

TUCO Virtual Midlands Regional Meeting – 23 June 2020

This was the first meeting of the group, so an informal chat followed by a quiz.
Points of interest from the meeting:

University of Wolverhampton:

No catered halls. All the team except Stuart have been furloughed since 20 March 2020. A restructure is being undertaken and considerable redundancies are expected. There are rumours of VR.

There will be blended learning. Students can be on campus every week of term.
A lot of current students owe the university money and are not paying.

University of Leicester:

No catered halls. Phase 1 of re-opening will be the research park. Medical students are expected to return in July to complete their 3rd term. Reduced numbers of students are expected in September. It is hoped that a retail outlet will open. All building work has been halted. Starbucks won't open again until the Academic Year starts. Training will be provided for staff prior to their return to work. There is no demand for delivered services.

1000 staff are furloughed across the university and admin staff will be working from home for the rest of the year. Any orders over £5k have to be signed off by Head of Finance.

Face masks are being made available, across the campus, with the university logo.

Loughborough University:

Voluntary Severance is being offered to staff. There is a freeze on spend.

Harper Adams' University:

There are catered halls. Students will be grouped in 'herds'. They will eat in their herd and will probably wear coloured wristbands to denote their herd. All staff furloughed apart from David Nuttall and Head Chef. There will be no casual or agency staff. Student numbers are looking positive for September.

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