

Please note that this week we have important information for our SD Partner Schools in relation to the start of the 20-21 year, in addition to providing the student weekly update which you will find at the footer of this email.

Friday 05 June 2020

Information for Partner Schools only

Within the context of the Covid-19 pandemic and in light of university guidance, the Centre for Teacher Education's extended senior team have given careful consideration to how best to manage the PGCE 2020-21 Course start date and to ensure an effective induction to the course.

To this end, we have made the decision that the PGCE Course start dates for the academic year 2020/21 will be delayed until **Monday 14th September 2020** for all Core and School Direct routes. Induction programmes are currently being prepared for online delivery with, where possible, some limited face to face opportunities, dependent on the university guidelines. Some induction activity may be required to continue into the week beginning Monday 21st September.

We are working with our Student Finance Office to ensure the changes are updated with the Student Loans Company (for any students accessing maintenance or tuition loans) and we have confirmation that the delayed start will not impact the normal schedule of bursary payments.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused and plan to inform accepted offer students this week.

SD Students attending school before the official course start of 14 Sept 2020

We have today communicated the following to offer holders and our School Direct Lead Schools:

SD Salaried

Schools may wish their SD salaried employees to start in school before the start of the PGCE as part of their employment contract. Where schools wish to provide this opportunity, they are reminded that trainees will not be formally register with the University until their course start date of Monday 14 September 2020, when the induction period commences. All safeguarding requirements (including DBS) are the responsibility of the employer, as usual. The PGCE induction period will take place week commencing Monday 14 September. Alliances and schools should also be aware that offer holders will also be required to attend the Centre for Teacher Education week commencing 7th September 2020 to present hardcopy evidence of their qualifications, given electronic versions were only temporarily accepted due to Coronavirus pandemic. All trainees are required to attend for hardcopy document checks and partake in induction activities.

SD Tuition:

We are aware that several schools would like their trainees to attend school in advance of the Warwick course start date of Monday 14 September. Where trainees and placement schools are in agreement, trainees can attend school on a voluntary basis as they will not be formally registered with the University until their course start date of Monday 14 September 2020, when the induction period commences. Alliances and schools must take responsibility for risk assessment and all safeguarding checks for the trainee as a volunteer. Alliances and schools should also be aware that offer holders will also be required to attend the Centre for Teacher Education week commencing 7th September 2020 (timings TBC) to present hardcopy evidence of their qualifications and DBS identification to complete our compliance records. All trainees are required to attend for hardcopy document checks and partake in induction activities.

Best wishes,

Kate

Message from Professor Kate Ireland, Director of the Centre for Teacher Education

To all University of Warwick PGCE students and trainees (cc. partner schools for information)

- **Examination Boards**
- **Campus Pride**
- **Wellbeing Support Services**

I hope you managed to have a break over the Spring Bank Holiday week and had the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful weather. I am aware that this is a time when you are involved in the final stages of assessment, I hope all goes well.

Examination Boards

Many staff have been marking in earnest to ensure timely completion and we are now starting preparation for the end of year examination boards which take place in early July. This Board will consider each students' academic performance alongside the QTS recommendation which we have already communicated to you.

Campus Pride

Campus Pride 2020 is a digital Pride festival for university students and staff across the UK. This seeks to support people to find ways to come together as a community, to connect with one another despite the necessary cancellation of Pride events, marches and festivals nationwide.

<https://campuspride.co.uk/>

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Wellbeing Support Services

Just a reminder again that as things continue to be uncertain given the very strange world we seem to live in at the moment, the University's Wellbeing Support Services are still here for you. Further information on resources, support and masterclasses can be found here:

<https://warwick.ac.uk/services/wss>

Best wishes,

Handwritten signature of Professor Kate Ireland in black ink.

Professor Kate Ireland,
Director of CTE