CS_Term 2 Start Dates_EM/RH



Subject: Term 2 teaching update

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This email update covers the following important points:

- In line with Government guidance, the University is required to implement a staggered start to face to face teaching for term 2
- You are strongly advised to have asymptomatic tests ahead of starting your face to face teaching
- Please continue to check your University email over the vacation as we'll be updating you regularly

Hello Jemima

In previous communications we've told you that our plans for term 2 needed to be aligned with government guidelines. The guidelines on students return in January were published yesterday (2 December) and we can now let you know what this means for you so you can make your own plans.

We know how much face to face teaching matters to you and we're committed to continuing to deliver a blended learning experience in term 2. However, we are required to stagger the start dates for face to face teaching to align with government guidelines and minimise the risks of transmission of Covid-19 from all students travelling at the same time. The table below gives a full overview:

4 January onwards

Warwick Medical School MBChB and Initial Teacher Training (ITT) continue as planned after 4 January 2021

Week beginning 11 January (start of new term)

Our standard blended model (including face to face) starts for:

- ▶ All of the SEM faculty (including WMG)
- International Foundation Programme
- Relevant courses in Theatre and Performing Arts

Week beginning 25 January

Our standard blended model (including face to face starts for:

- all other first year UGs
- ▶ all other PGT

This means the first two weeks of teaching for Term 2 will be online only for these students.

Week beginning 1 **February**

Our standard blended model (including face to face) start for:

▶ all others i.e. other second and third year UG

This means the first three weeks of teaching for **Term 2 will be online only** for these students.

If there are course specific requirements that are exempt from this timetable, your department will be in direct contact with you shortly.

Departments will also share guidance for Degree Apprenticeships shortly and will be in touch with everyone else via email giving more detail.

Please continue to check your University email account for this and other important information we may need to share with you over the vacation.

Asymptomatic Testing

In order to ensure your safety and the safety of our wider community, you are strongly advised to take two asymptomatic Covid-19 Lateral Flow Tests before you re-start face to face teaching.

We will continue to provide this service from 5 January via the government testing centre at The Slate on campus. We will send you details on how to book tests during the vacation. Again, please check your Warwick email account for this information.

Important information for international (non-UK students)

If you are an international (non-UK student), including if you are a student from the EU, you need to comply with additional visa requirements – full details can be found on Arrivals, immigration and dates.

Self-isolation

If you are coming to the UK from overseas, you will be required to self-isolate in the place you're staying for the first 14 days after you arrive, unless you've only visited an exempt country, territory or region. You can view the UK government guidelines on Entering the UK: Self-isolating when you arrive in the UK for the latest advice. We know self-isolation is tough and we will ensure that you are well supported during this period.

Find out more about self-isolation support at Warwick

Next steps

- Your academic department will let you know more detail on teaching and learning arrangements
- We will let you know when you can start to book asymptomatic tests on your return in 2021
- ▶ We will share more information on what services, activities and support are available on campus over Christmas and into term 2.

In the meantime, thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Richard

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