



In light of the growing impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, I wanted to offer some advice and reassurance. Please read the message below carefully.

### **For UK Offer Holders**

It has been announced that UK schools and colleges will close until further notice, and that summer examinations in England, Scotland and Wales will not be taking place.

We are awaiting further advice from the Department for Education, and are consulting with UCAS and other sector bodies. Please be assured that we are working hard to minimise the impact this has on admissions. As soon as we have clarity on the position we will advise all offer holders accordingly - further information will be provided on this [web page](#).

### **For EU and Overseas Offer Holders**

We are aware that students from outside the UK may have already experienced severe disruption to teaching and potentially to

examinations. You may also be having difficulty taking English Language tests. We recommend you check the following websites regularly for updates on English language test centres: [IELTS updates](#), [TOEFL updates](#)

## **For all Offer Holders**

To enable us to treat all applicants equitably, we would be grateful if you could keep a summary log of any disruption (which might include, but is not limited to, periods of self-isolation, disruptive teacher absences, dates of school closures and what alternatives (if any) are provided). We do not need this information now, but you may be asked to send it to us in the summer, and it will be more accurate if you start to record it systematically.

We strongly encourage all offer holders to make use of our free online study resources which can be accessed through our [HE Plus website](#)

Arrangements for STEP (mainly for Mathematics offer holders) are still under consideration.

We also encourage all offer holders to pay close attention to the [guidance from Public Health England](#) and/or issued by the authorities in their home country.

The University also has a dedicated page: <https://www.cam.ac.uk/notices/news/coronavirus-latest-guidance>

We fully understand that this is an anxious time for all of you, but please be assured that we are working extremely hard on contingency planning and we will keep you informed. We are receiving a very high volume of enquiries – we kindly ask that you refer to [this web page](#) for up to date information, rather than contacting the Colleges or Cambridge Admissions Office directly.

We wish you, your peers, your schools and your families the very best during this difficult period.

Best wishes

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