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The quality of my work is compromised because of the change in the brief / lack of access to resources. Can I appeal my grade?	We will ensure that the updated assessment briefs can be completed without the need to access SFS resources that are now off limits. The assessment briefs will be altered to take into account the restrictions caused by the virus outbreak, meaning your limited access to resources will not have a bearing on your final grade.
I rely on SFS's Mac Suites to complete my course work. How can I complete these assessments?	As we prepare the revised assessment briefs, we will put less reliance on these resources to ensure you are not disadvantaged. We have also secured home access for all students to Adobe Creative Cloud, so that edits may continue. Instructions on how to access Adobe have been sent to your student email.
Will we have any set or edit suite access in the foreseeable future?	Based on the current Government guidance, we are preparing for the buildings to remain closed for the remainder of the academic year. Assessment briefs are being altered to enable you to successfully complete your coursework without reliance on these facilities. However, we have secured various resources to support your learning from home, and will continue to do so.
What support will be available if my laptop can't run the required software to engage with distance learning?	We are looking into various methods to support students with IT and software resource concerns, but we will ensure all assessments have the appropriate guidance to support online submission methods. Students who are having difficulties in accessing the digital learning platforms currently in use should contact their lecturer, Head of Year or Student Services for further guidance and support: support@screenfilmschool.ac.uk .
How will I access tutorials remotely?	Tutorials will be facilitated online using a video chat package, such as Zoom or Microsoft Teams.
Can you confirm that we will not have to physically attend our Film School for the final term?	SFS is now closed and lesson delivery will be entirely online for the rest of Semester 2. We are redesigning the learning programme for the rest of Semester 2 to ensure you will be able to complete your course without attending the Film School premises.
Will we receive additional support due to the effect that the situation is having on our mental health?	Student Support will still be offering support throughout the Coronavirus outbreak, via email, phone and video. You can contact the team for remote support by email support@brightonfilmschool.co.uk and on Instagram @sfs_support We are doing our best to collate support resources for anyone who is particularly struggling at the moment; please get in touch with the team if you have concerns.
Will the situation affect our maintenance loan and how will our attendance be monitored with the online delivery?	UK student loans will not be affected - you will receive your full maintenance loan and tuition fees will be covered as normal. It is still as important that you engage with your studies, even whilst learning is being delivered virtually. Registers will be taken by your lecturers for all existing timetabled sessions.
Will I get the opportunity to take part in a summer industry placement this year?	Companies, as yet, are undecided as to what their actual needs will be during the summer, but many have already said that they would definitely look at later dates if the summer should prove to be

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	impossible this year.
Is there any point in continuing with my industry placement applications?	Most definitely yes - the companies you are applying for will need talent in the future and these applications are the entry point for you.
Are we missing out not getting access to masterclasses due to the film school being closed?	The Industry engagement team are putting together a series of virtual masterclasses - live on Zoom and pre-recorded on the SFS website - keep looking at your emails and social media posts for updated information. You can get updates on Instagram @screenfilmsch and on our Facebook group 'Screen and Film School Students'
If my industry placement application is successful, will I be expected to go to their office even though we have been advised not to travel unless essential?	A lot of companies in the UK have closed their offices and are working remotely. If you are offered an industry placement - or any work - that asks you to go to their office, consult the up-to-date government guidelines on essential travel and find out from the company what steps they're taking to minimise potential spread. You can also ask the Industry Engagement team for advice and support.
If I am successful in getting a placement and then become unwell, what should I do?	Rest up and stay at home if you're feeling unwell. Let the Industry Engagement team and your contact at the placement company know (where possible) and we will aim to re-arrange with the company at a later date. If you think you may have COVID-19, please also report this to your Head of Year and follow government advice on self-isolating.
Will I miss out on opportunities in my 3rd year if I do not complete an industry placement over the summer?	Absolutely not - the Industry Engagement team have made note of all applications received so are aware of your interest, and there will be plenty more opportunities to get industry experience when production companies are back up and running.

