

New Semester Update

Preparations for the new academic year:
ensuring a COVID-secure environment for all

Introduction

If alert state remains at level 3 or below - all campuses set to reopen from today, 2 September 2020

Safety is paramount - measures to ensure safety and wellbeing of students, staff and invited visitors.

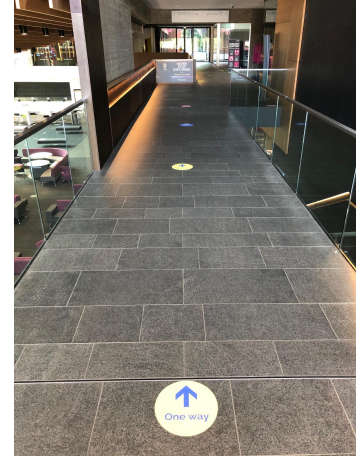
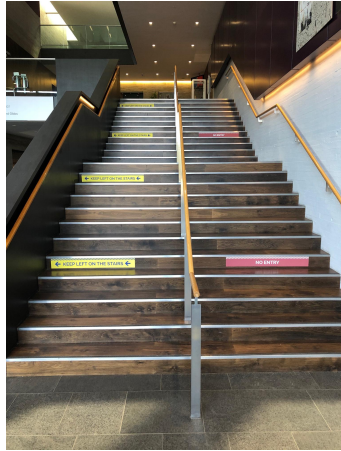
Plans for recovery are aligned with Government's Covid alert levels

A COVID-Secure Campus - Five steps

The University has followed the Government's five step approach to ensure a secure campus:

- 1) Carry out a Covid-19 risk assessment
- 2) Develop cleaning, handwashing and hygiene procedures
- 3) Maintain 2m social distancing, where possible; only essential visitors should come onto campus and by invitation only.
- 4) Where people cannot be 2m apart, manage transmission risk
- 5) Help people to work from home, where possible

Our reconfigured campuses



COVID-Secure campus - facilities available

- **Accommodation** - all sites remain open and operational
- **Catering** - a reduced offer for catering to staff and students in line with site population
- **Library** - open to staff and students only, self service and remote support
- **Sports** - pre-booking for all activities
- **Health services** - the dentist and medical centre will be open with social distancing and safety measures in place
- **Events** - delivery of virtual events only
- **Brookes Print** - will resume with social distancing measures in place

COVID-Secure Campus - Teaching & Learning

Teaching and Learning:

- blended approach to teaching, learning and assessments
- no large scale lectures, some small scale face-to-face teaching groups, lab work and one-to-one contact
- social distancing with increased cleaning and other health and safety measures
- work that can be done from home/remotely will continue
- a phased reopening of buildings

Community access to our campuses

Sites will be open for **essential visitors and by invitation only**.

- Most of our events have been moved online
- There will **not** be open access to the library or catering facilities
- There will be public access to:
 - Sports facilities (booking available online)
 - Brookes Print is operational via email and online ordering
 - The dentist remains open
 - The nursery will be open as usual
 - Colonnade Shop (social distancing)

Welcome Weekend and Induction Week

Arrivals Weekend - 12th and 13th September 2020

Induction Week - 14th - 18th September 2020

Welcome Weekend - 12th and 13th September 2020

Arrivals

Halls of residences:

- allocated and staggered arrival times
- social distancing and enhanced cleaning provision
- communication to students prior to and upon arrival
- online registration and introduction
- information will be sent to residents

Welcome Weekend - 12th and 13th September 2020

Arrivals

Private rented accommodation:

- details on what is expected to ALL students prior to arriving
- email to students who live in private rented accommodation
- work with landlords
- Student Community Wardens will be returning
- Community Engagement Team will continue to respond to and deal with concerns from local residents
- a [new Community Complaints Form](#) has been launched

Induction Week - 14th - 18th September 2020

The following will be in place to help during induction week:

- Enrolment will be online
- Brookes Union will provide virtual opportunities for engagement and an online Freshers' Fair
- There will be some small scale and low-risk activity onsite subject to risk assessments and social distancing will apply.

Communications

To ensure that everyone using our campuses is well informed.

To provide assurances to enable people to feel safe and supported by the University.

Communication - students

- A new Behavioural Expectations document has been put in place to complement the Student Conduct Regulations.
- Students will be required to sign up to general principles around **keeping each other safe** in three categories:
 - 1) On campus
 - 2) Where we live
 - 3) In the community.

[Social distancing at Oxford Brookes](#)

Communication - Residents/local community

For more information on how the University is responding to the coronavirus please visit our [coronavirus](#) webpages.

The usual process for raising concerns will remain in place. Please register any concerns via the new [online form](#).

If you have a queries please email community@brookes.ac.uk