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Subject: Important information regarding immigration
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Dear Jemima

You may have just applied to study a course at Warwick, or are awaiting a decision, or have accepted an offer. Your course is due to start over the next few months in the academic year 2020/21. If your course is due to start within the next six weeks and your offer is unconditional, you might also have received an email inviting you to enrol (complete course registration).

We would like to remind you that the Brexit transitional period ends at 11pm (GMT) on 31 December 2020. **If you are currently a UK resident**, (or are a UK resident but are currently in your home country for a short visit), we trust that many of you have already secured settled or pre-settled status under the [EU Settlement Scheme](#). If you haven't, we would advise that you apply for the EU Settlement Scheme as soon as possible and aim to obtain the status before 31 December 2020 and no by later than 30 June 2021. The application is free and the application process is straight forward. You can find step-by-step guidance and useful information on our [EEA National website](#).

Not lived in the UK before?

If you have not lived in the UK before, then we strongly recommend that you make plans to arrive in the UK before 31 December 2020, where it is possible and fits into your specific personal circumstances. This is because regardless of your course start date, if you travel to the UK before 31 December 2020, you will not be required to apply for a visa in order to study in the UK.

You will be able to travel to the UK the same way as you do now and you may go through the e-Gate if you hold a biometric passport. It would be helpful to have a copy of your offer letter in your hand luggage, in case you are asked the purpose of your travel when crossing the border.

Once you arrive in the UK, you will need to make an application under the '[EU Settlement Scheme](#)' as soon as possible, and no later than 30 June 2021 (it is a free and simple application). Once approved, you will receive a Pre-settled status visa which is valid for five years. We advise you to apply as soon as possible because the period from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021 is considered a 'grace period' and your lawful residence in the UK is best demonstrated by having secured either a pre-settled status or settled status under the scheme. This is especially important if you do not hold a Comprehensive Sickness Insurance or an EHIC card issued by the government of your country of nationality. If you need any help, do [get in touch with us](#).

Please note that the University will be closed between 23 December and 4 January 2021 (inclusive) and so please try to avoid coming to campus during this period as many of our services will be closed.

Not lived in the UK before and arriving after 11pm on 31 December 2020

If you are currently outside the UK, you have not lived in the UK before, and you intend to arrive in the UK after 11pm on 31 December 2020, regardless of your course start date you will be subject to the new UK immigration rules. This means:

- ▶ If you are coming to study for longer than six months, you will need to apply for a UK Student visa from your home country **before** travelling to the UK. This requires a visa application fee of £348, payment of Immigration Health Surcharge (£470 per year of your visa), and you will need to prepare financial documents. You will also need to [request a CAS](#) from your Admissions service.
- ▶ If you are coming to study a course which lasts six months or less (for example, as an incoming study abroad student or a visiting researcher) and you are travelling to the UK using a passport, then you can apply for a Visitor visa on arrival in the UK and you will be permitted to study for up to six months with that visa. This is part of the new Immigration Rules changes announced on 22 October 2020. See our [latest news](#) about Immigration Rules changes.

If you are starting your course before 6 April 2021, it may be possible to study part of your course remotely from your home country, if this is permitted by your academic department. Please read our Arrivals webpage which contains detailed information and guidance: <https://warwick.ac.uk/coronavirus/students/arrival/>.

All the best,

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