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Sent on behalf of Prof Ian Cross, Chair of the Music Faculty Board

Dear students,

We hope you are bearing up under the extraordinary circumstances we all now face. A statement from the University about assessment next term has now been released, which you should read carefully. This message is to give you details about the arrangements which will apply to the MPhil. Everyone will be affected by stress and anxiety about their health and the wellbeing of their loved ones. Many of you will be facing limited internet connectivity and non-ideal working environments. The plans which we put to the University, and which have now been approved, are designed to take all of this into account as far as is possible. We appreciate that, as with normal examinations, there will be individuals whose particular needs may not be catered for by these provisions; they should apply through their Tutor in the usual way to the Examination Access and Mitigation Committee.

We recognise that for most MPhil students the main academic problem arising from the current situation will be the imposition of constraints on your access to the resources required to complete your coursework and final dissertation or project. In the first instance, we ask that you contact your supervisor to discuss your circumstances; our library is making substantial efforts to provide access to resources online, and it may be that it would be possible to provide online access for you to the resources you need. If this is not possible, then you should discuss with your supervisor whether, and if so, how your dissertation might be reshaped so as to accommodate to the resources available. In any case, contact with your supervisor is vital; the Faculty is here to help you through this stage in your studies, and we can only do so if we are fully aware of the difficulties you face and the choices that you are having to make.

All submission deadlines have been now been extended by approximately one month, as indicated below. Dissertation presentations will take place online on Friday 22 and 29 May, and we hope that you will all be able to be present and support each other; we shall be making arrangements for access to appropriate software to enable remote presentation and participation in seminar-types contexts. In view of the delayed final submission date, the Examination Board for the MPhil will take place in late August, and we would hope that results should be available in early September.

**Dates and Deadlines**
*(all deadlines are 1700 BST)*
Friday 17 April Submission of Essay 2
Friday 24 April   Submission of Essay 3/Composition 2
Friday 22 May     Dissertation presentation
Friday 29 May     Dissertation presentation
Monday 27 July    Submission of final dissertations or portfolios

**FAQs**

We realise that many of you will have concerns that are not addressed in this message. We invite you to send your queries to graduate@mus.cam.ac.uk in the first instance. We shall be setting up a Faculty of Music Assessment FAQ page on the Faculty website in the very near future through which we would hope to respond to your concerns.

With best wishes
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