

SCHOOL OF EARTH SCIENCES

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Dear

On behalf of the School of Earth Sciences I would like to welcome you to Bristol. We are delighted that you are joining us and I hope that you will enjoy your time with us and find it an exciting and rewarding educational experience. This letter and the information enclosed explains what you can expect during Introductory Week, and what we need you to do beforehand. A full School induction will be held on Thursday 6th October.

A Maths Primer is enclosed and it is absolutely essential that you work through it before you arrive, particularly if you have done no maths since GCSE, in order to be ready for a maths test in Week 1.

Other enclosures include a programme for introductory week, a book list and various information sheets and forms. **The field equipment order form, the preliminary field trip booking form and the unit choice form (if appropriate) should be returned to the School of Earth Sciences by Friday 9th September.**

When you register in the School of Earth Sciences you will receive a timetable and a Handbook, which will give you all the information you need about the School and the first year of your programme. Your timetables for next year will also be available online once your University account has been activated. They are accessed through the 'Timetable' tab on the MyBristol portal reached via the Current Students webpage (<http://www.bris.ac.uk/currentstudents/>).

The Bristol University Geology & Geoscience Society (BUGGS) is organised by students to bring Earth Sciences undergraduates, postgraduates and staff together through social events, fieldtrips and sporting activities; you will be able to join the Society at the beginning of the session.

During the term there will be some day field excursions so you should make sure that you have warm clothing, walking boots and a full set of waterproofs with you. Longer field classes will take place during the vacations. Please make sure your tetanus immunisation is up to date.

Please note there will be Science Faculty progress exams at the beginning of the 2nd term on Friday 13th & Saturday 14th January 2012 and *you must make sure that you are in Bristol on those days*. In the unlikely event of your failing units at the end of the year, resit exams take place during the first 14 days of September and you are advised to avoid booking a holiday at this time.

If you have any queries or if there is anything you think we should know about you which might affect your ability to study in any way please get in touch with Dr Mary Benton (tel 0117 954 5373, e-mail mary.benton@bristol.ac.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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