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Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

for the last time in this unusual year, here comes one of the evening info-mails - at least if nothing too extraordinary happens any more. We now have about 10 months of "teaching without a lecture hall" behind us. I'm sure we all wish that things will soon return to normal and that university will once again become what it was meant to be - a place of community, collaborative learning and working. But until then, it will surely take some time. From Monday until 3 January 2021, we'll be taking our normal break from lectures over the holidays, after which there will be a purely digital week. And what comes after that - we'll have to see.

And it is precisely this uncertainty that brings me to a few important points that I urge you to consider:

- The transition to the purely digital world naturally also applies to the Examinations Office. Therefore, we urgently request that you **only send applications etc. by email**! At the moment, we do not know when the postal service will be back to normal after the shutdown, so everything that is important should be submitted electronically.
- Please note, however, that both the staff in the examinations office and I urgently need a break at the moment. This year has taken a lot of energy and therefore **we will also refrain from reading emails as much as possible during the break.** Therefore, if you don't receive an answer directly in the next few weeks, please just wait. We will be back on duty on 4 January 2021 and then things will continue as normal.
- The statement everything digital naturally also applies to the submission of theses and supporting documents. Here we have already returned to the concept we had in the hard lockdown in spring: You upload your thesis to OwnCloud at <u>https://cloudstore.zih.tu-dresden.de/</u> (access with your ZIH login) and send the link to the thesis to your contact in the examination office (for theses!) and the supervising university lecturer by the deadline. You then submit the print version as soon as there are copy shops again... Please keep this procedure in this form until we announce a different procedure here!



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• The **Mechanical Engineering Learning Room** will also be active again from 07.01.2021 at <u>https://matrix.tu-dresden.de/#/room/#Maschinenwesen-Lernraum-MW:tu-dresden.de</u> - just in time for preparation for the examination period!

And finally today, quite simply, my wish for all of you is that over the holidays - despite all the restrictions, worries and difficulties we have to live with at the moment, despite the fact that you cannot visit all those you would like to visit, despite the fact that this year we have to celebrate Christmas and New Year's Eve quite differently from what we are used to and would like to - you will find some peace, feel some of the joy of these holidays.

In this spirit, I wish you a blessed Christmas and a good transition into a hopefully more pleasant 2021!

Stay healthy!

