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Dear Chadsians,

Today is the final day of the Epiphany term. It is also the Feast of St Cuthbert - the North East's most loved saint without whom there would be no Durham Cathedral, no Durham and no Durham University. Cuthbert knew a thing or two about pestilence - and also about self-isolation!

Durham is now very quiet. Most of you have left, and I hope you are where you need to be. To those of you staying on in Chad's, I'll be sending out an e-mail to all of you later this evening. College will continue to operate but from now there will be a much reduced staff presence in college and most staff will be working remotely.

Do take a look at the **chad's-john's still here and back early facebook page**

here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/269255520311999/?ref=share> We hope this will be an effective way of staying in touch for those of you who are still in Durham - a kind of virtual community to offer mutual support and to reach out for help from fellow Chadsians.

Thank you for the way all of you have been so supportive to each other and to College staff over this last very challenging week. And a huge thank you to all our staff who have been magnificent. I have been moved by their commitment, loyalty and good humour throughout, even as they have to live, as we all do, with so many uncertainties about the near future.

I will continue to keep in touch by e-mail: I will e-mail you again on Monday and after that, I'll try to e-mail weekly. Chad's will also keep in touch via college social media platforms and I'm sure all kinds of new creative ways of being in virtual community will flourish in the coming weeks! 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)

Best wishes to you all. We look forward very much to seeing you all (including the finalists) back in Durham again, although no-one knows when that might be.

Dr Masson

Student Support

- Staff are beginning to work from home so please continue to access Chad's student support on-line: 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.

Usual general reminders (one last time):

- Please do not use public spaces in colleges - libraries, common rooms etc are closed. We ask that only livers in on catered packages use the dining room (last meal Saturday breakfast) and that when you do, please use the hand gel and sit at least six feet away from anyone else. Feel free to take your meal to the Quad or your room (**but please ring your crockery and cutlery back afterwards**)
- To help protect our staff (as well as yourself) please keep visits to reception to a minimum and please try to keep 6 feet away from the member of staff on duty
- Please do not make any unnecessary online orders for delivery to College. Reception coverage will be increasingly scaled back in and we cannot guarantee someone will be available to accept delivery.
- **If you are leaving College, please leave your key. If you have taken it with you, please send it back asap!**
- **Latest health advice and information** and guidance here from Public Health England [dedicated web page](#), the NHS and the Government.
- *If you do feel unwell with a new continuous cough or a fever, you should stay at home for seven days and visit 111.nhs.uk. Do not go to your GP or pharmacist.*
- *The University will provide daily updates via email and its website. Please do take the time to read the FAQs on the DU web page and if you have a question or comment that is not addressed within the FAQs, please email coronavirus.information@durham.ac.uk*

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