

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)

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- Opportunities to feel good and do good via Warwick Volunteers and Warwick Sport

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I hope you have had a good week and are looking forward to an extended weekend.

QTS and other updates

This week we met CTE's Steering Committee and were reassured to receive further endorsement of our approach to the recommendation for the award of QTS. In addition, we have received approval from the university Covid-19 business continuity committees, stating that they consider CTE's approach, given school closures and the uncertainty of their return, *as a clearly evidenced and reasonable plan*.

Our own departmental business continuity work continues with a range of activity to manage the work associated with the 2019-20 PGCE cohort alongside carrying out planning for the forthcoming academic year.

Masters in Professional Education

We have also signed off the marketing brochure for a new route on our MA Professional Education incorporating the exciting and innovative work of recognising the prior learning (RPL) of school teachers and leaders, in order to join our MA at the advanced stage of research methods, ethics approval and dissertation (details coming soon).

We hope that many of you will take the opportunity to [use your Warwick PGCE course credits toward our MA](#) in the early part of your teaching career. Remember that your PGCE credits are only valid towards the MA for few years after you graduate!

Please contact Carol Wild our MA course leader carol.wild@warwick.ac.uk for further information about the MA for you as Warwick PGCE candidate or perhaps for colleagues or friends of yours who have alternative qualifications and/or significant teaching

experience who may want to know more about how we can facilitate their entry on to our Masters programme.

Please note that this course can be undertaken through distance-learning, if you are likely to be moving further afield in a few months' time.

PGCE International

This week we said farewell to our PGCE International graduates who have successfully completed the course in various countries across the world and are ready to take their expertise back into schools. This course has helped us to develop the infrastructure and knowledge for online delivery within our department and is proving critical in the current lockdown.

Please find below news and information from this week.

Warwick Volunteers is advertising many ways that students (and staff) can volunteer and help others from the comfort of their own home. Take a look at the webpages here: <https://warwick.ac.uk/about/community/volunteers/volunteering/volunteerfromhome>

If you are looking for **new opportunities to keep active**, **WarwickSport** host live fitness classes for free, from Yoga to High Intensity Interval Training. More information can be found on the Warwick Sport Facebook account and webpages below:

<https://www.facebook.com/warwicksport>
<https://warwick.ac.uk/services/sport/together/>

I hope you have the opportunity to commemorate VE day albeit in a quieter manner than originally anticipated.

Best wishes,
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