

Dear student,

I hope this email finds you safe and well, and that you are continuing to enjoy your learning. I am getting great feedback from students across Queen Mary about both the online and in-person aspects of our education, which is wonderful to receive.

This week, I wanted to talk about social activities on our campuses. Firstly though I will give you an update on Covid-19 cases on our campuses.

### **Covid-19 cases and keeping safe**

I'm very pleased to tell you that the number of Covid-19 cases in our communities continues to fall. At time of writing, eight students and two staff members have Covid-19. This is a direct result of you following our [Covid Code](#) and government regulations and is a fantastic achievement: well done everyone! We must not get complacent however: we can continue to keep case numbers down if we all follow the Covid Code and take sensible precautions on and off our campuses. Do please remember to maintain social distancing, wear your face coverings when required and wash/sanitise your hands frequently. By following our Covid Code you are not only looking after yourself but you are also looking after everyone else. Please also remember that, if you start to display Covid-19 symptoms, it's very important that you inform [studenthealth@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:studenthealth@qmul.ac.uk) at that point.

On a separate note, I'd also like to thank our Catering Team, who are [tackling half term hunger in Tower Hamlets](#) this October half term holiday by offering local children and families 250 meals a day on Thursday 29 October and Friday 30 October.

### **Social activities**

There are more than [50 social activities](#) on offer for you from now until the end of November, ranging from DJ nights and HIIT classes to film nights and games evenings. Do please take part in these activities - life can be lonely for everyone at the moment, so please do take the opportunity and get involved. We are busy planning events for December and next term: if you have any ideas of activities you would like us to run, please contact the [Student Enquiry Centre](#). Please do also attend the in-person study groups and other educational activities your Schools and Institutes are running. These activities (apart from those held in Drapers or Griff Inn) are exempt from the restrictions regarding not meeting with people from other households indoors, and hence can be a great opportunity to meet other students and our academic staff in person.

If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of your university life, please remember we are here to help. You can contact the [Student Enquiry Centre](#) or the [Housing Services team](#) if you are in residences, or the [central Covid-19 enquiries line and email](#). Please do look after yourselves and stay safe. I will write again next week.

Best wishes,

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