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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)

- **Work in progress regarding the award of QTS**
- **Student support on course and for wellbeing**
- **Careers guidance and support for online interviews**

QTS update

Critical work continues to ensure we apply a robust, evidence-based approach to assess each student and trainee's trajectory to be recommended for QTS. This week the draft methodology and timeline for implementation is with CTE's Steering Committee representatives and our External Examiners. Alongside this, I have attended SSLC groups to explain this work and to ensure the student voice is one element of our consultation process. If I have not yet attended your specific SSLC, please ensure you inform me of the date and time and I will prioritise my attendance.

CTE Student experience office: Please note that *all CTE staff* are working from home and so are not able to print or mail anything to students for the foreseeable future. We are doing our best to resolve any challenges this poses and almost all of our usual administrative work is continuing remotely. Thank you for your ongoing support in doing our bit to protect our staff and the NHS!

Student Support:

If you are experiencing any issues or difficulties and feel that you would benefit from some support please do contact your personal tutor in the first instance, and thereafter the CTE Senior Tutor, Rachel Cooper (R.A.Cooper@warwick.ac.uk). Your personal tutor will maintain regular contact with you, please ensure that you respond to their emails so that we can be assured that you are safe and well. If you are ill at any time you need to complete the [absence reporting form](#) as normal.

Wellbeing Services are continuing to offer appointments which are either via video or telephone. This includes all of wellbeing; counselling and disability support services as

well as support from mental health nurses. The wellbeing section of MyWarwick is being updated constantly, and has FAQs specifically for students around Coronavirus:

<https://warwick.ac.uk/services/wss/coronavirus-update/>

Brief wellbeing consultations continue to run as usual Monday to Friday 10am to 3pm, they are just by phone now. You can enquire online via the wellbeing portal as you would usually do and one of the advisers will contact you by phone the same day where possible. You can still call us as usual if you are unsure or need to ask anything.

The masterclass which was running every Mon – Thurs at 4.30pm is now available online for you to go through in your own time accompanied by a voiceover to help explain it:
<https://warwick.ac.uk/services/wss/students/masterclass>

Career guidance: Stephanie Redding, link Careers Consultant for CTE is able to provide applications and interview support and careers guidance via e-mail, MS Teams and Skype. Stephanie's career guidance appointments which can be used for mock teaching job interviews are bookable via myAdvantage. Please e-mail Stephanie (S.Redding@warwick.ac.uk) with interview documentation and a copy of your job application if booking a mock interview.

Guidance for being interviewed online: We know that schools are still recruiting for September 2020 with much of this activity moving online. The Careers and Skills Service have a range of guidance regarding being interviewed online which can be accessed at:
<https://warwick.ac.uk/services/careers/faq/#faq-16>

Note: There is the option to engage with a generic mock online interview using this link. A mock interview specifically focussed on teaching is being developed and should be available very shortly!

Further signposting:

Government advice for teachers regarding safeguarding of children (and themselves) throughout the challenges of Covid-19: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/safeguarding-and-remote-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Best wishes,

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