

04 December 2020

Dear Students,

I hope you continue to be well during this time, and in some cases might be enjoying some increased freedom as a result of Devon moving to Tier 2.

I wrote to you last on the [11th November](#) outlining requirements for the rest of this term - through until Christmas. This information remains relevant and I hope that those of you who are travelling to a home address this weekend have a safe journey.

Returning in January 2021

In my letter linked above, I stated that we expected teaching to return after Christmas, and I am pleased to be able to confirm that this remains the case. Most students attending UCSD are commuter students (those who travel daily rather than having a term time and home address), therefore following DfE guidance commuter students should return as planned from 5th January 2021 (following your timetable).

Remote access if required

We have and will continue to provide options for remote access if they are needed, either to enable social distancing or to support your individual circumstances. This will continue to be the case in January. All staff involved in HE delivery now have the required equipment, software and training to be able to provide synchronistic delivery so you can access lectures, seminars and tutorials from home at the same time as students in classrooms. In almost all cases these are also recorded so you can access them again to recap and revisit the session.

Our Higher Education [Student Support Hub](#) remains available for you during these difficult times and can provide support with areas of academic development and practice, employability and your next steps, wellbeing and counselling as well as support for students with a disability. Details are linked above.

Students with both a home and term time address (non-commuter students)

If you have both a home and a term time address, we will be in touch with you by the end of term to discuss any specific requirements for your return following Government guidance, including moving between Tiers.

Commitment to learning

Our commitment remains to provide you with the very best learning experience in the safest possible environment and we will absolutely do this following Government guidance, directives and best practice. However, if you have any concerns or questions please do speak to your tutor or a member of the Higher

Education team in UCSD.

I will write again before the end of term to update with any further information. I will also provide links to support that can be accessed whilst we are closed over the Christmas period.

Best wishes,

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