

## Higher Education: News and Updates

Date	Subject
25 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	<p><b>Return to College</b></p> <p>In line with Government guidance we are seeking to have a staged return to College from 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. For Higher Education students this is subject dependent. Science based subjects and those with a pressing need to complete practical work in College to complete assignments are allowed to return fully or partially to in-College teaching. Other subject areas will remain online until post Easter.</p> <p>Covid 19 Lateral Flow testing has been recommended for any early returners. Initially this will be conducted within the College test site facilities and then twice weekly by students at home, albeit the College will maintain a centre as a supportive measure to be used according to need. Students will be invited to their first test prior to their first on-site class, which in some cases will be in advance of 8<sup>th</sup> March or during their first period at College.</p> <p><b>Students will be advised by their tutor of the date of their return to class and will be provided with information about the testing procedure and associated details.</b></p> <p>Timetabled sessions will continue on-line throughout this period transitioning seamlessly to face to face teaching. There will be additional Covid safe measures in place across the College that your personal tutor will inform you about and these are also summarised in a Covid safe paper on this website. <a href="https://www.wigan-leigh.ac.uk/parents">https://www.wigan-leigh.ac.uk/parents</a></p>
21 Jan 2021	<p><b>Important Update for University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) Students</b></p> <p>UCLan have implemented a 'no detriment' procedure in light of the current circumstances. Staff at College are working closely with academic colleagues to adapt assessments (if required) whilst ensuring they meet academic and professional body requirements.</p> <p><b>How the 'no detriment' procedure applies to assessments and exams for Academic Year 2020-21</b></p> <p>It is important that you <b>attempt all assessments</b>. To support you the University has made changes to the way that we will grade assessments and exams.</p> <p>In summary, in the event you fail or don't submit you will be offered a resit as your first attempt. However, we would strongly encourage you to attempt your exams and assessments <b>on the original dates</b>, as many resits will take place in August and by then you will have other priorities and hopefully the world will have returned to something more like normality. It is always best to get your exams and assessments out of the way on time and resits should be a last resort.</p> <p>This is how we will implement the 'no detriment' procedure around assessments and exams for the Academic Year 2020-21:</p> <p><b>You do not need to apply for Mitigating Circumstances (MCs) related to Covid</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Because of the scale of the impact of the pandemic on students, you now no longer need to apply for MCs for Covid 19 as these will be automatically applied to all work done this year</li> <li>• After you take an exam or assessment, your results will be compared to other cohorts, and adjusted if necessary, to ensure that grades are not unfairly affected as a result of the pandemic</li> <li>• If you have mitigating circumstances for non-Covid related matters, you need to apply as normal – please speak to your Personal Tutor who will advise you.</li> </ul> <p><b>If you fail or cannot take an exam or assessment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You will be given an 'I' grade for that assessment which means you can make a further attempt – you will be sent an email with details of the work and the submission date after the Assessment Board</li> </ul> <p>In some cases, the requirements of certain professional bodies will override the University no detriment procedure, and in these situations the normal regulations apply, so speak to your course leader if you are unsure about your course and its professional body accreditation.</p> <p>These mechanisms are in place to ensure you have the best possible chance at getting the grades you deserve. If you have any questions, please contact your Course Leader who will be best placed to answer your course-specific questions.</p>
21 Jan 2021	<p><b>Update from the Pearson (HNC / D Qualifications, Awarding Body):</b></p> <p>There is a range of support for Higher National students available via HN Global, which has free to access for all Higher National students. Access can be found here:</p> <p><a href="https://hnglobal.highernationals.com">https://hnglobal.highernationals.com</a></p> <p>We would like to reassure all our Higher National students that we are keeping up to date with the latest guidance from Pearson, with regard to approaches to remote learning and the latest assessment guidance, making any necessary adjustments. We will continue to provides updates to students through this HE News Feed bulletin.</p> <p>It is important that you <b>attempt all assessments</b>.</p> <p>If you have <b>mitigating circumstances for Covid or non-Covid related matters</b>, you need to apply as normal – please speak to your Personal Tutor who will advise you.</p>