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During the Taoiseach's announcement on the 30th of March 2021, no easing of COVID-19 restrictions for Further and Higher Education were introduced. We note however that there will be a phased re-opening and phased lifting of restrictions in a number of other areas on the 12th, 19th and 26th of April, which is positive and reassuring news.

As Ireland remains in Level 5 COVID-19 restrictions, to keep everyone safe, the College will be following government requirements for higher education by continuing to deliver the vast majority of teaching online. Teaching schedules will not be altered with classes taking place at the same time as previously scheduled.

The College has the following plans in place for semester two and will actively engage with learners should there be any changes to programme delivery.

- Level 5 plus measures are in place which means very limited and pre-agreed teaching will take place on campus, with the vast majority of teaching online.
- Semester Two examinations will be held online. The Examinations Office will be in contact with all learners in due course to provide helpful information and tips.
- Level 5 & 4 will allow for a return to the measures we had in November 2020, with practical classes in the Design and Media Faculties and other limited and pre-agreed teaching taking place on-campus. The remainder of teaching will continue online. Your Head of Faculty will provide further guidance and clarification.
- Level 3 will allow for all programmes to be delivered in a hybrid/dual-delivery mode. In-person teaching to learners in all faculties may resume. Lecturers will deliver their online and hybrid lectures from their lecture rooms (i.e., not off-campus), as per the planned faculty timetable.

For more information on this update, COVID-19 protocols and hybrid learning, please see below.