

**Message from Professor Kate Ireland, Director of Centre for Teacher Education,
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To all University of Warwick PGCE students and trainees (cc. partner schools for information)

- **Update: NQT support for 19-20 PGCE graduates**
- **CTE Awards Ceremony**
- **Impact of Racial Trauma: Mitigating Circumstances**
- **Update: Examination Boards and trainee outcomes**

Friday 19 June 2020

I hope that this Friday update finds you in good health and that your final assessments are going to plan as you work towards the end of the year. Where possible I am attending your final day events and SSLC meetings, so I look forward to talking to some of you then.

NQT Support for 19-20 PGCE graduates

Support for Warwick NQTs in light of the current pandemic and reduced placement opportunity this year

Below is a summary of the top-level plans set out by the Primary and Secondary CTE teams to provide support for NQTs this year in light of reduced placement opportunities due to the current pandemic.

NOTE: If you graduate from a core (Uni-led) route, Warwick will take the lead responsibility for your NQT support. If you graduate through a School Direct Salaried or School Direct Tuition fee route, the Lead School in your Alliance will take lead responsibility for ensuring you have appropriate support in your NQT year.

Current transition to NQT provision

- Warwick is delivering an enhanced NQT transition experience in the final weeks of the Summer term 2020, to support all (core and SD) trainee professional development in relation to the Teacher Standards;

Expectations for 2020-21

- Online learning opportunities based on specified shared or phase-specific themes (e.g. teaching in reception for 3-7 group for Primary students);
- A bank of action plans from CTE for specific difficulties which could be used for trainees and/or by NQT mentors;
- Online support for NQT mentors in supporting this cohort of NQTs:
- Signposting and sharing of relevant resources, eg. Chartered College of Teaching CPD video materials for NQTs;
- Access to previous course materials across our Virtual Learning Environments (eg. Moodle) for one year post-graduation;
- Enabling and encouraging a Warwick NQT community via Warwickgrad.net, our alumni platform

CTE Awards Ceremony 2020 – thinking through how this can happen differently

Some of you may be aware that CTE have historically held a social awards evening in the Autumn term to celebrate our fantastic trainees' achievements. We are all acutely aware of government guidance to refrain from mass gatherings, so it will likely come as no surprise to you that we are not in a position to hold an awards evening for our NQTs in October 2020.

Having spoken to each of our SSLCs I know the groups are looking at alternative ways of celebrating and keeping in touch with each other in the Autumn term; you may have already been involved in conversations about this with your peers. It remains extremely important that we celebrate our excellent trainees, encourage a Warwick NQT community and recognise the worthy award winners.

Please keep me in touch with your thoughts and plans for a celebration event, I will continue to attend SSLCs to hear from you.

Impact of Racial Trauma: Mitigating Circumstances

You may have seen the below in the Warwick Student Comms Newsletter but I have included it here just in case...

The killing of George Floyd and reports and media stories have been difficult for many of us to witness and process over the last few weeks and many students of colour will be experiencing increased [racial trauma](#) and may require additional wellbeing support to mitigate the impact of these events.

Black Students, and students of racialised Ethnic Minorities who have experienced increased racial trauma due to the current events surrounding the murder of George Floyd and following news and social media content can and should submit these through the [mitigating circumstances process](#) as normal. Mitigating Circumstances Panels and

tutors who review requests have been made aware of this specific context for current students to ensure that where students raise these issues, they are dealt with sensitively and that students are also directed to appropriate support.

The [Students' Union Statement on Black Lives Matter](#) provides a comprehensive section on support. These sit alongside [Wellbeing Support Services](#).

Examination Boards and trainee outcomes

The PGCE Final Examination Boards will take place as planned, on the following dates:

- Primary PGCE - 3 July 2020
- Secondary PGCE - 7 July 2020

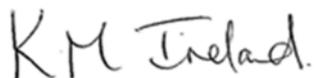
Following the meeting of the final Board of Examiners, recommendations for QTS will be made to the DfE and by no later than 31 July 2020.

Students will be notified of their Examination board's recommendation for awards via data reveal within 3 working days. A Moodle announcement will be issued to notify you to where you can find your information once results have been made available.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes,

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