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 PhD. 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.

We recognise that for most PhD students the main academic problem arising from the current situation will be the imposition of constraints on your access to the resources or facilities required to complete your dissertation. These resources might be library-based, or they might be data that can only be garnered from fieldwork or empirical research. 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. Moreover, it might be possible to move certain aspects of your research online, even if this requires qualitative or quantitative data collection. If a move to using online resources and facilities 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. Alternatively, you may feel that it is appropriate to seek some delay to your submission date. 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.

We are maintaining a formal deadline for the first year Registration Exercise and for the second year interview of 12 June. If you feel that this is not possible, you should discuss this with your supervisor who should arrange a new date with the assessors and with the Graduate Office; the new date must be before the end of July 2020. Third-year PhD students are asked to give presentations on Wednesday 20 May. We shall be arranging facilities for remote presentation and participation, and further information will be forthcoming shortly. Fourth-year PhD students will have a progress review with the Director of Graduate Studies and the Secretary of the Degree Committee in Easter Term, at dates to be arranged. These will be conducted remotely and we may ask that you prepare a short, recorded presentation for the day.
For those students about to submit their softbound theses, these will be submitted electronically through Moodle during the period when Student Registry is closed due to Coronavirus. Further instructions can be found at:
https://www.cambridgestudents.cam.ac.uk/your-course/examinations/graduate-exam-information/submitting-and-examination/phd-msc-mlitt/submit

For those students who need to submit their hardbound and e-thesis, further information can be found at:
https://www.cambridgestudents.cam.ac.uk/your-course/examinations/graduate-exam-information/after-examination/degree-approval-and-1

**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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