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Dear student,

You may have heard or read about the University's plans to make cost savings. I am writing to reassure you that one of our absolute priorities throughout this difficult process is our commitment to our students and to the quality of the education and experience we provide. And let me also reassure you that, whatever some of you might have heard to the contrary, we guarantee that you will be able to continue with the course you have begun and complete your degree.

Providing inspirational learning and teaching and an exceptional experience for our students are at the heart of the University's strategy. These principles will guide us as we make decisions about how and where we make savings in the coming months. Leeds students - present and future - can continue to expect an education rich in opportunities to develop the skills and knowledge which will make you a confident graduate, well-prepared to pursue your chosen career.

You may be wondering why the University needs to save money and why now. Like many other universities and many other organisations, Leeds is affected by the consequences of the recession. Public sector spending cuts have already started to bite, and further, big, cuts are inevitable over the next few years. If we want to keep control of our future, we need to plan now for what is likely to be a very significant reduction in our funding from government.

Over the next two months we are asking staff to think about how we might achieve the necessary savings. In the spring we will look at the potential options and make decisions about any changes which are needed. We will continue to keep students and staff informed and consulted. A list of frequently asked questions and answers to them is being posted this week on the Portal and on Leeds University Union's website. This will be updated over the coming months.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your Head of School or Leeds University Union, or feel free to contact me through [studentquestions@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:studentquestions@leeds.ac.uk)

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V Jones'.

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