

# e-Bulletin

Dear colleagues,

Thank you all for your hard work and understanding in what has been a very challenging week. We are proud of the way you have dealt with this unprecedented situation and how you are all working together to ensure our research and teaching continue to be delivered in the best possible way.

We are pleased that the majority of colleagues were able to collect everything they need to work successfully from home this week, thanks go to our reception and AV teams who facilitated collections and supported with laptop set up.

If you were not able to collect your things, please email [marie.rostron@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:marie.rostron@manchester.ac.uk) and we will try to arrange another time for collection. This is in exceptional circumstances only (for those on annual leave this week for example).

We have used this week's bulletin to highlight key information on the current situation and to help you work from home effectively. You can also keep up-to-date at [www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/coronavirus/](http://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/coronavirus/)

Next week we will be looking at more ways we can stay connected as an AMBS community. If you have ideas, please do get in touch.

Please continue to look after yourselves and each other.

Regards  
Fiona and Janine

## This week's highlights

**Updated staff FAQs: New information on staff with caring responsibilities, pay and expenses**  
You can find updated information about staff with caring responsibilities, pay and expenses on [Staffnet](#).



The [staff frequently asked questions](#) will also be updated on a regular basis.

## IT update

Calls to the IT Support Centre have been temporarily suspended between 8am and 5pm weekdays. If you need support you should log a request using the [IT Support Portal](#). Find out more [here](#).

Frequently asked IT questions, to support you to work remotely, are also available [here](#).



## Update on purchasing goods and services

An update on purchasing of and payments for goods and services is available on [Staffnet](#).

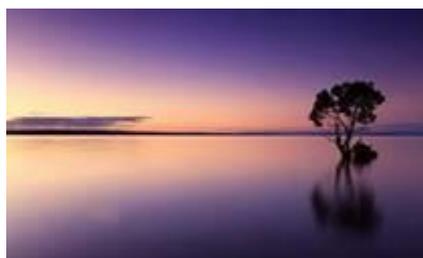


## Wellbeing

### Looking after your wellbeing

We know that this is a worrying time for many of our staff, so please do make use of our ranges of services to support your wellbeing, which you can access [here](#).

Next week, as a School, we will be looking at ways we can support each other and share hints and tips for wellbeing and home working. If you have ideas contact [Kathryn Howard](#).



## Working from home

### The seven rules of home working

Cary Cooper has shared his top tips for home working, which include planning your day, setting ground rules, finding a suitable space, taking exercise, and getting dressed! Read more [here](#).



### Zoom video conferencing

A full guide on signing up for Zoom, installing the application and getting started has been created for staff of The University of Manchester.

Visit:

[www.videoconference.manchester.ac.uk/zoom/](http://www.videoconference.manchester.ac.uk/zoom/) to download the guide and for further information; or directly [download the guide](#).



### Email: Out of office replies

Guidance on setting out of office replies on personal and shared mailboxes, while working from home, is available on our [intranet](#).



### Keeping in touch: The University of Manchester Yammer

Colleagues are sharing advice and tips for working from home on the University's Yammer. You can download the app and register for free using your Manchester.ac.uk email. [Register here](#)



## Teaching and learning

### Student FAQs

Regularly updated guidance aimed at students during the campus closure period is available on [My Manchester](#).

The FAQs may give you additional information to share if you are responding to student queries.

[This update](#) on end of year assessment and examinations was sent to students today.



### Resources for teaching and learning remotely

The Institute of Teaching and Learning, working with Faculty teams and the Digital Learning Service, has collated a [range of resources](#) to give you practical help with teaching, student engagement and assessment whilst working remotely.



## Research

### ESRC Productivity Institute Bid

Thank you to everyone who has supported our bid for the ESRC Productivity Institute over the last weeks and months.

The ESRC is investing up to £32.4 million over five years, in an independent, world-class Productivity Institute. The Institute, funded through UKRI's Strategic Priorities Fund, will bring together leading experts from a range of disciplines and backgrounds to work directly with relevant stakeholders, for example policy makers and businesses, enhancing the state of knowledge in the field to inform those working to improve regional, sectoral and firm productivity in the UK. It will deliver a thematic research programme to provide a deep understanding of the drivers of productivity, regional divergence, as well as what individuals, firms, regions and national policy can do to improve productivity. It will also establish a collection of new types of data that complement and build on existing data, forming data-rich analyses that will be the backbone of transformative social science in this field.

The final University bid went into the ESRC this week and we don't know whether we will be called for interview in a couple of weeks, although the timing is uncertain.



## Social Responsibility

### Getting serious about ESG

Our recent Vital Topics lecture with Sacha Sadan, Director of Corporate Governance at Legal and General Investment Management, discussed how Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) standards are having an increasing impact on financial markets. Professors from Accounting and Finance, Chris H Marie Dutoridoir and Kostas Stathopoulos also shared their views on the subject.

[Read the full article.](#)



## Media relations and engagement

On [BBC North West Tonight](#) Jill Rubery was interviewed about the government's decision to offer loans to business owners affected by the coronavirus outbreak. Jill said it would have been better for the money to have gone directly towards paying workers' wages, as has happened in Sweden, Norway, and other countries.

Cary Cooper spoke to [Forbes](#) about why it is important for leaders to maintain face-to-face contact, via video calls, with colleagues while they are working from home.

Karel Williams spoke to [The Guardian](#) about the UK automotive industry may never recover from the coronavirus crisis.

## AMBS Magazine: Issue six

Amid much recent talk of 'levelling up' the UK economy, the latest issue of our magazine looks at specific research that has been undertaken by our academics into the regional economic disparities that exist across the UK. We also look at what further reforms are needed to the Equal Pay Act 50 years since it was introduced, discuss the progression of healthcare management reforms in recent years, focus on research into how smartphones are blurring boundaries between private and work lives, and a look at how we can develop our reserves of resilience.

[Read the magazine](#)

Send your news, updates, spotlight series and achievements to [Kathryn Howard](#) for inclusion in the bulletin

