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To all Students, Parents, Guardians, Sponsors and Staff

Re-Opening of City Varsity Campuses Under Lockdown Level 1

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information on the next phase of re-opening of City Varsity campuses permitted by government under Lockdown Level 1.

The safety of students and staff remains a priority for all education institutions as the sector continues to implement a Covid-19 risk-adjusted strategy. No doubt there are many questions that you may have in this regard and we will endeavour to address them in this message and in further communication in the coming weeks.

At City Varsity, we are permitted to return 100% of the total student population under Lockdown Level 1. However, given health safety concerns campus occupancy will be strictly maintained at 66% of persons on campus at any given time.

The below groups of students are already back on campus:

1. **Final-Year Students:** City Varsity students enrolled in the final year of studies and who are expected to graduate at the end of the 2020 academic year.
2. **Specific Programmes with Special Practical Requirements:** Students who require access to studios, laboratories, technical equipment, practical work and special software needed for curriculum delivery.

The following student groups have been identified to return to City Varsity campuses from 19 October 2020 under Lockdown Level 1:

- 1st and 2nd year full-time students and 3rd year part-time students.

All students are requested and expected to collect from the campus or download their updated campus timetables for their study timetable.

To keep the number of students on campus to within the 66% limit, certain programmes have been timetabled for specific days of the week. In addition, City Varsity has introduced a morning session and afternoon session to the timetable, where some students will attend classes during the morning and others in the afternoon.

This means that, while 100% of students are back on campus from 19 October 2020, not all students will be on campus for the full hours of the day nor for the full five days in the week.

Safety protocols on campus

Our focus is the health and safety of our students and staff while striving to successfully complete the 2020 academic year. It is critical that we adhere to the safety protocols as prescribed by government to ensure that campuses are ready for all students to return while we remain under Lockdown Level 1.

It is mandatory that all staff and students are screened on entry to the campus and everyone is required to wear a face mask, maintain social distance and sanitise their hands regularly.

Please note that students will not be permitted onto campus without a face mask. The face mask must cover the nose and mouth at all times.

Remote teaching and learning with virtual classes will continue

This return of students to campus will not have any impact on the online remote teaching and learning arrangements which will continue in *myClass*, the online learning management system. City Varsity will continue with remote, digitally enhanced online teaching and learning for all students. Student are required to follow the virtual classes timetable to attend all the virtual classes.

The combination of virtual classes in Microsoft Teams, supported by additional content and activities in *myClass*, and some face-to-face classes on campus will form the blended learning model in the months ahead.

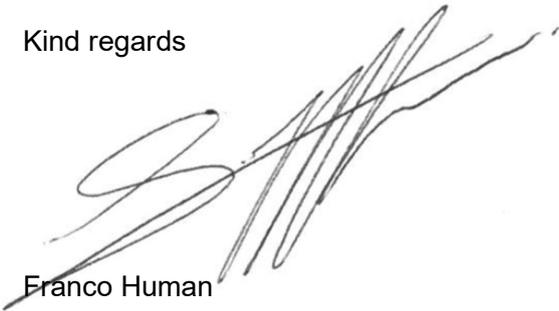
Conclusion

We are indeed grateful to those staff, and to the support staff on our campuses, for their hard work in ensuring that our re-opening of the campuses runs smoothly and safely.

We must all remain vigilant and adhere to all the safety protocols to protect ourselves, our fellow students, our staff and our families.

Our students are strongly encouraged to understand what is expected of them in following the regulations for each national Lockdown level. Please continue to check the website for any official communications to students in this regard and for any other relevant information.

Kind regards



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