

Dear all

I hope that you are having a good Summer. I have been busy finalising the assessment outcomes and the plans for induction of new students. I am now about to take a break for a couple of weeks so I thought I would drop you a quick note before I go.

Firstly, I want to congratulate those of you who have successfully progressed to your next year of study - well done! I hope that you are looking forward to the new academic year - I am hopeful that this will see a return to some normality which is what we have all been wishing for.

For those of you who have August assessments please keep going - it's not long now. Once you have submitted them you will be able to take a break from your studies, I know you have many other things which you need to be busy with.

### **Teaching in 2021-22**

As I told you at the end of term, we are intending to start the new academic year with face to face teaching as the norm. I really hope that we can do this. At the moment we are reviewing this decision on a fortnightly basis in the light of the current infection levels in the city and also in respect of the most up to date government advice. I will write to you again at the start of September to update you on our plans.

### **Vaccinations**

**The University very strongly expects you to have two Covid vaccinations before returning to campus. This is part of our approach to make the campus as safe as possible and to reassure all students and staff that we have done everything we can to minimise the chance of infection and illness. Please don't worry if you can't quite fit in your second dose before you come back. We will have opportunities on campus at the start of term for you to have this.**

Information about making appointments or attending drop in clinics for vaccinations in Liverpool before the start of term can be found [here](#) If you are away from Liverpool then you can book an appointment for a vaccination through the [NHS booking page](#) or for pop up opportunities you should search your local council's website. If you have questions about the vaccine the NHS have a helpful [FAQ page](#) for you to refer to. You can also get help and information from your GP.

We would also ask that you continue to get tested for Covid. If you are in Liverpool the opportunities for symptom free testing are listed [here](#) or if you have symptoms, the guidance is [here](#).

You can view the University's advice about Covid matters on the website at <https://www.hope.ac.uk/gateway/students/covid-19information/>

### **Term dates**

Some of you have written to me asking about term dates. The information you need is on the website at <https://www.hope.ac.uk/gateway/academiccalendars/>.

### **Queries**

If you still need to sort out issues relating to financial matters the Student Funds team can help [studentfunds@hope.ac.uk](mailto:studentfunds@hope.ac.uk)

If you need any other further advice or help you can always contact the Gateway team [gateway@hope.ac.uk](mailto:gateway@hope.ac.uk)

I hope that you enjoy the rest of your Summer. I'm just off to Scotland for a couple of weeks, I hope the weather is better there than it is here!

Best wishes  
Penny