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Students' Guidelines Online Learning – Update

Covid-19 has had a challenging impact on the way we live and the way we communicate with each other.

Over these last few days particularly since the temporary closure of the College, working or learning from home has not been easy. Yet we are all aware that technology has made it easier for us to be in touch with each other.

As you cannot physically attend lectures or participate in the community life of the College, MCAST is providing you with several IT platforms through which you can remain in touch with your lecturers and your studies.

It is very important that the days we spend at home should not be considered as holidays or days in which we can abandon your education and training.

Lecturers are more than willing to continue offering their services to you, and hence in response to this situation, the College is taking the following measures to support your engagement in online learning for the coming weeks:

- Lecturers will choose which platform to use in order to reach you as their students with online content or delivery
- All communication with students will take place via Classter as this is the official means of communication at College-wide level.
- You are to log in to Classter to check your messages regularly as Lecturers will be providing link/s to the respective resource/platform chosen to make sure that you can easily access the resources
- You are to engage and contribute to the learning process and with every initiative taken by your respective lecturers.
- Attendance will be taken online via Classter based on your engagement as measured by the lecturer.
- If the lecturers wish to hold a live session via Microsoft Teams, the session will take place during the timetabled slot to avoid overlapping of sessions by different lecturers. Lecturers will be informing you of such sessions via Classter ahead of each session.
- Students who have any issue whatsoever in accessing Online content or services are to contact their institute management so that the College will offer the necessary support.

- It is highly recommended that in the current circumstances in which communication is mainly online, you are advised that internal communication with your lecturers and administrative staff is to be kept during office hours, i.e. between 08hr00 to 16hr30 Monday to Friday only.
 - For your well-being and that of others, no emails should be exchanged during weekends and public holidays.
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