

Covid-19 – Week Eight Check In Survey: Response from the Department of Education – PGR

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Subject: Response to Week 8 Check-in Survey

Dear Students,

Thank you very much for your feedback during the 'Week 8 Check-In Survey'.

I am pleased to say that the PhD students had a positive response regarding the questions 'I am satisfied with my education experience'. This response was less positive in relation to the 'I am satisfied with my wider university experience', and we will be seeking clarification as to how this can be improved in our regular coffee and catch up meetings.

In terms of what is working well, you said communication with your supervisors is working well, and engaging with undergraduates as part of GTA teaching experience was also positively commented on. Regular team meetings with peers were also mentioned as a positive experience.

In terms of your education experience, some of you have mentioned that 'socialising time' could be built into our schedules. In response, we worked together with the student representatives to organise a Christmas social over teams. We will discuss how socialising could be further built into our upcoming fortnightly coffee and catch up meetings. We are also in conversation with the Director of Research and Cluster Leaders about developing the seminar series within the Department.

Thank you once again for responding to this survey.

With best wishes for the year ahead,

Dr Rita Chawla-Duggan, PhD Director of Studies

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