SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING NEWSLETTER

HUDDERSFIELD ISC MAY/JUNE 2020



Updates

Study Group Covid-19 Safeguarding Protocols

This document was distributed via Study Group email accounts and serves the purpose of outlining our responsibilities to students both in the UK and in their home countries during the current Covid-19 situation. This is to ensure the wellbeing of our students and to meet Office for Students requirements. You can find the information **here.**

September Students

All students staying in the UK will continue to receive support from the ISC until they start their programme at the university. This will include a weekly group phone call with a member of ISC staff. They will also be offered wellbeing appointments where appropriate, and will be encouraged to get involved in Be Social activities.

Prevent Risk Assessment

We have recently updated our Prevent risk assessment to include the new way of teaching and learning. One of the risks which is now being focused on is the issue of student isolation and loneliness. In order to address this, we are promoting positive engagement in activities such as Be Social. The P2P guidance document is also designed to ensure Progress Coaches can have a clearer view of student wellbeing and whether students have a support network. In addition to this, we continue to actively promote GLOBAL Values in lessons and P2P sessions.

Under 18 Students: In the UK and in home countries



- Progress Coaches to have a weekly chat with U18s and follow the U18 Weekly guidance sheet emailed by John on 30 March 2020.
- Discussions with U18s to be updated on P2P logs.
- College Guardians will continue to be available via phone and email for U18s who are in the UK.

GOOD NEWS





We are currently teaming up with some enthusiastic September students to look at how to develop the online Be Social programme. This will hopefully involve increasing the opportunities for interactive events available for all students regardless of cohort or current location.

Wellbeing Video

Mariam (G9, Physiotherapy) recently recorded a video which covered wellbeing and academic advice. The video received praise from both staff and students, and recently Head Office contacted her to say it was one of the best student-created pieces they had seen! She is currently enjoying her new-found influencer status and plans to continue her involvement with ISC life through the summer and beyond.

TRAINING





Study Group Safeguarding Children training must be completed online every 3 years. New starters must complete the training within <u>7 days</u> of their start date. Training links are sent when due to staff via their <u>Study</u> <u>Group email accounts</u>. Once completed, please send a copy of your certificate to L.Atack@hud.ac.uk.

FOCUS: BUDDY PROGRAMME

In response to some of the issues raised over the last few weeks, we are looking at launching a 'buddy' programme. This is aimed at encouraging students to support each other and raising engagement and attainment.

Stage One: Academic Buddies

The first step of the plan is identifying students who would be interested in supporting their peers, and those students who would benefit from such support. Both groups of students would be provided with clear guidelines. Please could tutors and Progress Coaches speak to students who they feel may benefit from engaging in this. Their details can then be added to final tab on the P2P attendance tracker. The tab is called 'Buddy Programme'. Alternatively, email Leanne: L.Atack@hud.ac.uk with the details of the students.

