

I am writing to all students as the academic year starts.

If you are new to Hope then Welcome!

If you are a returning student then Welcome back!

I hope that you have had a good Summer and are excited about the coming year. I know that you are going to be arriving at various times in the next few weeks and indeed some of you are here already.

I am looking forward to seeing you all around campus. Please stop me for a chat. It is so good to see the campus starting to come to life.

Covid Preparedness

Obviously this year will have its challenges, the threat of Covid is still very real and we must make sure that we do everything we can to keep you all safe so please follow the guidelines and be vigilant for changes as the year progresses. We are expecting as many of you as possible to be double vaccinated before you return to campus. However, if you have not managed this by that time we will be providing a range of opportunities on campus to get vaccinations regardless of where or if you have had your first dose. Vaccinations are really the front line in keeping our community safe and in ensuring that we can all continue to be on campus. I would strongly urge you to be vaccinated if you haven't already done so.

We are asking you to do a Lateral Flow test the day before you come to campus for the first time and to then ensure that you do a test twice a week when you are here. This is to ensure that we locate those who are covid positive as quickly as possible. Test Kits are available from the Gateway, Creative Campus and Aigburth reception desks. If at any time you test positive please contact the Covid Control Team via covid@hope.ac.uk and they will be able to provide guidance and support. You will also be expected to wear a face covering in University buildings.

Registration and Timetables

If you are ready to progress to the next level or are new to Hope, you should by now have received a letter about registration. Please register as soon as possible as this will allow us to release your timetable. If you still have outstanding assessments then the release of your timetable will be dependent on whether you progress at the coming assessment Board. We will be publishing results for you on Friday 24 September.

Start dates (for those of you who are still to arrive)

For students in Level F and Level C (first year) induction week starts 4 October. You will have received information about your arrivals day separately.

For students in other Levels of study term starts on 11 October. You will receive further information from your subject in the coming weeks.

Please be aware that **you will be required to wear your ID card on a lanyard whilst on campus**. You can pick up a lanyard and/or your ID card from the Gateway or Cornerstone reception desks if you do not have one.

If you have any queries about the start of term you should contact the Gateway team gateway@hope.ac.uk who will be able to help.

Best wishes

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