

Hello <student>

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for the excellent and responsible way you have been acting whilst studying at the University Centre Grimsby.

Things are a little different this year which we explained in our published information:

“This course is primarily designed for face to face learning with you attending your lessons for the specified hours within the validation document. However, there may be periods of study where the government advises TEC Partnership that it is not safe to open campuses or there is limited access due to social distancing measures. If the campus is closed TEC Partnership will deliver your sessions online and offer you the necessary support and resources remotely. If there is limited access due to social distancing measures a blended model will be adopted with some lessons happening in small groups and others happening using online sessions and support.”

We currently are working within bubbles based on your classes where you can choose whether you wear face coverings with the tutor maintaining social distancing. As such delivery is currently normal but in all communal areas of the college we require the wearing of face coverings (unless you have exemption) so that we can protect each other. Some services are also limited which is done to ensure your safety. Please follow local signage throughout the day which gives instructions for any areas. As a college if we become aware of infection within a bubble that group will be shut down with everyone affected contacted and told to self-isolate following guidance by public health professionals.

I can assure you that we are at all times following the guidance of Public Health England and the government and applying their advice. We have contingency plans in place for all eventualities. If their advice changes and we are required to close a campus entirely or limit access we are ready to move to a blended or online learning approach where required. We will endeavour to inform you about this as soon as we can via email and Canvas. Your tutors and your success coaches can be contacted via email if you have any questions.

We really want to support you to have an enjoyable year at UCG, and we will do our best to answer all your questions quickly. If the question is important to you, it's important to us. If you feel anxious about anything please speak up.

Thankyou again for working with us during this period

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