

TO ALL STUDENTS



4th June 2020

Dear Student,

We are immensely proud of how our students have remained focused and determined over the past few months as we have moved to our online teaching platform in the face of the COVID- 19 pandemic.

Following the gradual easing of the national lockdown, we want to reassure you that we are doing everything possible to get the campus open safely to ensure that you are able to continue to work towards the achievement of your qualification and benefit from the wonderful community at WUC.

Our aim, for the next academic year, subject to any further government advice, is to deliver our courses in a 'blended' form of online and in-person delivery at our campus. We will commence our academic term as previously planned, with Further Education (FE) students starting on Monday 9th September and our Higher Education (FE) students starting on Monday 14th September and with HE teaching commencing Monday 21st September.

We are grateful for our small community and expansive, open campus which will allow us to deliver many of the practical elements of your course in person, whilst we provide some taught theoretical sessions online. Our smaller cohort sizes mean that we are able to continue to provide a personal approach to your learning and conduct practical sessions in our specialist subject areas. Whilst our theory sessions will be online, we will support these with live demonstrations and Q&A sessions, encouraging an interactive experience with your course lecturers and fellow classmates. Where practical or studio sessions are part of the course module/unit, we will aim to run these, in line with 2 metres social distancing measures, in groups of around 15-20 students maximum. Many of our student groups are smaller than this already. If in the rare event that these sessions do not permit social distancing, and cannot be moved to the later part of the year, we will ensure that adequate PPE is provided.

We are currently working through the detailed plans on how we will deliver each course module for and will provide detailed clarity on this by the end of July, if not sooner. We are also in the process of developing plans for safely opening up our halls accommodation for our HE students. It is expected that the Student Hubs and Library will both be available for students to use but with clear directional signage and a controlled number of students accessing at any given time.

As a small institution, Writtle offers an outstanding environment for you to live, study and socialise. The friendly Student Success team will help you to stay on track with your academic study, embrace opportunity and ultimately achieve success, whatever your background. Our approachable

Wellbeing team will ensure that you are supported 1:1 when needed, and offer a number of events and initiatives to help you manage your own health and wellbeing whilst studying with us.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with either your course tutor or any of our support teams if you have any queries or concerns.

We look forward to welcoming you back in September and working with you to achieve your career aspirations for the future.

With best regards,

Professor Tim Middleton