Dear Newcastle University London student,

I am writing with an important update following the Government’s decision to move London into Covid ‘Tier 2’ High Alert Level restrictions from Saturday 17 October.

The University today made the decision that Newcastle University London will move temporarily to Tier 2 of the Department for Education’s guidance on delivery of teaching during COVID-19 outbreaks according to Newcastle University’s Outbreak Response Plan.

At Newcastle University London, this means:

• All programmes and learning events will be delivered online from Monday 19 October for a period of two weeks until the end of October, unless you hear otherwise. This will be reviewed regularly by the University using the most recent Public Health guidance.

The Middlesex St building is open for you to access the following student services:

• Learning Resource Centre, including study space which must be booked in advance via the LRC email: lrclondon@ncl.ac.uk
• Postgraduate Study Room on Level 5
• Bloomberg Terminal Access
• Additional academic study skills sessions, directly related to modules, which will be delivered in the building (further information to follow)

This decision has not been taken lightly and we very much hope we will be able to return to more present-in-person teaching after this initial two week period.

We will be providing support for our students using a ‘digital first but not digital only’ approach. This includes:

• S3P student ‘self-service portal’ access for you to update your personal contact details, submit absence requests, and submit personal extenuating circumstance forms. Further information is available on the University website re S3P.
• Academic and study information on Canvas, the University’s virtual learning environment
• Website information for our Newcastle University London current students
• Our AskNUL@ncl.ac.uk enquiry point

There will be a Covid-secure enquiry point at the Welcome Desk in the Middlesex St building on Level 4, but we ask you to use our digital channels wherever possible in order to keep you and our staff safe.

I recognise what a difficult time this is for many of you, and our NUL colleagues and your personal tutors will continue to support and guide you throughout this period, both on and off campus.

I appreciate your continued resilience and patience in these challenging circumstances.

With thanks,

Professor Chris Day
Vice-Chancellor and President of Newcastle University