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Dear students,

We are writing to update you on the current industrial action at Goldsmiths and what it means for your studies.

Members of the University and College Union (UCU) at Goldsmiths are taking action short of a strike (ASOS) from 27 April 2026. This includes a marking and assessment boycott, working to contract, and not undertaking voluntary activities. UCU members are not currently taking strike action, though this remains possible under their ballot mandate.

This action is being taken in response to the University's Future Goldsmiths programme. If you have questions or feedback about Future Goldsmiths, please raise these with your [School or Faculty Representatives](#), who will be able to feed your views back to the University - we will be engaging with them directly in the coming weeks.

Teaching and examinations are going ahead as planned this summer term, and all campus spaces and services remain fully open. To ensure you are fully supported during the marking and assessment boycott, the University has activated specific provisions within our Exceptional Academic Regulations.

### **Exceptional Academic Regulations**

These provisions, set out in our [Exceptional Academic Regulations \(EAR\)](#), are now in force for the 2025-26 academic year.

The EAR provides a supplementary framework alongside our existing academic regulations and policies and does not replace them. Importantly, the EAR applies only where a student has been directly impacted by the industrial action; it is not a general change to how assessments or progression decisions are made.

Where students are affected, the activated provisions allow the University to:

- Identify alternative ways for students to demonstrate learning outcomes if teaching is disrupted
- Authorise temporary changes to assessments
- Provide additional mitigations to individual students or groups
- Support students to progress and graduate

We are committed to ensuring that all students are supported fairly, that academic standards are maintained, and that you are able to progress and complete your studies. If you have questions not answered [here](#), please contact [the Student Hub](#).

We will continue to keep you updated as the situation develops.

Kind regards,

Jordan Kenny

Director of Student and Academic Services and Academic Registrar



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