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To all new students,

Welcome to the MSc Palaeobiology programme (2024-25 session). I'm really looking forward to meeting you soon and I'm writing to give you some information about starting the course.

You will receive information from the University and Science Faculty concerning registration and the University's Welcome Week, which will take place from Monday 9th September to Friday 13th September. During Welcome Week you will register with the School of Earth Sciences, take part in induction activities within the School and meet staff and students from the School and the Palaeobiology Group.

Please make every effort to 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. If you anticipate that you will not be able to attend sessions in the University during Welcome Week, please get in touch with me so that we can work with you to make necessary arrangements. Formal teaching will begin on Monday 16th September.

The University's Disability Service <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/disability-services/> offers a wide range of services to ensure that students receive appropriate and accessible support, including adjustments to teaching and assessments. Please contact them now if you feel you have issues that may impact your studies. In addition to this central support the School has a Disability Co-ordinator, Dr Mary Benton (mary.benton@bristol.ac.uk), who acts as a channel for information about disability matters. It is essential that you also inform Dr Benton of any issues that may affect your studies.

Please note that tuition fees are due by 24th October 2024. It is possible to pay the tuition fees in instalments, but this must be arranged in advance. More details about tuition fee payments can be found here: www.bristol.ac.uk/students/support/finances/pay-your-fees/. Bench fees are also payable as stated in your offer letter; these are used to fund aspects of the course, such as the costs of software licences, travel or laboratory equipment required for research projects. Invoices will be raised during October and are payable within one month of the invoice date.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me using the email address above.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John Cunningham". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'J' and 'C'.

Dr John Cunningham
Programme Director for Palaeobiology (MSc)