

Student Covid Communication - August 2021 Mid-semester cohorts

Dear student,

I am delighted to be able to write to you with good news about your studies. As you will be aware the Government removed the vast majority of COVID related restrictions in June and have continued to remove those that remained, including most recently those relating to self-isolation for people with two vaccinations. Earlier this week the Government issued updated guidance to Higher Education providers. In this guidance they stressed that delivery not only could, but should, return to normal, pre COVID, patterns. I know from meeting with many of you that this return to class will be most welcome as it will allow you to receive all the support GBS has to offer. So, in order not to disrupt your current study patterns your delivery will remain unchanged until the end of the current semester. Your next semester and all scheduled sessions will be on campus.

We would encourage all of you to ensure that you are fully vaccinated as this will provide the best protection for everyone and we also understand that some of you may still want to wear a mask in communal areas, whilst you are here to study. Please respect your fellow students who choose to do so. Also, be sure to follow Government guidelines when travelling to and from our campuses, especially when using public transport.

All of our staff have done an outstanding job throughout Covid, supporting you with your studies and dealing with any concerns you have had. I thank you for engaging with them and working alongside them. They continue to be there to support you in your study journey and will be able to do even more when you are back on campus.

You have achieved so much so far, and I am confident that you will continue to do so.

Many thanks,

Professor Ray Lloyd Chief Executive Officer