

## 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020 – Bulletin 2

Dear Students

You are now into your second week of teaching and hopefully you have settled into working remotely. We are really pleased to see so many of you engaging positively with the materials and interacting with each other. We understand that these are testing times, and levels of stress and anxiety may be higher than usual, therefore it is important now more than ever to look after each other.

### Interactions

- Continue to interact regularly with your Personal Tutors and Educational Supervisors; ask questions, seek clarity, expand your knowledge, engage with the material
- Communicate with your peers; check in with each other, be kind, encourage group inclusion or pair up, create social groups with others in isolation
- Encourage colleagues to connect with support networks; peer to peer advice, personal tutors, student support team, student first and students union are all regularly available

### Engagement monitoring

An attendance policy is in place to ensure your success on the course and to promote health, wellbeing and professionalism. Engagement while the course has moved online will be measured via the following:

- The downloading of course materials and lectures
- Participation in moodle quizzes
- The submission of documents that are being given feedback by Unit Leads through Moodle
- Via MS Teams activities
- Sickness and exceptional absence forms must be completed as usual

Additional tips and tricks for working remotely are attached ([see separate pdf](#)), these have been provided by our academic support advisor.

Academic and pastoral support continues to be provided for you. We appreciate that worldwide this is an incredibly difficult time and you may be affected directly by the Coronavirus outbreak, please do reach out if this is the case. This includes new issues that may arise now you are back home, self-isolating or staying on campus, or for those of you who may just be struggling to adapt. Please also see the recent updates on Students Announce from Students First and the SU.

If you need to speak with someone please email Claire, Jess or the Student Support email ([med-studentsupport@buckingham.ac.uk](mailto:med-studentsupport@buckingham.ac.uk)) and we will arrange to contact you at a scheduled time, this is working very well over MS Teams and all services continue to run virtually including our study support, coaching and counselling services.

With best wishes  
Student Support