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Sent by email to M.J.Coe@soton.ac.uk

15 November 2019

Dear Professor Coe,

Re: Institutional Response: External Examiner Annual Report 2018/19

I am writing further to the receipt of your External Examiner's report for the MSc in Astrophysics.

Your report does not appear to raise any specific issues that require a more detailed response therefore the School has not been asked to provide a formal response.

Your report will be considered by the School and will also be used to help inform their [Annual Review and Enhancement](#) process and where appropriate, [Periodic Review](#).

The University is pleased to note your positive comments, including:

1. Your positive comments regarding the programme structure, academic standards and assessment process.
2. The programme structure is excellent. The curriculum is well thought out and guides the students into a strong position for tackling their research project in the last 3 months.
3. The academic standard is exactly what you would expect of a high level taught masters course at a reputable UK university.
4. The staff who deliver this programme are to be commended for their impressive efforts in dealing with a wide variety of early logistic issues and making appropriate adjustments.

As this is your final year as External Examiner, we would like to thank you for your service and we are most grateful for your valuable input into this process. I hope that you will find this response satisfactory and we thank you for your continued support of the programme.



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In order to meet the expectations of the [QAA Quality Code](#), both the External Examiner Annual Report and this Institutional Response will be published on the University's [Public Information website](#) and will be available to all students and staff.

We are most grateful for your comments and for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Wright', written in a cursive style.

Mr Simon Wright
Academic Registrar