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Dear Academic Year 2020-21 Study Abroad Students and Families,

We hope this message finds you healthy and safe. As the 2020-21 academic year draws closer, we have continued to monitor the worldwide developments of COVID-19 and its impact on international education. As you know, fall 2020 study abroad and exchange programs have already been suspended. We anticipate that the realities of COVID-19 will continue to be present at home and abroad beyond the fall semester.

As a result, **Bentley University has made the difficult decision to suspend all study abroad and exchange programs in academic year 2020-21, including the London School of Economics and Political Science.** We understand this is a significant disappointment. Bentley and the Cronin Office of International Education do not take this decision lightly and took into consideration guidance from the U.S. State Department, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and internal and external risk management intelligence. As always, the safety of students is our top priority.

Our office has notified our LSE partners that Bentley will not sponsor study abroad in 2020-21. However, as an LSE offer holder, you may reach out to LSE directly to update your application and discuss your alternatives. Please contact your study abroad advisor Dionne Daniels dhart@bentley.edu with questions or concerns of any kind, ranging from Bentley enrollment to the Bentley leave of absence process.

Please know that we are here to guide and assist you individually as you adapt to the unique academic year ahead. In addition to meeting with your study abroad advisor, you can discuss questions about a Bentley fall schedule by making an appointment with your academic advisor via the online portal in Workday. If you have questions about housing on Bentley's campus, please contact The Residential Center during business hours at 781-891-2148 or send an email to housing@bentley.edu.

Please watch for our events coming in the fall semester to learn more about future opportunities. All of us in International Education and across campus remain committed to advising you. We will navigate through these uncertain times together.

Sincerely,

Natalie and the International Education Team

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