August 2019

To all new students

Welcome to the MSc Palaeobiology programme (2019-20 session).

You will receive information from the University and Science Faculty concerning registration and Welcome Week, which will take place from Monday 23rd September to Friday 27th September.

During Welcome Week you will register with the Science Faculty and the School, attend a series of presentations about postgraduate life at the University and take part in induction activities within the School of Earth Sciences. On Wednesday 25th September there is a University welcome ceremony for all postgraduate taught students.

It is essential that you attend the appropriate registration sessions and all of the induction events as a great deal of important and useful information will be provided. Please see the welcome week timetable for details.

During the week there will be opportunities to meet with course tutors and project supervisors. Teaching will begin on Monday 30th September.

The programme includes some optional units. Please complete the optional unit selection form and return it by post or email by Thursday 12th September. This is to encourage you to look at the unit descriptions before you arrive and to give us an early indication of the units you would like to take. You will be able to discuss the options in the unit selection session in Welcome Week and if you wish to change any of your choices afterwards you may do so.

You may wish to complete the learning support request form if you feel you may require additional support. If there is anything you would like to discuss before deciding whether you need to complete the learning support request form, please get in touch with the Academic Personal Tutor, Dr Kate Hendry (tel. 0117 954 5379, e-mail K.Hendry@bristol.ac.uk).

Please note that tuition fees are due by 24th October 2019. It is possible to pay the tuition fees in instalments, but this must be arranged by 13th October. More details about tuition fee payments can be found here: http://www.bristol.ac.uk/fees-funding/fee-payment/

Bench fees of £500 are also payable as stated in your offer letter. Invoices will be raised during early October and are payable within one month of the invoice date.

I look forward to meeting you soon. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Dr John Cunningham
Director, MSc Palaeobiology