

Dear student,

I have had some emails from students asking me what they should expect next year. I realise that we have been sending you a lot of information, and also that the changes in government guidelines can cause confusion, and so thought I would send you a short email just to be clear about your next academic year at Queen Mary will look like.

**Please do plan to come back to campus**, for the start of term in September if you are an undergraduate, or as soon as you need to if you are a postgraduate. All students will be offered face-to-face educational activities as part of our blended learning approach. In addition, as you heard in the Principal's last email, campus facilities are reopening and the library, sports facilities, study areas, cafes and social activities await you. If you can't travel, you can access your education fully remotely – but we very much want to welcome you back in person if you are able to join us.

**We are planning a blended educational approach for the first semester** (September – January). This means a blend of online and face-to-face educational activities, with wrap-around academic advising, e-mentoring and peer-to-peer support. We are drawing on the very best teaching methodologies for both online and face-to-face activities, and I am sure you will enjoy it!

**We are currently planning for the second semester to be fully on campus**, subject to government guidelines and the progression of the pandemic, in the UK and worldwide.

**We are fully prepared for a local or nationwide lockdown**, should one happen, and will support you through it.

There is lots more information about our response to coronavirus, and what to expect when you return to our campuses, [on our website](#). You will notice some differences, including hand sanitiser stations, one-way systems in our buildings and around our campuses, more cleaning and smaller class sizes. Your student experience will be as good, if not better, than it was before. If you have any questions, please contact the [Student Enquiry Centre](#) or your School/Institute.

I'm looking forward to seeing you back on campus!

Best wishes

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