Dear

Congratulations on receiving your offer to study at in the Mathematics Department. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you. I am the Director of Undergraduate Studies for the Maths and I am responsible for coordinating and overseeing your course.

Starting university is a busy and exciting time – the online welcome pages give you lots of information to help you prepare for your first few weeks at Warwick. In Maths there will some induction pages available from the start of September to help you prepare for study here which you should look at before you arrive. It will provide information about regulations, module choices and how things work in the department, although these will be further clarified by the Welcome Week sessions (see below). You do not need to make any decisions about module choices before term starts.

**Welcome Week (commencing 28 September 2020)**

During Welcome Week, we run events and activities in partnership with the Students' Union, designed to help you settle in, make friends and adapt to life at Warwick.

You will be able to view the timetable of events from early September. This includes welcome sessions from Maths, as well as many other events and activities to suit a variety of interests. This is your opportunity to get involved with different student societies, sports and volunteering and find out more about life here.

**Welcome Week events**

We would strongly encourage you to attend all of the Mathematics induction activities taking place during Welcome Week as they are designed to help you:

1. Learn about the structure of your course and opportunities available to you
2. Get to know other students on your course
3. Get to know key members of staff in the department

For more information, view the Welcome Week webpages. This year will be a digital-first Welcome Week, with many activities taking place online. There will be some in-person activities where these safe and practical. Some digital activities will be on-demand and will be available to complete from Saturday 5 September. All the core activities from Maths will be automatically populated in your Welcome Week timetable, so there is no need to worry.

**Teaching and learning at Warwick**

Transitioning from school or college to University can feel both exciting and daunting. Styles of teaching are different and there will be more opportunities for you to make your own decisions and study independently.

We encourage bold, independent thinking and offer the highest quality academic experience to stretch and challenge you. We are proud of our diverse and talented students and know that you will find a place for yourself.

For term one, you will be taught through a blended combination of small group classes, larger online lectures, and online study. You will be encouraged to share your ideas, ask questions and explore additional opportunities to learn independently. During September you will be invited to take part in
a core online module “MA1K2 Refresher Mathematics” which is new for this year and will introduce you to some aspects of how you can expect to receive some of your teaching in term 1. Led by Prof. Keith Ball, this module is designed to make sure that you are on top of all the A-level material that we think is important for your studies, whether you did not cover them at school because of Coronavirus or have become rusty. It will involve some assessment to give you some feedback on where you are, but it carries no formal credit so please don’t feel nervous about it. We will send more information to you about this nearer the time.

Reading List

You will find information on additional recommended reading and other information to prepare you for your course on our departmental welcome page once they are live, but there is no essential reading that we will expect you to do before arriving other than the Refresher Mathematics online module.

Disability Support

If you have a disability or specific learning difficulty, it is important that you contact the Disability Services team (warwick.ac.uk/disability) within Wellbeing Support Services before starting your studies with us, even if you have already declared this on your UCAS application. Additional support can take time to arrange, so do contact them as early as possible to ensure you get the support you are entitled to.

What’s next?

- You’ll receive another email from us in a couple of weeks so keep an eye on your inbox. You’ll also receive emails from the University about services, opportunities and support available to you as a student.
- If you haven’t done so already, don’t forget to enrol and register for your ITS account. You can do this on the warwick.ac.uk/welcome website.
- Follow us on social media (@warwickmaths on Twitter or Facebook)
- You might also want to have a look at the Departmental Society page on Facebook @warwickmathssociety

We look forward to seeing you soon. If you have any questions in the meantime please contact us at: UGMathematics@warwick.ac.uk or find more information on our web pages https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/maths/ but please remember that we will not be able to answer questions regarding regulations or module choices, some information will be included on the induction pages but we will go through these with you in detail during Welcome Week.

Kind regards

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