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Attention: Essential Travel and Access Update for RDS Exam Students

This email has been circulated to: All Students CC: Student Advisers

Dear :FORENAME,

This message gives important information for students who have exams in the RDS Shelbourne Hall this December.

The RDS has only recently informed us that additional events will take place on the grounds at the same time as UCD's exams. While the RDS has reassured us that they are taking steps to minimise disruption, there will likely be some impact on traffic and parking given the time of year. This late notice means there will be changes that may affect your journey, the entrance you will use and access to car parking.

Travel and Arrival

Give yourself more time than usual to travel. Traffic during the December exam period is already busy and the additional events are expected to cause further delays. Study rooms will be available at the RDS venue. The exam hall will open 30 minutes before the start of each exam and you can sit in your assigned seat during this time.

Public Transport

Using public transport is advised. The UCD Students Union will also operate a shuttle bus service.

Car Parking

Car parking facilities will be available in a reduced number of spaces and may fill quickly, so early arrival is advised. UCD students can avail of a discounted rate of €7 by presenting a valid UCARD. On exam days, Merrion Cricket Club will also open as an overflow car park, subject to weather conditions, with a fee of €10 per car. To support your travel planning, a [map](#) showing the designated parking areas in Simmonscourt and the church grounds is available on the [Assessment website](#) and can be used to help plan your route in advance.

Venue Entrances

The Anglesea Road entrance will be for pedestrian access only and vehicles will not be able to enter from this point. A map provided by the RDS is available on the [Assessment website](#) and shows the appropriate entrances for those arriving on foot or by car. Check this before you travel so you know how to access the venue.

Bags and Personal Belongings

As other events are taking place, take care of your valuables. A free cloakroom service is available in the RDS and you will need to allow extra time if you plan to use it. Do not leave belongings unattended.

Seat Numbers

Your seat number is on your personalised timetable in [SISWeb](#). Make sure you know it before arriving at the venue.

Postponement Updates

If any exam is postponed you will receive an update through your UCD Connect email.

Support

Support is available if you need someone to talk to. You can contact your [Student Adviser](#) or a [UCD Chaplain](#).

You will receive another message next week with further information about exam arrangements.

Kind regards,

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