Dear

Welcome to the School of Biological Sciences at Bristol. We want to do everything we can to make your start at Bristol as easy as possible, and to ensure that the next three years are enjoyable and thoroughly worthwhile. We realise you may feel a little unsure about what will be involved, but hopefully this letter will put your mind at ease.

The information on the “New Students” page of the University of Bristol website (http://www.bristol.ac.uk/newstudents/) and the information enclosed with this letter explain what to expect in Welcome Week and what you need to do before you arrive. The University will be writing to you separately about accommodation, the formal arrangements for registration and the social activities organised by the Students’ Union during your first week.

During Welcome Week the School of Biological Sciences has organised some compulsory sessions for you and it is important you attend all of these as they will provide you with some important information about your first year of study here. A full provisional timetable of Welcome Week activities is enclosed. This can also be found online: http://www.bristol.ac.uk/newstudents/.

Please can I ask you to do the following by Friday 2nd September:

Complete and return Form 1: Information Form and Declaration. We need to have a contact number for you and also be sure that you understand procedures in our teaching laboratories. Please complete and return this form to us, either by post or email.

Choose your optional unit(s). You will need to choose 20 credit points of optional units for year 1. The enclosed Year 1 School Registration Guide explains what optional units are available for you to choose from. Please read this carefully and let us know your first and second choice optional units by completing the online Google form, which can be found here: https://goo.gl/forms/nXKj8QMl3iqIvK43.

In addition, if you have any special requirements for support, please complete and return Form 2: Assistance Form by Thursday 15th September. We need this to help us ensure that you have all the facilities and support that we are able to provide to enable you to participate fully and successfully in University life. If you have a disability and have received support in School or College then it is recommended that you get in touch with the University Disability Services (via disability-services@bristol.ac.uk) to discuss any support needs that you may have. If you need further information, please visit the Disability Services website - http://www.bristol.ac.uk/disability-services/ or contact the School Student Administration Manager, Andrea Pearce, via andrea.pearce@bristol.ac.uk.

Please make sure you register online with the University by 10th September 2016 (registration opens on 5th September) at http://www.bristol.ac.uk/newstudents/

We look forward to welcoming you to the School.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of School