Dear Warwick History and History-Joint Degree Students,

I promised to give you some updates on what the History Department will be doing to support you during the period of industrial action. Here—with apologies for the long email—are some of the measures that we will be putting in place.

**Keeping You Informed**

We will do everything we can to keep you informed about lecture and seminar cancellations in a timely fashion. Striking colleagues are under no obligation to let me know if they are planning to, or have taken, industrial action. What we can (and will) do is ask whether colleagues are willing to let the History Department’s undergraduate office know if they have or will be cancelling events. We will pass on such information as we receive it. We are also encouraging tutors to communicate directly with you if they intend to cancel teaching.

**Deadlines and Extensions**

All 4 December deadlines (Wednesday of week 10) will be moved to 9 December (Monday of week 11). If for other reasons you need an extension beyond this new deadline, you can apply for one in the usual fashion via tabula. It’s certainly a good idea to try to see tutors in week 8 to discuss any remaining assessments, if you’re able to do this. I’ve also encouraged colleagues to make themselves available in the department on 5-6 December (Thursday and Friday of week 10).

**Oral Contributions and Presentations**

Students who are unable to give an oral presentation because it was scheduled in weeks 9 or 10 of a module affected by the strike will be exempted from the need to give a presentation. Similarly, students whose classes are cancelled in weeks 9 and 10 will have their oral contribution calculated on the basis of their performance up to week 8.

**Exams**

If your module was affected by strike action, we will if necessary modify the exam paper to ensure that you are not disadvantaged. If an exam paper has questions which cover topics not taught due to strike action, additional questions relating to non-strike weeks will be added to make sure that you have a fair choice of topics.
Mitigation
We will apply group mitigation to all modules affected by strike action. This means that we will compare the performance of this year’s cohort to previous years, to see if the marks are out of line. If necessary, we will adjust marks if this reveals a discrepancy.

The University has also published some FAQs. The UCU has done the same. The UCU has also organised a ‘Town Hall’ meeting for students in the Warwick History community to ask questions and voice concerns. This will be on Wednesday 20 November from 6-7pm in H0.52.

Please don’t hesitate to get in touch with me if you’d like to discuss any of this at all. It’s very important that we provide you with as much support as we possibly can.

very best

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