



17th April 2020

Update on the May diet exam timetable

Dear student,

Following our email on 9th April about the forthcoming exam diet, we have listened to your feedback and consulted more widely to identify the best way that we can deliver an examination diet that creates as supportive an environment as possible for all candidates.

To achieve this, we will be implementing the following steps:

- The current [published assessment slots](#) will be retained as much as possible
- All assessment start times will change to 13:00 BST
- As far as possible, assessments that have been confirmed in the standard exam '+1 hour' category will remain in their current date slots
- In a small number of cases where students currently have two exams on the same date, one of these will be moved to a slot later in the diet
- No exam will be rescheduled earlier than the currently advertised slot. Any required changes to exam slots will be scheduled later in the diet
- In exceptional circumstances, a small number of '+1 hour' format exams may need to be scheduled on a Saturday
- Due to the new 48-hour assessment period, there will be a few cases where assessments will overlap – however, we will minimise these as much as possible
- So that we can effectively implement these changes, the exam diet will be extended by one week and will now run from **Monday 27th April to Friday 29th May**

We have been working hard to introduce these changes and to let you know about them as soon as possible. Unfortunately, due to the challenges around scheduling, we are unable to deliver the republished timetable to your personalised Office365 calendar. We will circulate a link to the full timetable as soon as it's ready, which will be no later than **Friday 24th April**.

We realise that this timing is not ideal, but we hope that, by only rescheduling exams to later dates, this will help you with planning and revision. Thank you again for your patience and understanding as we deliver an exam diet that can work as well as possible for everyone, given the current circumstances.

More detailed information about these changes will be made available shortly on the [Current Students Covid-19 FAQs](#), along with further advice and support on how you can prepare for these exams while taking care of your health and wellbeing.

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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