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Dear Intermediate Year Student

This important update contains details of the timescales set for the University for the resolution of all outstanding MAB marks, and clarifications of some of the most common issues raised by students. I know there is much uncertainty amongst our intermediate year students, and I hope this will allay some of your concerns.

Assessment Feedback

In my last update I explained why feedback on marked scripts had disappeared from the WAS and TABULA systems while marking of the MAB affected scripts was concluded. However, I know many of you are still concerned about this. Your marks and feedback have not disappeared from the system altogether, nor have your marks been "retracted". The reason is technical in that our systems do not allow us to display feedback and mark scripts at the same time, and, as marking is completed, your feedback will become visible again. The only potential for change is in those small number of marks that were released subject to moderation, which could lead to adjustments.

My apologies for this, it is yet another unavoidable consequence of the industrial action earlier in the year. We now have a clear timetable for completing marking and releasing scripts. Your lost feedback will be made visible at the same time.

Outstanding Marking Timetable

A Timetable has now been set by the University for the confirmation and release of MAB affected marking. The University timetable requires that:

• Before Christmas all undergraduate intermediate year students should have assessment level feedback and marks. This means the marks for each assessment you have taken, including examinations, will be marked, and released.

Each Module Leader will release feedback and provisional marks when the moderation process is completed. You can expect feedback and provisional marks to be released no later than **22 December 2023.** Marks are still subject to confirmation by the Examination Board. These meetings will be arranged as soon as we have all the missing marks for all intermediate students available to us.

The Examination Board confirms the marks profile of each student, so any marks released with your feedback remain provisional marks until confirmed. This is normal practice. For this reason, your marks will be available on Tabula and WAS but not on your HEAR transcript.

• Before the end of **January 2024** all undergraduate non-finalist intermediate year students should have agreed **module marks** with all MAB related adjustments made. This means the marks will have been passed through the Examination Boards and are the final confirmed marks. At this point you can be sure that your grade for the year overall is confirmed and final. Your grades will be added to your HEAR transcript after the Examination Boards have met.

We are doing all we can to meet these guidelines and with regard to Law School assessments we are on course to do so

Applications and Marks Profiles

We have a number of queries from students concerned that their applications for master's study, internships or employment will be affected by missing marks. As stated above, marks that have been released are unlikely to change substantially even if you can no longer see them. The only exception is with regard to unmoderated marks, where some adjustments might be necessary to make sure marking is consistent across the Law School. With this caveat, you should feel comfortable about including your Summer marks profile on any application.

If your application requires a formal transcript, please check with the Institution or Employer whether they will accept a stamped template containing your marks and explaining the delay in formally confirming them. We should be able to provide this to you from mid-November. In our experience most organisations will be happy to accept a template, and if they are, we are happy to provide one.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Lecture Capture and Lecture Materials

Most lectures are recorded with Lecture capture and are available afterwards on your Moodle Page. You should also have access to lecture slides 24 hours before the lecture itself, with lecture notes posted subsequently if they are produced. Please note that lecture capture is used at the discretion of the lecturer, and we cannot compel members of staff to use recording. If you have reasonable adjustments and have no access to recordings, please contact me to see if we can assist in some other way.

Remember, recording in Seminars is prohibited. Not only is does it affect your seminar experience but breaches the rights to privacy of your fellow students. Recording in seminars is a disciplinary offence, so repeated instances of unauthorised recording could result in action being taken by the University. In the first instance, you will be asked to stop if you are found to be recording in Seminars.

Black History Month Annual Public Lecture

Wednesday 25 October 2023. 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Lecture Room M2 WBS Teaching Centre, University of Warwick

Professor Toni Williams will be 'Unveiling the Hidden History of Racial Discrimination in the UK: Constantine v. The Imperial Hotels'

The lecture explores the legal suite brought by Mr Learie Constantine, a Black man, and a famous cricketer, who was refused access to his booked accommodation at the Imperial Hotel in Bloomsbury in 1943. The case attracted much attention in Parliament and the media but is rarely covered in UK Law Schools. In what promises to be a great public lecture, Professor Williams argues a better understanding of 'Constantine' could change our understanding of the role law plays in enabling racism in the UK.

Professor Williams is senior tutor at Girton College at Cambridge and a highly distinguished legal academic. It would be great to see law students well represented in the audience. Please use the following link to register to attend Annual Black History Month Public Lecture (warwick.ac.uk)

Talk to the DUG team.

If you would like to discuss any of these issues remember Daniel and I are available in person every Wednesday morning from 10-11am in the Law School Student Hub and online every Friday 10-11am. For an online chat, call on Teams or drop me a line on email and I will call you.

If you want to post a question any other time, please use the PADLET – links below.

Intermediate Years and Finalists Padlet

I hope to see a few of you at least at the Lecture next week.

Best wishes, Maggie

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