

Covid-19 – Week Eight Check In Survey: Response from the Department of Chemistry – UG – 4th Year of programmes

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Subject: An update on enhancements to your course in Semester 2

Dear student,

We are planning and looking forward to our second semester and welcoming those of you who have been away back to campus. We have a range of plans to resume our Bath Blend of learning and teaching and to offer a mix of extra-curricular activities from February onwards. Of course, all our plans are subject to whatever Covid rules are in place at the time, but we will be doing everything we can to make sure you have the best possible experience, in a safe environment, as you continue your studies with us here at Bath.

Thank you for your engagement with the Bath Blend in Semester 1 and for providing invaluable feedback in the two student surveys we have run over the past few weeks; these have really helped the department shape its plans going forward. In the Chemistry department we have used your feedback to enhance the way we deliver the Bath Blend. We have addressed comments associated with workload and IPT delivery, while retaining flexibility in when you study.

Your timetable will be available to you from mid-January, when you'll be able to see what you can expect in Semester 2 in IPT and LOIL sessions. Mary and/or Matthew will be touch with further details. Key highlights we would draw to your attention, however, are:

- The final year projects will run on a Tuesday or Wednesday like Semester 1, although we hope to start earlier on a Tuesday. As Semester 2 progresses we will be reviewing the timings of the projects. For all project-based units, I want to reassure you that your assessment is not based on the 'quantity' of results – it is more biased towards your scientific understanding and thought processes.
- In Semester 2 we will be using LOILs more flexibly (e.g. for most CH4 3-credit options units we will only have a LOIL in even weeks.) This will give you more time to work on your report writing and consolidating your learning.
- We have reminded staff about the importance of keeping pre-recorded course content to a manageable length.

Please remember that if you are coming to campus for self-study sessions you need to book a slot via the [online booking system](#).

If you have any questions regarding this email, please contact Professor Matthew Jones (mj205@bath.ac.uk) or Dr Mary Mahon (chsmfm@bath.ac.uk). For unit specific queries, it is best to contact the Unit Convenor in the first instance.

If you have any concerns relating to returning to campus / Bath or your personal wellbeing, don't hesitate to contact your Personal Tutor or reach out to [Student Services](#) for further support.

If you would like to discuss your individual circumstances The [SU Advice & Support service](#) is also available remotely.

With best wishes,

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