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LONDON'S EVENING UNIVERSITY

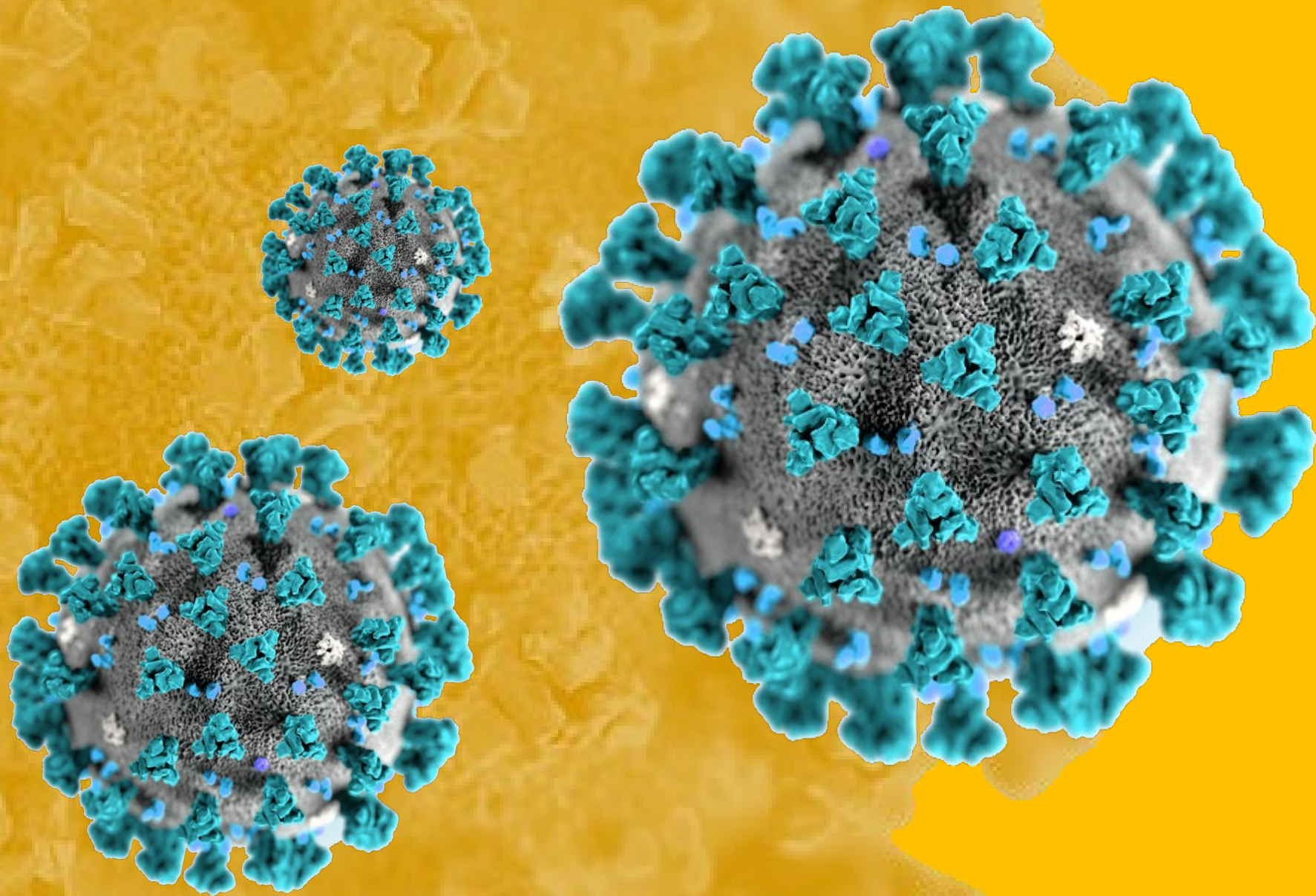
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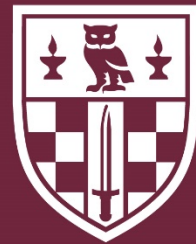




**Higher Education for
London's working
population**



5 Academic Schools



Birkbeck
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

**Largely non-residential commuter
student population**



**Member College of
University of London**

ISSUES

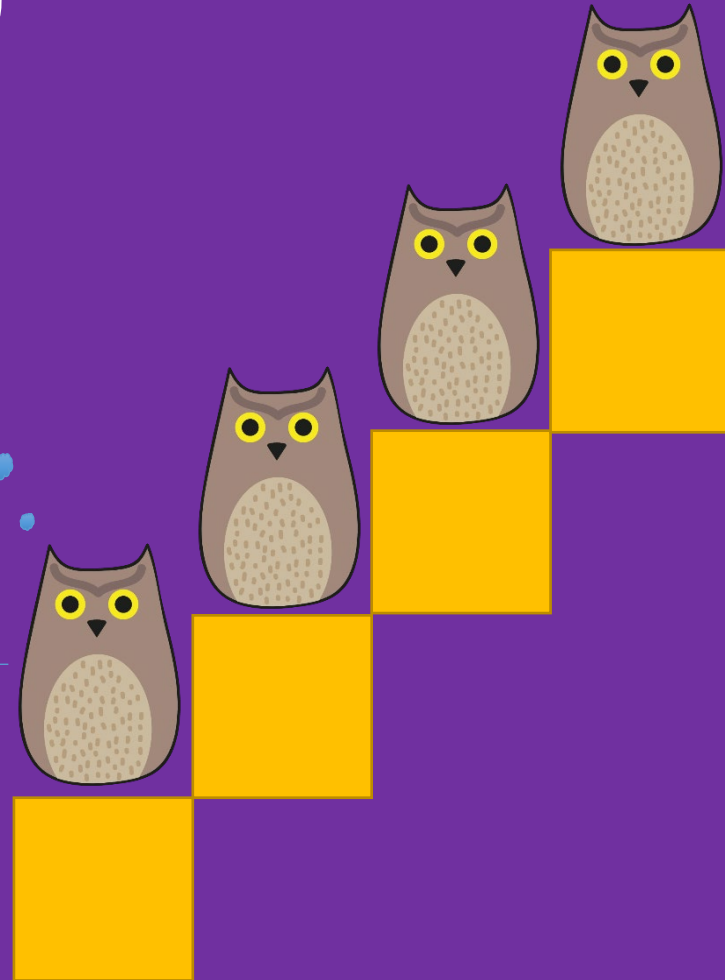
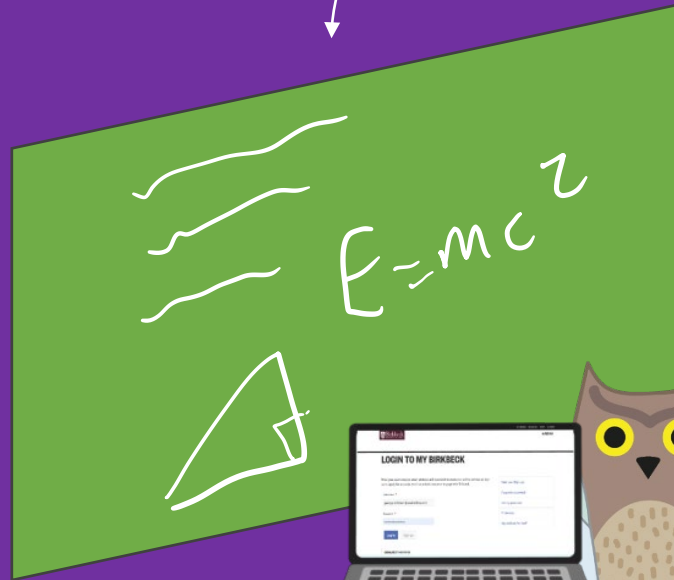
1. In-person teaching with limited online provision

3. Staff and student digital capabilities

Capability

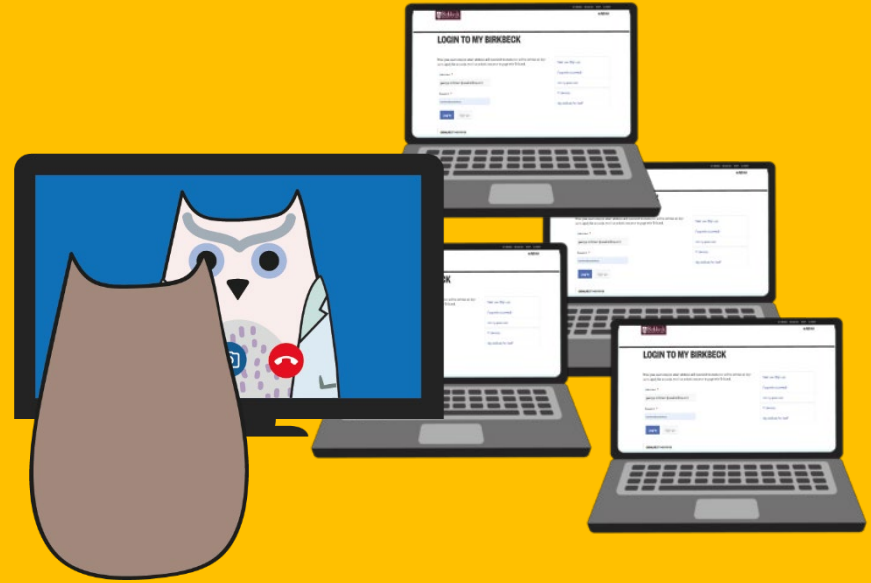
4. Lack/insufficiency of technology in the hands of users

2. CIS infrastructure and admin structures designed to support in-person delivery



IT RESPONSE

- Laptops, laptops and more laptops
- VPN capacity
- Teams
- SharePoint
- OneDrive
- Exchange Online
- Mitel MiCollab



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(DIGITAL) EDUCATION RESPONSE 1

New teaching model

- Asynchronous pre-session content
- Synchronous live small group teaching session
- Asynchronous post-session content



- Access to Digital Learning Fund
- Online orientation
- eBooks

(DIGITAL) EDUCATION RESPONSE 2

Teaching Preparation Project

- Re-identify all curriculum for delivery in 20/21
- Identify 'Digital Transformers'
- Train/support/coach Digital Transformers
- Support the creation of a new module design
- ...and the build of the new module
- Train and advise on suite of tools



Panopto

Blackboard
collaborate

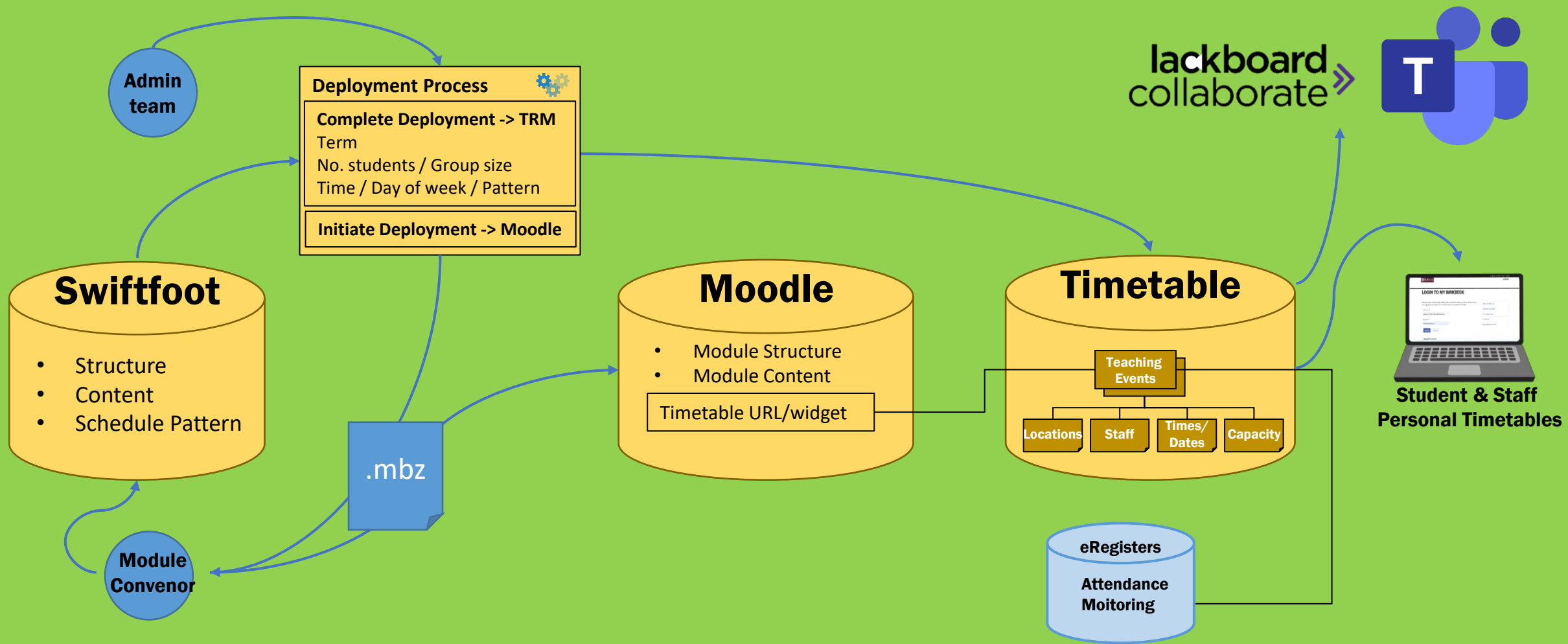


- Recruit & support team of 'Digital Education Associates' – embedded in Schools

(DIGITAL) EDUCATION RESPONSE 3

Corporate Systems Developments

- **Replace Moodle interface – to enable closer to real time updates**
- **Create Teams for Module Occurrences (for ad-hoc comms)**
- **Built a module design application – Swiftfoot**
 - **Capture module design – allow discussion and iteration**
 - **Push design to Moodle, and timetabling system**
- **Built a teaching group selection solution**





(DIGITAL) EDUCATION RESPONSE 4

- **Online IT Labs**

- RemoteLab
- AWS AppStream



Remote Labs
<https://mafudge.github.io/remotelab/>

- **Captioning**

- Verbit.ai (integrated into Panopto)





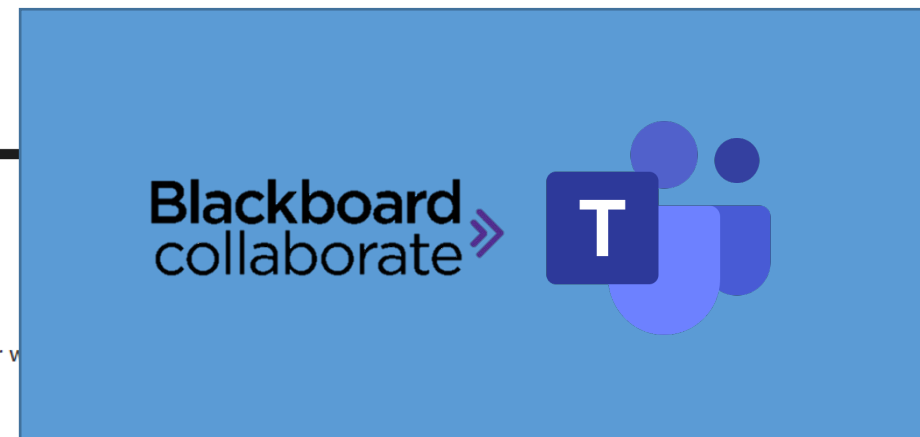
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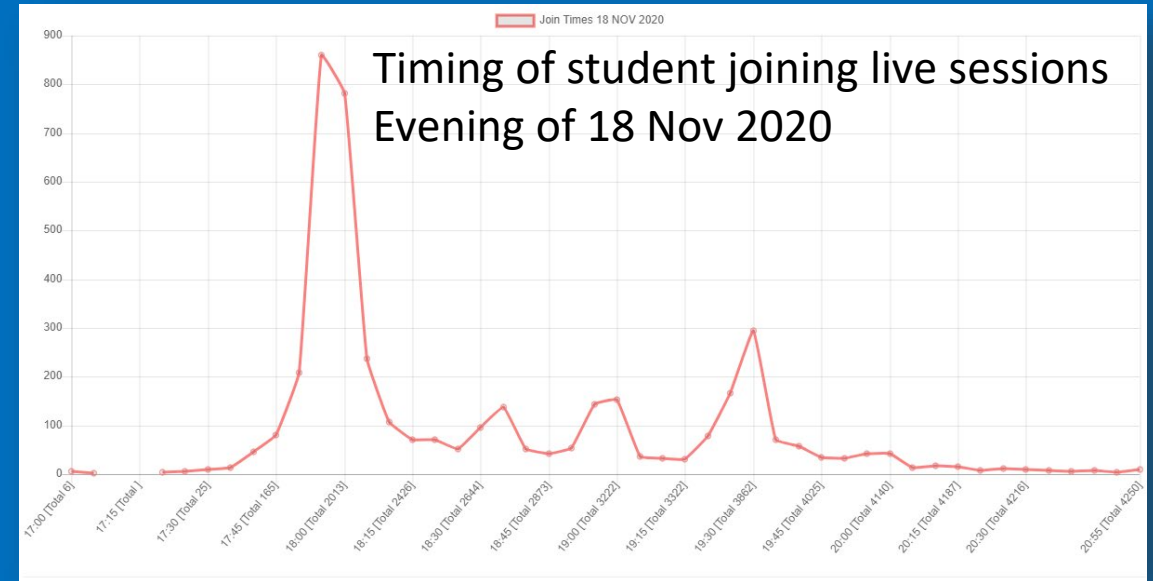
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OUTCOME

- **We don't talk about 5 October...**

- **Attendance is up on last year**



- **We're teaching... and students seem satisfied**
 - Week 2 Survey: *Birkbeck has taken an appropriate approach to the challenges presented by the Coronavirus pandemic.* – 80% agree (11% neutral, 8% disagree)
 - (WonkHE survey at similar time found only 45% of students nationally satisfied)



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THE INDIAN

FRIDAY

SUMMARY Deng cedes control of forces

Deng Xiaoping, China's 80-year-old leader, resigned as chairman of the Central Military Commission, handing over control of the armed forces to his designated successor, Jiang Zemin. Diplomats said Mr Deng would remain China's most powerful man. His resignation was aimed at securing Mr Jiang's future as his successor. Page 16

'Fortress' killing

A man was convicted of the murder of his neighbor, who died trapped in their flat, because he had turned it into a fortress to protect himself from burglars. They had come about nine from his parties. Page 3

Bishop's fear

The Church of England General Synod backed a measure which the Bishop of London said would make it impossible for any bishop to be convicted without accepting women priests. Page 3

Saatchi buys

Charles Saatchi, the advertising agency millionaire who has sold at least 70 paintings in recent months, has paid a record \$2m for a painting by Lucian Freud. Page 4

Islamic gains

London's Islamic movement greatly extended official positions by winning a total of...

Berlin Wall

East Germans start to travel freely as 28-year barrier falls

From Patricia Cough in East Berlin

EAST GERMANY last night decided to show open, so heavily-fortified "iron curtain" borders, including the Berlin Wall. Soon after the announcement was made at 8.30pm local time, East Germans on foot and in cars had begun arriving in the West.

One couple crossed the border. The border was closed to West German cars with new-style visas. Last night, hundreds more were seen crossing by way of the Friedrichshagen underground station. Usually, officers were allowed to come in through the railway line. Checkpoint "Charlie". Many apparently came even without visas, although these were suddenly necessary under the new regulations.

Charles Helmut Kohl, on a state visit to Poland, told West German television that he would talk with the new East German leader Egon Krenz. "We will be in contact with the East German leadership shortly after my return," he said, "and I would like to meet very soon with Mr Krenz."

Behind the many refugee West Germans could be seen. Mr Kohl said: "We shall have to wait and see how many actually come." He added that it would be in West Germany's interest for East Germans to "stay at home". President Gorbachev said he was pleased with the decision, calling it a "historic step".



THANKS FOR LISTENING

Q&A