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Information Regarding Semester 1 Exams

In the light of recent concerns about rising COVID infection rates and to ensure the continuity of your programmes after the Christmas break, the college has decided that **January end-of-semester examinations will be held online rather than on campus.**

For those of you who are attending classes on campus, teaching will continue on-campus unless changes are required by government for public health reasons.

The timetable for examinations remains unchanged.

Further details of the college's online proctoring system will be provided over the coming weeks and learners will have opportunities to use the system on sample tests before taking actual examinations in January.

Following the Irish Government's announcement of updated COVID-19 guidelines on Tuesday 16th November, please find below updated information on the College's teaching and learning plans for the remainder of the semester.

Health & Safety

- All learners must continue to wear a mask at all times while indoors, including when seated at their desks.
- We encourage the regular use of hand sanitiser, which is available throughout the campus.
- If you have any COVID-19 symptoms, do not come to campus, and contact your doctor for advice - If anyone living in your household has tested positive for COVID-19, you must restrict your movements for five days. You should also take three antigen tests over the course of the five days, and if they all show up negative, you can stop restricting your movements at the end of the five-day period and return to physical classes.

Teaching

- Physical classes, practical labs and tutorials will continue as normal as per your timetable.
- These classes will continue to be limited to 80% of the maximum room capacity.
- All online classes will continue as normal.
- Learners are encouraged to speak with their faculty about any specific learning concerns.

Overall Plans for 2021/22

The college's overall plans for all campuses for the 2021/22 academic year are as follows:

- Classes and tutorials will be delivered on a face-to-face basis, on-campus
- Learners will be expected to attend on-campus classes in person.
- Where appropriate, on-campus teaching will be supplemented and enhanced with certain online educational activities and resources.
- In general, it will not be possible for learners to complete their programmes on an online basis only.
- The College's on-campus resources, such as the library, canteen, students' union, learning support, counselling, will be fully available to support learners.
- Learners who cannot attend in person for health reasons are asked to contact their Programme Director.

Further Information

Prior to programme commencement faculties and programme teams will issue further information to their learners providing detailed information on the delivery and assessment schedule for the programmes' modules.

You can check our academic year **key points sheet** [here](#).

Note

Please note that these plans are entirely dependent on Public Health advice and may change in the light of the prevailing Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science instructions.

[Questions? See our FAQs.](#)