Following the Government’s announcements about the closure of our country’s schools, colleges and the cancellation of public exams, the University is accelerating its move to remote working, including remote teaching, learning and assessment for all students.

As a result:

- All University buildings (with the exception of residential halls) will close as from 5pm on Friday 20 March and students will no longer be able to physically access any learning, teaching and healthcare facilities on our campuses.
- We will move fully to remote learning as from Monday 23 March and students should check studentcentral for more details about their modules.
- We will also be moving to alternative assessments rather than holding unseen, invigilated exams next term and more information will be made available on these arrangements in due course.

We are bringing together advice and guidance for all students into one place on remote learning, student support and wellbeing and this can be viewed on the new COVID-19 Student Update website. This can also be accessed via the COVID-19 page on the University website.

The University will put in place arrangements to ensure that all students are able to progress or graduate, subject to achieving the required academic standard.
We know that these are difficult and challenging times – indeed unprecedented - and that it will take time to adjust, so I ask you to please be patient as these new arrangements are put in place and we get used to learning and working in this new way. Unfortunately, it will also mean that it will not be possible for us to hold graduation ceremonies this summer and I realise this will be a huge disappointment to you, your parents and supporters, and the whole University community.

Finally, do please take care of your own health and wellbeing and continue to support others in doing the same.

Best regards

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