

Congratulations on achieving your place. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Department of Statistics, and to provide you with some information about the induction programme that has been arranged for you.

Induction activities will take place during Welcome Week (commencing 23 September 2019, departmental events in Statistics are scheduled for Tuesday (morning only) and Thursday); these will give you the opportunity to:

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

As a new student, you will be assigned a Personal Tutor, who will provide academic advice and assist you with your orientation into University life. In addition, our Student Staff Liaison Committee runs a Peer Mentor system, assigning new arrivals a current student in the department who will be able to share their experience and answer any questions you may have about being a student here at Warwick. You will have the opportunity to meet both your Personal Tutor and your Peer Mentor in the first few days of term.

Once you have enrolled and registered for your IT account, you will be able to access the Department's website where you will find more information about your course and department. Please visit <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/statistics> for general queries, and <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/statistics/courses/newstudent/> for specific information for new students.

There is no need to conduct extensive reading before beginning your course, but you may wish to look at the following examples of texts and resources that are relevant to your studies (students who have not taken a Further Maths A-level may find these resources of particular use):

- *Introductory Mathematics: Algebra and Analysis* by Geoff Smith.
- *How to Think Like a Mathematician: A Companion to Undergraduate Mathematics* by Kevin Houston, a former Warwick University Student.
- *How to Study for a Mathematics Degree* by Lara Alcock.
- NRICH Enriching Mathematics is a comprehensive and inspiring collection of pure and applied maths problems and examples. Of particular interest for the transition to university are their Advanced Problem Solving Modules.

- You may have opted to concentrate on your A-levels and not on STEP at the time, but solving STEP questions now can get you into a mathematical problem solving mind ready for your first year at university. Past papers and some solutions and links are available at the STEP preparation website.

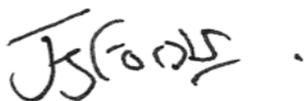
Additionally, we suggest attempting the three diagnostic tests (one each for differentiation, integration, and trigonometry), available at the link for new students given above, as a way of assessing your current mathematical strengths and areas for improvement. The results of these tests are not used for any formal assessment, and the tests can be taken as many times as you find it useful to do so.

If you have a disability or learning support need, it is important that you contact Student Disability 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.

We will keep in touch with you via email in the lead up to you joining us. If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact our Undergraduate Support Office by phone (02476 523066) or via email (stats.ug.support@warwick.ac.uk).

We wish you a safe journey to Warwick and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Forster', followed by a period.

Professor Jon Forster, Head of Department