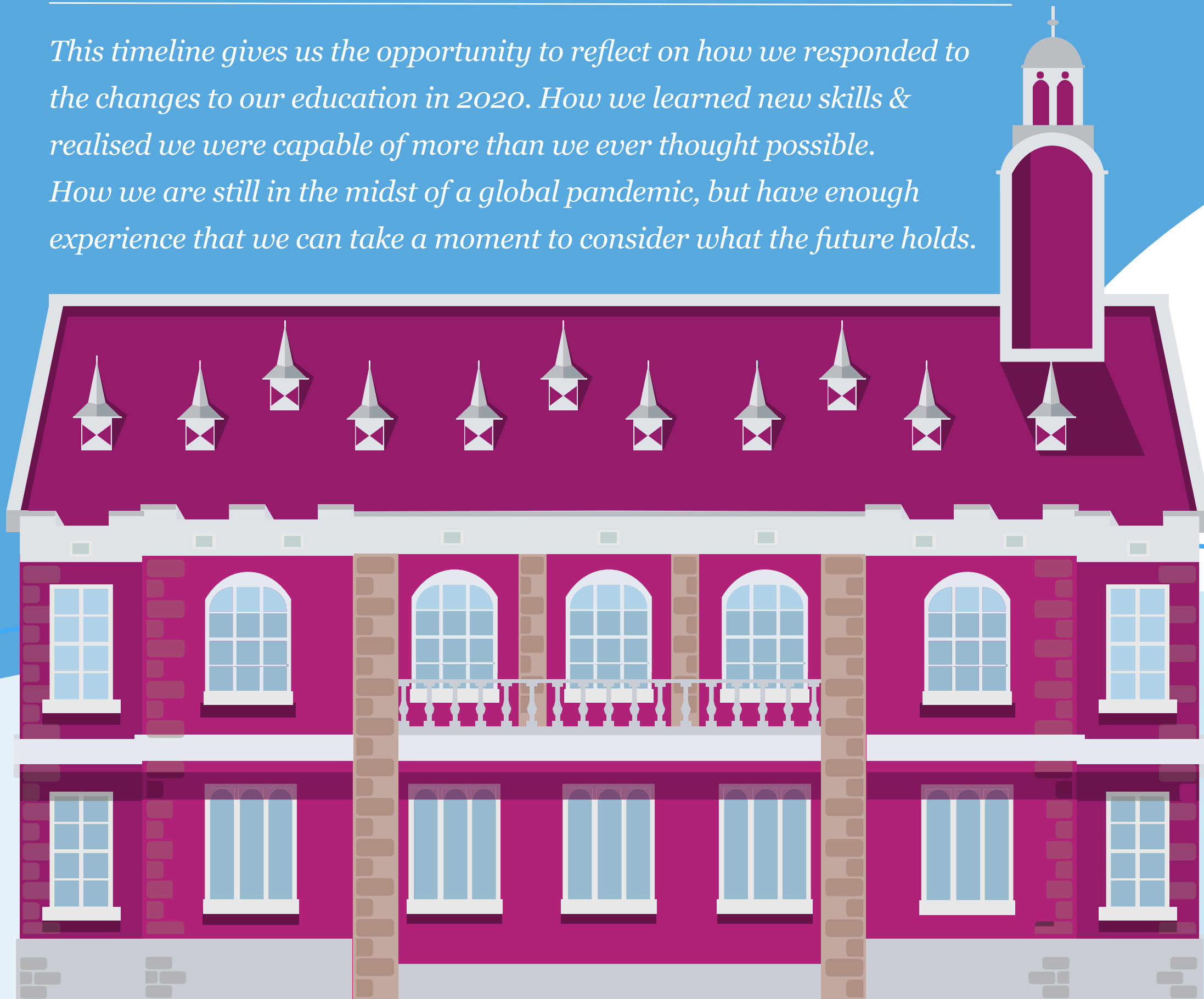


# Timeline Reflection 2020

This timeline gives us the opportunity to reflect on how we responded to the changes to our education in 2020. How we learned new skills & realised we were capable of more than we ever thought possible. How we are still in the midst of a global pandemic, but have enough experience that we can take a moment to consider what the future holds.



## React & Respond

### 2020

#### February

Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, first COVID-19 case confirmed in the Netherlands

#### March

First COVID-19 related death in NL  
First patient at Leiden University  
WHO declares **global pandemic**

Educational Support staff start selecting relevant software for remote teaching

Start **'intelligent lockdown'**, call for working from home

March 13<sup>th</sup>  
Leiden University announces to go fully online (till March 31<sup>st</sup>)

Start personal vlogging by Carel Stolker [#LeidseTwitterRector](#)

**Closing of schools in the Netherlands**

Accelerated rollout of video conferencing tool MS Teams by ICT dept.

University paper Mare stops its print and continues online

Start webinar series on remote teaching by Centre for Innovation and ICLON

March 19<sup>th</sup>  
Leiden University announces it will remain online the entire Academic Year

Start switching from campus to remote teaching by University teachers

(till 1<sup>st</sup> June) Netherlands goes into **full Lockdown**

Rollout remote teaching support via the ISSC Helpdesk and first versions of a Remote Teaching Support website

Launch Student Helpline by Student Affairs

#### April

Launch Crowdfunding campaign **'WakeuptoCorona'** by LUMC

**Announcement** Hester Bijl is to become Leiden University new Rector Magnificus in 2021

**Start with online proctored exams at Leiden University**

## Execution, Integration & Collaboration



#### May-July

**Announcement for Hybrid teaching at Leiden University in first Semester 20/21.**

**Career Week takes place online**

Restart of sport activities outside in small groups by University Sport Centre

**Free testing** on COVID possible for everyone in the Netherlands  
Masks become mandatory in public transport

**Restart of small-scale campus exams at Leiden University**

EL CID programme take place partially online, partially in-person

Central Crisis Team disbands and Corona related decisions making returns to the Executive Board

**Annual Teaching & Learning Event 2020 moved online**

#### August

**Leiden University introduction weeks proceed in hybrid form**

Launch of Learning Management System Brightspace and add-ons

**Opening of the Academic Year** happens in Hybrid form

Launch of new **Campus Protocol** at Leiden University

#### September

Gathering of Leiden students in local park **causes national uproar**

**Launch of a University Mentor & Tutor System**

Stricter measures resulting in "working from home unless not possible"

Launch of COVID Student Campaign by the local student council PKVV

## Diversification & Consistency

#### October

Masks become mandatory in University buildings

**COVID inspires research education at the University**  
*Exploring the effects of social distancing*

#### November

The Annual Cleveringa Lecture is held online

**Hybrid teaching is extended to the second Semester of the Academic Year**

#### December

Netherlands goes into **2nd Lockdown**

**Launch of newly designed Remote Teaching Support website**

Many colleagues celebrate the end of the year online, like humanities band 'Johan & de Huizinga's singing **'I am still standing'**.



### 2021

#### January

**Online wellbeing weeks organised for Students**

A virtual & informal wave-off for Carel Stolker on Twitter with hashtag [#LeidseTwitterRector](#)

Video conferencing app Zoom becomes available for Teaching and Students

**Digital Education Seminar** by CFI in joint effort with many University staff

Teams integrated with Brightspace

#### February

**New Semester starts in hybrid form**

Start of Hester Bijl as first female Rector Magnificus of Leiden University

## Moving forward

As we look towards the future of digital education, we have the opportunity to move beyond the constraints of a global pandemic. How can we transform the wealth of practical expertise we've gained into creative, effective and impactful teaching and learning? How can we energise the people, processes and technology that provide education to reinvigorate our students and teachers?

**Let us take this time to reflect and then take a step forward. Let us all continue to collaborate, share ideas and solve problems without fear.**

Check more event information:



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2020 was, a blur of problem solving and troubleshooting. A year in front of screens, with our children, family and homes in the background. For those providing education, the changes came quickly and without warning. Our scramble to keep moving meant stress and confusion, but also creativity and ingenuity.