



Programme Lead statement

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I can't believe it's nearly the end of term already! To say this year has been a rollercoaster is an understatement, and we have all been challenged in ways we never expected. I'd like to use this opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our programme over the past year, and also to make space to recognise the incredibly difficult challenges we have faced.

When lockdown happened in March, we were all thrown into a washing machine of uncertainty, and it took a huge amount of dedication for everyone to keep going. For our students, the security and routine of coming to campus and being with your fellow students disappeared in a flash. For our staff, we had to find new ways of teaching overnight. Looking back, I'm incredibly proud of all of us for getting to this point.

There is light at the end of the tunnel now, but we still have a few months to get through before life will be anywhere near normal again, so remember we're here to support you, and dig deep to keep yourself motivated with your studies.

There have been many impacts from the pandemic on the health, lives and employment of ourselves and our loved ones. Please get in touch with your tutor or me if you are struggling with your studies in these circumstances, there are lots of ways we can help. I also want to encourage all of you to take a good break over the winter vacation, at least a few days but ideally a week where you leave your laptop alone and spend time doing things you enjoy.

With the promise of a vaccine we can start to think about the future again, and it is never too soon to start thinking about your career and building your CV. Explore the new BMS Careers Hub community on Blackboard and dare to dream; one day soon you will be walking through the doors on the first day of your graduate job! Having a goal in sight can help to get us through the hard times so, whatever your goal is, spend a few minutes thinking about that moment on your first day. How will it feel? Who will you meet? Where will it lead? We have everything in place to help you to get there, the rest is up to you!