

4<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Students

As we enter the third week of the summer term I sincerely hope that you and your families are well and managing to cope with the challenges presented by the current lockdown.

Teachers of all courses are continuing to support students with remote learning offering guidance, support, and enrichment opportunities whether they are completing their programmes this year, or at the end of their first year. Whatever stage you are at it is so important to keep engaging with your studies but if you are finding it a challenge please let your teachers know so that we can support you.

You will have received communication from us previously about how grades are being awarded for those completing their studies this year, and we now know that results will be published as previously intended on 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> August. These grades are being calculated by exam boards from a range of evidence and contextual information which includes your teachers' judgements. Teachers are working together across their teams to generate consistent judgements of the grades students would have achieved had the courses been completed in the usual way. Please remember that we cannot communicate these grades with you or enter into any discussion about what these grades might be.

We are now into the seventh week of lockdown and we know that this is a time of anxiety for many of you – whether that be about your studies, your plans for next year or your university place. Please remember that you are able to access Careers, Higher Education and Work Experience support from home via the HSDC intranet, email and telephone. Just use this address from your homepage <https://southdownsac.sharepoint.com/sites/careers> to access handy guides and resources. Alternatively book a telephone appointment with a Careers Adviser by contacting [careers@hsvc.ac.uk](mailto:careers@hsvc.ac.uk) if you are on the Havant or South Downs campuses or via Moodle if you are on the Alton campus.

Finally, please remember to look after yourselves during this period. We have lots of resources to support your health and wellbeing in the Google Classroom (code: ur7eqvx), and if you are worried about your own health and wellbeing or that of a friend please contact us on [safeguarding@hsvc.ac.uk](mailto:safeguarding@hsvc.ac.uk) if you are from the Havant or South Downs campuses and [safeguarding@alton.hsvc.ac.uk](mailto:safeguarding@alton.hsvc.ac.uk) if you are at Alton.

We will continue to update you with information as we know more but the most important thing you can do for your future success is to continue to engage with your studies and your teachers as we move through this period. If you have any questions at all please contact us at [customerservices@hsvc.ac.uk](mailto:customerservices@hsvc.ac.uk).

We are busy putting plans into place for the return to our campuses, and we look forward to seeing you all once we are able to reopen.

Stay safe, and very best wishes



Jon Myers

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