Information for students registered for the Imperial Award in the previous format (before September 2023)

We’re excited to let you know that from the new academic year the Imperial Award is going to change. Based on student and staff feedback, we’ve made some improvements to make the Programme more flexible, accessible, and relevant for you.

What is changing?
We’ve updated and simplified the attribute framework, and the assessment criteria. You will be able to choose attributes you want to reflect on. Peer feedback and peer mentoring will become an integral part of the Programme helping you to practice this skill that is often part of your University assessment. There will be clearer milestones, helping you progress and stay engaged. We’ve also changed the platform supporting the Imperial Award. More details can be found in the updated Student Guidance document.

What is remaining the same?
The aims and the ethos of the Programme are not changing. The Imperial Award is still encouraging reflection on non- and extra-curricular activities. You will reflect on your development in the context of the attributes, and produce reflective pieces for assessment (written, video or multimedia). The completion of each milestone will be recognised on the College transcript.

What it means to you?
As a currently registered student you have a choice to:

- Continue the Imperial Award in its current shape until October 2024/25 (for one year). You don’t need to do anything if you choose this option.
- Register for the ‘new’ Programme and start fresh this October. If you choose this option, you need to register by completing this form.

What if I’ve already completed one or more Streams, and want to move to the new Programme?
If you’ve already completed one Stream of the Award, this will be an equivalent of completing ‘Stage One’ of the ‘new’ Programme.
All you need to do is register your interest by completing this form. We’ll email you in October, once the ‘new’ Programme can be accessed on the new platform. Please note that if you chose this option, you won’t be able to submit your next reflective piece(s) until early 2024.
If you’ve already completed two Streams of the Award, it might be easier to continue and complete the full Award until October 2024/25. However, you may choose to register for the ‘new’ Award and complete ‘Stage Two’ to achieve the full Imperial Award.

What if I haven’t completed any Streams, but I’ve used the portfolio?
If you decide to move to the ‘new’ Programme, you can still access and use your current portfolio until October 2024/25. You’ll be able to download the content of the portfolio after that.
We’ll be offering Q&A sessions in the Autumn term, but if you have any immediate questions, please do get in touch.