



Subject: Daily Coronavirus Update: Friday 3 April 2020

Dear all,

The college officially closes from this evening for the Easter vacation until 14th April (0th week) and there will be no more daily Covid-19 updates until this date. We will still, however, monitor messages sent to the covid19@seh.ox.ac.uk on a daily basis and forward onto the relevant person where necessary. Replies might be a little slower – but we will respond and find a solution where we can. The Dean, the College Nurse, and the decanal team will also remain available to assist and support all students during the vacation. Please contact either dean@seh.ox.ac.uk or nurse@seh.ox.ac.uk, and they will respond as soon as they can.

There are also a number of other notices today as follows:

- **IT support:** The University are rapidly putting together guidelines to ensure that teaching can continue unaffected next term, and students can access all the tools they need remotely. In college, Microsoft Teams is going to be the preferred method of digital teaching/video conferencing, but other tools such as WebEx and Zoom are also being utilised. Each subject is different and your tutors will be in touch with how they intend to communicate with you. For now, a reliable Internet connection, and access to a computer or tablet (ideally with a webcam and microphone) is all that is needed. Please note that the IT Office in college remains open and offering support/advice, so please email help@seh.ox.ac.uk if you have any queries or concerns regarding IT.

As a reminder, it is important that you have access to Office365 (<https://www.office.com>) which provides not only your Oxford email, but other tools that will become increasingly important as we enter next term. You can also download the Microsoft Office suite (Word/Excel/Teams/etc) for free - which we highly recommend you do. Again, if you require any support with this, please email the IT Office at help@seh.ox.ac.uk

- **Student fees for Trinity Term:** The University administration has today released the follow information on fees for next term:

“We are focussing on supporting students and delivering our programmes of study within the constraints of current circumstances. Whilst we appreciate that this will mean that they are not delivered in the same manner as previous years, we still intend to ensure that students are able to take advantage of our world class academic teaching and meet the educational objectives of each programme. For



these reasons it is not appropriate for undergraduate course fees to be waived.

For those postgraduate students whose work is substantially disrupted (particularly because of closed labs or the inability to do fieldwork) we are working case by case on practical adjustments, often including, where necessary, suspension of studies and/or extensions of relevant deadlines. Work is ongoing to look at the impact of current disruption to see what else may be done in these cases. Other University services (e.g. student welfare, careers support) will continue to be provided even though staff are working remotely.”

- **Possessions left in college accommodation:** We know that some of you left possessions in your rooms when you left. In the event that we need to pack up and move your possessions, we will contact you by email in advance of doing so. In the current circumstances, please note that returning to Oxford to pick up your possessions from your college room is not compliant with government advice regarding necessary travel and we are unable to accede to such requests. This is, of course, being kept under close review.

- **Message from the May Ball committee regarding the Teddy Hall Ball 2020:**

*“It is with great sadness that due to the developing Covid-19 situation and after thorough discussions between the May Ball committee and college, we are sorry to announce that the date of the 2nd May for the Teddy Hall Ball 2020 has been postponed. Instead, the Teddy Ball will now be taking place on **Saturday 1st May 2021**. We appreciate that this news will come as a great disappointment to many of you who had been looking forward to the event, and we thank you all for your patience these past few weeks as we have sought to resolve the situation. We can confirm that all ticket-holders are eligible for a full-refund or can retain their tickets for the rearranged Ball next year. Information regarding refunds will be released soon, so please keep an eye on the May Ball social media page (<https://www.facebook.com/teddyhallball2020/>) and the May Ball website (<https://www.stedmundhallball.co.uk/>). We thank you for your patience in this matter. We hope in this unprecedented time that all our ticket-holders stay safe and healthy. The Teddy Hall Ball Committee”*

We hope everyone manages to have some relaxing time off over the Easter break despite the lockdown and we look forward to seeing you “virtually” in 0th week.

Best wishes,

Professor Kathy Willis (Principal) & Professor Robert Whittaker (Vice Principal).