

School Meeting - 13 June 2022

Director of Education (DoE) Update

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Town Hall - high-level/overall plan for our Taught Programmes.

Today - quick update on what I know so far regarding delivery mechanics for 2022-23 academic year.

Town Hall - the ~~3-year~~ 5-year plan

UG (BSc, MSci)

- What - Disentangle, simplify, and raise the bar across all (11!) UG degrees
- Why - Better delivery/operations, improve overall student experience, competitive BSc
- How - Set compulsory modules, make curriculum more challenging from Y1, move toward Programme-level approach
- When - First concrete steps in this direction 2022/23

PGT (MSc)

- What - Establish SMS as an “Analytics Hub” and revitalise MSc Maths
- Why - Grow our PGT cohort
- How - Roll out Coursera MSc, streamline on-campus provision, introduce new MSc programmes
- When - First concrete steps in this direction in 2022-23

Taught Programmes 2022-23

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 - Level 5/6: 2+2
 - Level 7: 2+1
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**Now a rewrite of the previous slide, based on University/
Faculty policies, recommendations, constraints, etc.**

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- **Preliminary timetable available, with some issues; “lectures” need to be interactive; MME remains in place, but discussions continue on how/when we can restrict use**
- Assessment split and format varies (UG mostly 20-80% split, biweekly CW, variable at PGT)
- **Try to reduce in-term assessment (e.g. 3 CW instead of 5?); I am making a case to Faculty for a return to invigilated, on-campus exams**
- QMPlus archiving, rollover, theme update completed by mid-August
- **All modules student-ready and live by Welcome Week; checklist to be circulated**
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- **Advising allocation and meeting schedule to follow**

Final Remarks

Timeline & Questions

- *I aim to meet teaching staff by year group to discuss issues and coordinate assessment strategy, deadlines, etc. in the coming weeks.*
- *Will brief staff assigned to curriculum development and update School on our progress in Autumn. Please let me know if there are any areas in which you would like to be directly involved!*
- *Please have a think about your tutorial/seminar/marketing needs and keep an eye out for my email regarding support needed for your module.*
- *Any questions?*

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!