Preparing for AY22-23: Key Messages for Teaching Teams

Our campuses are at the heart of our community and campus-based learning is core to the Heriot-Watt student learning experience. With government restrictions lifting, we can now look forward to a return to campus-based teaching for AY22-23 across all our locations.

For AY22-23, students will be informed that teaching will be on-campus and that they should attend campus-based learning events and undertake all assessments and examinations scheduled on campus.

It is vital to ensure campus teaching is a rich and rewarding experience for students and for staff.

To support planning for next year the guidance below applies across our campus-based offer.

Our Teaching Approach
- Our University teaching model for AY22-23 and beyond will be *Globally Connected Learning*, an approach that empowers teaching teams to make pedagogically-driven decisions about course and assessment design and effectively blend on-campus teaching with online activities, support and resources to create a rich student learning experience.
- Teaching teams will continue to work globally, harnessing the strengths, experience and expertise of colleagues across our campus locations.

Learning & Teaching Delivery
- All courses must provide active and engaging campus-based learning events for students.
- All courses must maintain a core Canvas hub to guide and support student learning, providing at least core information including course handbooks, syllabi, live session times and assessment information.
- Teaching teams should incorporate online resources and activities as part of the wider course learning experience.
- Teaching teams do not have to routinely offer an online or remote-access equivalent for any learning activities or assessments taking place on campus.
- Consolidation Week is retained for AY22-23.

Assessment Design
- Assessments and examinations will take place in a range of formats, as appropriate to discipline and course learning outcomes.
- Further guidance on assessment and examinations will be shared via Schools.

Technology for Teaching
- MS Teams will replace Blackboard Collaborate from January 2023. Courses teams may choose to use MS Teams from September 2022. Training and support for this transition will be provided by Information Services.

Student Experience
- Teaching teams should ensure equity and inclusion by design.
- Reasonable adjustments and enhanced support for students with specific needs will be required and will follow established university processes.

- o Student induction resources will continue to be available online, alongside a rich series of on-campus welcome events.
- o Welcome events will be open to new students and returning students, supporting their transition to campus-based study.

School-specific guidance and support will also be available from your School Leadership Team. Please ensure you use this to inform your planning for AY22-23.

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