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We thank the Union of Students for the opportunity to meet with students again at the recent student forum and respond to the additional questions raised. I hope this provides the information you need.

1. What support will be in place for those PGR students who have or will lose both their DOS and their secondary supervisor?

The University's commitment is to ensure the continuation of PhD supervision in all cases. Where necessary, departing supervisors/DOSs will be replaced seamlessly to ensure that the supervisory experience is maintained.

2. Will Nursing & Allied Healthcare courses be considered as part of the new medical school?

We have no plans to move these subjects into the Medical School.

3. Will there still be taught employability skills in the curriculum?

Absolutely. Develop@Derby will continue to be the mainstay of skills development and alongside this there will be enhancements across all programmes.

4. Will teaching be delivered by staff in areas that are not their expertise?

Staff are expected to be flexible and will already deliver across different areas, but we won't expect them to teach subjects in which they have no expertise.

5. Is the library going to be delivering employability work in the future?

The University Library already plays a role in the delivery of employability through Develop@Derby and its role will likely increase in future years.

6. Would it be fair to say you were caught out by financial headwinds and were left massively short on money midway through building the Cavendish building?

The full funding for the Cavendish Building was secured in 2022. The building was completed within the original budget, meaning that we did not run out of money for this project.



I hope this helps to offer some reassurance. We will continue to work with you to ensure any concerns from students are properly addressed.

Kind regards,

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