

Dear Higher Education students,

The Health and Wellbeing of our students, staff and visitors is of the highest importance.

We know that you will have many questions about the impact of Coronavirus on your Higher Education programme, and we will endeavour to answer these questions as quickly as we can. The college updates daily key information regarding the college's position on this specific page <https://www.escg.ac.uk/coronavirus-information> however, if you have any specific queries please raise them in the first instance with your Course Leader, or other members of your programme team.

How will this affect teaching and assessments?

Working with our partner organisations the University of Brighton & Pearson, the College has taken the decision to transition to online learning for the time being. This will be kept under careful review over the coming weeks. This decision will affect your course of study and your programme team will be in touch to explain specifically the delivery of your individual programmes. However, in broad terms we have decided that:

- From Monday 23rd March, regrettably, we will be transferring all our Higher Education teaching from face to face to online teaching and learning. You will be provided with online resources and directed to engage in learning via the Course Leader or Module Leader.
- Assessments may be adjusted to enable you to study and submit your work remotely, this **might** include changes to deadlines and assessment tasks, details on this are to follow when the college receives any updates by its awarding bodies. Any changes will be communicated directly to you via your Course Leader.
- If you are undertaking a placement, or planning to do so, all placements have been postponed.
- Current Bursary payments are being paid on attendance and any future Bursary payments will continue with usual attendance conditions suspended. Student's attendance to online sessions will however be monitored, so it is vital that students engage with online course activity as directed by the Course Leader. For further information regarding bursary payments please contact Jordan Vibert HE Admissions / Bursary Co-Ordinator jvibert@sussexcoast.ac.uk
- We are still working with the University of Brighton on guidance around final year shows and assessments linked to these for art and design focused programmes and will be in touch with these specific students via Course Leaders.

What is the situation with planned trips?

- All College trips have been cancelled at this stage
- Domestic trips/visits and field work have been cancelled at this stage

- Your Course Leader will be in touch with details of how we will manage any changes or alternative arrangements.
- Please contact your Course Leader if you have any questions.

We appreciate your understanding and support at this unprecedented time. We will ensure that these extraordinary circumstances are taken into account and you will be treated fairly when it comes to academic progress and assessment.

Our priority remains the health, safety and wellbeing of our community and as part of this; I would encourage everyone to be thoughtful and supportive towards each other. We must remain the diverse, welcoming, and supportive community of which we are all so proud.

You should raise questions in the first instance with your Course Leader, or other members of your programme team or alternatively please contact the HE Campus Leads:

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Yours faithfully

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