookable space as we can then ensure it is Covid-secure.

Returning to our campuses and keeping safe

Please remember that in addition to students invited back to our campuses for in-person educational activities, any student on any of our courses is welcome to come onto our campuses, or return to their accommodation, if you need to access our facilities or quiet study space, or feel your overall wellbeing would be better served by being on campus.

If you are living on or travelling regularly to our campuses please [book a Covid-19 test](#) twice a week at one of our Covid-19 test centres. Regular testing, alongside following our [Covid Code](#), will help keep everyone safe. I am very pleased to tell you that, at the moment, we have only one reported case of Covid-19 in our communities. If we all continue to work together and obey the rules, we can keep everyone safe.

Carrying your student identity card

Can I please remind you to carry your student identity card at all times, and show it to staff when asked. This is to ensure that we can keep our campuses safe for everyone.

I do hope everything is going well for you. These are very difficult times: please do look after yourselves and each other, and keep safe. Please also remember that [we are here to support you](#), and do not hesitate to reach out if you need help.

I will write to you again next week with a further update, or earlier if necessary.

Best wishes,

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