

Dear

### **Update on our September opening plans**

I am now delighted to confirm that we will be opening our campus to students in September in time for the start of the next academic year. Whilst the virus and social distancing requirements remain, there will be differences to how we will operate, but our aim is to provide as much face to face teaching as possible whilst keeping you as safe as we can.

We know that your choice to go to university isn't just about learning, it is also about a whole range of other experiences. In planning and adapting to the new circumstances we are all faced with, we are aiming to ensure that you still get everything you are looking for, even if it is a little bit different to the old way of doing things.

So, what are we currently planning:

- Social distancing measures will be put in place on campus. This will include increased frequency of cleaning, markers and signs, one-way systems and reduced capacity in rooms.
- We plan to combine on-campus face to face and online teaching as appropriate.
- In addition, all courses will be available entirely online for the whole academic year as a back-up. So, if you are unable to attend on campus, for instance if you are self-isolating, you will still be able to participate fully in your course.
- Student Services and student support services will be open on campus, so if you have any issues, needs or concerns they will be there for you.
- Where professional courses, such as Nursing, require direct contact with others without social distancing, then PPE will be provided.
- Staff on campus not directly involved in supporting students will be kept to a minimum to reduce the potential for congestion and to make it easier to maintain social distancing. All staff who are on campus will have received appropriate training.
- Your Students Union will be looking at ways to continue their activities online and building online communities where socially distanced activities aren't possible. They will also continue to offer their support services for all students and will continue to fully represent you.
- We are currently planning our Welcome Week, we will provide you with more information about this in due course.

We want you to have an amazing time with us next year and we understand how unsettling the last few months have been. Your experience will be different than previous years, but all the staff at Bangor are finding it incredibly exciting to be creating new and different ways of learning and experiencing university. University is all about invention, exploring the unknown and tackling difficult challenges, this is what we do best, and this is what students come to us to learn. Now we are putting this into practice and having great fun doing it!

We can't wait for you to join us in September, although we do need a little bit more time to be ready for you. If you have any questions please do get in touch with us at [study@bangor.ac.uk](mailto:study@bangor.ac.uk) or keep an eye on the [FAQs on our website](#). We will be in touch again soon to let you know more about our plans for September.

Yours sincerely,



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