

## **CORONAVIRUS - COVID-19 - LETTER TO UCP STUDENTS**

3 April 2020

Dear Students

Firstly, we want to say a huge well done to all of you who adapting so well to this new way of working and learning. We appreciate that these are unprecedented and worrying times and we are working to continue to support all of you.

There will be some of you who will be struggling and may be finding things difficult, missing your friends, peers and university life. We are also aware that there will be those of you who will be finding the practicalities of online learning difficult. Some of you will be sharing IT devices, you may have internet issues and have difficulty logging onto platforms. Some of you will be working and have caring responsibilities of your own. We appreciate these difficult circumstances. What we ask is that you keep in contact with your tutors and Student Support and let them know if you are struggling so we can help and guide you. Do your best to continue with your studies. It is also good to keep active and engaged at this time.

Try to remember that this is just a temporary situation and we will get through this as a country and a university centre. Most importantly, remember the government's key advice.

- Stay at home
- Protect the NHS
- Save Lives

### **Easter Arrangements**

The UCP term ends today, Friday, 3 April and some academic and pastoral staff will be taking annual leave. However, CANVAS resources will still be available and students are encouraged to use this time to complete any assessments they have been set. Please use the email and contact details on our website and be assured we have a staff rota in place during the holiday period to ensure we are monitoring this. We will respond to your emails as soon as it is possible for us to do so. Our virtual campus reopens as normal on Monday 20th April 2020.

### **Your Wellbeing**

Over the next few weeks, it will be more important than ever to look after your mental health and wellbeing, as well as your physical health. We are sharing resources, guides and ideas for safe social interaction through the UCP website, Facebook pages and emails. Please take some time during the Easter period to relax and enjoy a virtual house party, streamed performance or family craft session. If you have any useful links, ideas or resources please share them with us so we can benefit the whole of the UCP community.

We will continue to update you via our website, emails and social media. We would like to thank you for your patience and understanding. Please stay safe and enjoy your Easter.

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