

Dear student,

As we near the end of term, I wanted to send a final email to say well done to everyone. This period has been incredibly difficult, and you have all had to adapt to studying online and at home alongside the stress caused by the pandemic. I know from the emails I have been receiving how difficult some of you are finding it. Do keep supporting each other, and remember we are there to support you as well, through our [wellbeing pages](#), the [Student Enquiry Centre](#) or your School/institute.

Assessment

I completely understand that you may be feeling worried about assessments. I have received some emails about [our principles](#) that I wanted to reflect upon.

Our policy was developed working closely with our Students' Union, and being really mindful of how students were feeling, balanced with the need for academic integrity that employers would expect from a world-class University. As a Russell Group University we must be fair to students who have endured this disruption, and we must also be rigorous. We also were mindful of our UK regulator, the Office for Students, who needs to be assured that the policy we have put in place is academically sound. The Office for Students has just published guidance on assessments, and we are confident that our policy will meet their requirements.

If you are struggling, as well as seeking the support I outlined above, you should have a look at our [Extenuating Circumstances policy](#). In addition, if financial hardship is adding to your concerns please be aware there is a [financial assistance fund](#) you could have a look at.

Assessment timetable

I am very sorry to tell you that there has been a delay in timetabling assessments. You should be able to access your revised individual timetables for summer 2020 from 12 noon on 15 April 2020. These timetables will give details of when each assessment will be released. Details of when the completed assessment should be submitted will be provided by your School/Institute. As far as possible, there will be a 48-hour gap between the release of each assessment. Information about assessments can be found [here](#).

Accommodation FAQs

There are [detailed FAQs](#) available about accommodation, including for students who have recently left our residences. If you have any questions that are not addressed by the FAQs, please contact the [residences team](#).

Keeping yourself safe from coronavirus IT scams

There are a number of IT scams currently circulating which are looking to exploit people's desire to know more about coronavirus. Others target uncertainty about how we respond to the rapid changes to our working and studying practices, especially accessing resources remotely. IT Services has issued some [guidance](#) to help you keep safe online.

Congratulations again on all you have achieved so far. I hope you manage to get some rest and relaxation over the Easter break.

Keep safe and keep well.

Best wishes,

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