Dear <student_name>,

I hope that you and your friends and family are safe and well. The University is committed to ensuring that our students are supported personally and academically through this difficult time.

I wrote to you on 1 May to explain the approach the University is taking to ensure that students are not academically disadvantaged by the COVID-19 pandemic.

I am now writing to provide you with further information about how the University will calculate your individual performance benchmark.

Since my last message, the University has further developed its benchmarking approach working with Brighton Students Union.

An important development is that we have decided not to use marks achieved by previous cohorts of students in the calculation of your benchmark. In other words, your benchmark will only include actual marks achieved by you. We hope this will give you confidence in the rigour of our approach.

The University will formally publish your benchmark alongside your end-of-year results, once all marks are confirmed by examination boards. In the meantime, the FAQs, flow chart and examples are provided in the link below to help you estimate what your benchmark will be.

See our FAQs for our no detriment approach

I know that the information included in the FAQs is complex and that you will want to take the time to consider it in detail. Your School will also be in touch with you shortly with further guidance about how benchmarking will work for you.

May I take this opportunity to wish you every success with your assessments and to express my pride in the work of all our students and staff in these challenging times.

Best wishes,