

## **COVID-19**

### **Important Updates**

#### **Update 1: Blended Learning**

Following the recommendations made by The Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education (CYQAA), Casa College has decided to opt for a 'Blended Learning' model for the Fall Semester 2020.

Therefore, certain classes will take place exclusively online through the Moodle platform in order to ensure that social distancing guidelines are maintained. This will only be applicable for subjects that have a large number of students enrolled. Subjects that have fewer students enrolled will take place physically at the College campus. The exact number of students allowed in a classroom will be determined at the end of September according to the current epidemiological situation. In addition, practical subjects will take place on campus while their theoretical part will take place online. Students will be notified whether their class will take place physically or virtually one week prior to the commencement of classes.

For the online mode of classes, each subject consists of 13 sessions which have been pre-recorded by the respective lecturer and have been uploaded on Moodle under the subject's name. The students will be able to access their subjects by logging in to their Moodle account. Students will be able to complete and submit assignments online too. Once before the midterm exam and once before the final exam, lecturers will hold a 'Virtual Classroom' via Zoom where students will have the opportunity to ask questions and engage with their lecturer.

Casa College has opted for pre-recorded lectures in order to give students the flexibility of watching the lectures at their own convenience as well as the ability to watch a lecture more than once to enhance a better understanding.