



9th April 2020

Changes in May diet exam timetable

Dear student,

As you will know, the University recently cancelled all exams for Years 1 and 2 and moved to longer-form 'open book' online assessments for all Honours and taught Postgraduate students. Due to this change in format, we wanted to let you know we will be updating the May diet exam timetable, to adapt to these alternative forms of assessment. This email outlines what you can expect during this transition period.

With the majority of alternative forms of assessment now being delivered by either a 48 hour or standard exam duration +1 hour, we will be updating the timetable to ensure the delivery of a "clash-free" timetable to all candidates. We will publish the new timetable by 24th April.

As an exam candidate, please take careful note of the following key updates:

- To prepare for the publication of an updated timetable, all existing date and time slots will be removed from your Office365 calendar by Thursday 9th April
- An updated exam timetable will be confirmed by Friday 24th April and updated automatically within your Office365 calendar
- As part of delivering a clash-free timetable, it may be necessary to extend the exam diet beyond the current finish date of Friday 22nd May
- A new single timeslot of 13:00 BST will be applied as part of mitigating the impact of candidates undertaking assessments across multiple time zones
- Existing exam dates will be retained as far as possible, but exams currently scheduled later in the exam diet may need to be scheduled earlier (and vice-versa) as part of ensuring a clash-free timetable. However, every effort will be made to restrict changes to the same week that the exam is currently scheduled
- Learning adjustment requirements will be incorporated within the new timetable, with Student Disability Services providing more detailed guidance to eligible students
- Your School(s) will contact you directly to confirm the intended form of alternative assessment

More detailed information about these changes will be made available shortly on the [Current Students Covid-19 FAQs](#).

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this exceptional and challenging period. We will get in touch with you again once the updated timetable is confirmed.

You can contact examinations@ed.ac.uk if you have any further queries regarding changes to the timetable. For queries relating to learning adjustments please email disability.service@ed.ac.uk.

Kind regards,

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