



STRANMILLIS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
A College of Queen's University Belfast

Update from Professor Anne Heaslett – 29 April

Dear Staff and Students

I hope you and your families are all keeping well.

A month has passed since we went into 'lockdown'. During that time staff and students have risen to the challenge of working in this strange environment. Thanks to the dedication of our staff across the College we have managed, with the help of digital technology, to ensure that teaching and assessments are being progressed so that our students will not suffer any academic disadvantage because of the COVID-19 crisis. Student and Learning Services can still be accessed albeit remotely by email (studentsupport@stran.ac.uk). We appreciate the understanding and continued commitment demonstrated by our students during this unprecedented experience.

Our professional staff, across a number of support teams, have been working tirelessly to provide essential services and functions which are vital for the College. It is therefore important to thank them for their important contribution.

The health and wellbeing of staff, students and CSSC colleagues remains our priority. As we await further instructions from government on the 7th May, it is likely that we will have to make further adjustments in terms of how we conduct our business for the foreseeable future. We will endeavour to provide staff, students and partners with further guidance as soon as government has clarified the direction of travel.

Meantime I would like to thank everyone for their leadership and service during the present pandemic. We are all living through a real life experience of 'crisis management'. In practice we are learning more about teamwork and collaboration than we could ever do by reading a textbook. This more than words demonstrates the strength and professionalism of our College community.

Stay safe and well

Professor Anne Heaslett