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Dear Chadsians,

I hope you are doing OK and settling in to this new reality we're all trying to adjust to. Many of you will be doing your best to continue with your work in sometimes difficult circumstances. All the very best with this and I hope it's of some reassurance to know that the University has plans to make the SAC process as accessible as possible and will be sending round information about this in due course.

I'm sure many of you are enjoying the virtual community being facilitated by the exec on the Chad's Covid Community Facebook page. You might also like to keep in touch via the College's main Facebook page here <https://www.facebook.com/StChadsDurham/>. And we have also just posted a lovely new International Students' Video (thank you, Aliyah and co!) on the Chad's Website's Home page. You can enjoy it here: <https://youtu.be/NKi-oZyul7U>.

	<h2>St Chad's International Students</h2>
	<p>Information, advice and experiences - for international students from international students</p>
	<p>youtu.be</p>

Although it's very quiet around College and Durham just now, there's still a lot going on. Alistair Jenkins and I have been working hard (and staying in close touch with our Chair and Vice-Chair of Governors) to consider how best to protect our staff and safeguard our institution in these challenging times. Alistair writes this:

In these difficult times, we are doing our best to keep College as operational as possible, not least for the small number of students who are still in residence with us for a number of reasons. We have a skeleton staff presence in College, carrying out reception and essential maintenance tasks, while a good number of staff are managing to work from home.

Our aim is to protect our staff, students and the long-term future of the College, and to this end we have a number of staff who have been placed on 'furlough' leave, using the government's scheme to support job retention. As a College we have agreed to top this up so that no member of staff is financially worse off. We will keep a close eye on the steps the government takes to potentially extend this once the current scheme expires at the end of May.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask - ideally via the chads.support@durham.ac.uk e-mail (although other college staff will do their best to respond if you e-mail them directly). Jeanna will be e-mailing everyone in the next few days with an update about student support. And for easy access to all our recent Covid-19 information we have gathered it here on our Chad's website homepage: <https://www.stchads.ac.uk/>

Meantime, stay safe, stay at home and stay in touch!

Best wishes to you all.

Dr Masson

Student Support

- Staff are working from home so please continue to access Chad's student support online: chads.support@durham.ac.uk. Our chaplain, David Rushton chads.chaplain@durham.ac.uk and your college tutor will also be happy to offer on-line/distance support. Support from the University Counselling Service is still available on-line. Please check here: <https://www.dur.ac.uk/counselling.service/>
- Please let chads.support@durham.ac.uk know immediately if you are doing the following (even if you have already left Durham):
 - self-isolating (not tested);
 - self-isolating (tested awaiting results);
 - Confirmed case of Covid-19.

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