

Covid-19 – Week Eight Check In Survey: Response from the Department of Architecture and Civil Engineering – UG - 1<sup>st</sup> Year – Architecture

Dear 1<sup>st</sup> Years,

I hope everyone is well.

You should be very proud of your Design Studio submissions last week. Martin has shown me a few reports, and they've been seriously inspiring! This, despite the really difficult time you've had. So well done to everyone!

We appreciate that it's not been a great introduction into University life for you, so we've been working hard behind the scenes to improve the situation in Semester 2.

So this afternoon, I'm really pleased to be able to tell you that access to studio for 1<sup>st</sup>Year will be increased in Semester 2. Studio is not only an important learning and working environment, but a critical place for social interaction, a place to see each other's work, learn from each other, and to create new friendships. By increasing access, I hope the **Studio Culture** that Bath is renowned for, you will experience, albeit a semester late.

Each of you who wishes to attend the University in person in Semester 2 will be allocated a designated desk space in 6E. This will be available for your use from **Monday to Thursday**, with studios open from 9am until 11pm each day. Currently 6E will be closed at weekends, but this restriction may be relaxed at some point in the semester if circumstances allow.

As you will be allocated your own desk space, the desks will not be cleaned each day by the porters. This will enable you to leave models and personal items on your desk space overnight – except for Thursday night when you have to remove everything. (Friday is allocated to another cohort of architecture students). The opening times for studio have been agreed on the basis of students supervising their own behaviour in studios in the evenings. If there are any instances of inappropriate behaviour we may be required to restrict the opening hours, which is something we very much wish to avoid, so please continue to use your spaces responsibly.

Reviews will continue to be carried out online for the time being. Tutorials will be either remote or in person, depending on the circumstances of you and/or your tutor, re: isolation etc.

For those of you studying remotely, or needing to go into periods of isolation, we will make sure that lectures, tutorials and reviews will continue to be recorded and fully accessible remotely.

Tim Rolt will be co-ordinating the two design studio projects in Semester 2. In order for Tim to devise a seating plan, I need you to indicate how you currently intend to interact with the University in Semester 2. We understand that this may change, but in the first instance, please fill in the your chosen 'Mode of Study', here:

<https://moodle.bath.ac.uk/mod/choice/view.php?id=953566>

You are able to change your choice should your circumstance change, and also means you can correct any mistakes. Tim will send details of the studio seating plan before the start of Semester 2.

**Please indicate on the Moodle Poll by next Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December.**

We are hopeful that during the course of Semester 2 the arrangements in studio will start to return to something closer to our normal studio environment. However this will depend on how circumstances unfold over the coming weeks and months.

Any questions, please come back to me.

Best wishes,

Daniel