To all new MSc Volcanology students

Welcome to the MSc Volcanology programme (2021-22 session).

You will receive information from the University and Science Faculty concerning registration and Welcome Week, which will take place from Monday 20th September to Friday 24th September.

During Welcome Week you will register with the Science Faculty and the School, attend a series of presentations about postgraduate life at the University and take part in induction activities within the School of Earth Sciences.

It is essential that you attend the appropriate registration sessions and all of the induction events as a great deal of important and useful information will be provided. Please see the welcome week timetable for details. During the week there will be opportunities to meet with me in person.

Teaching will begin on Monday 27th September and I recommend that you work through the ‘preparation for the MSc Volcanology programme’ document before you arrive. Do let me know during Welcome Week if you think you will need support to brush up on the quantitative skills listed in that document.

The programme includes some optional units. Please complete the optional unit selection form and return it by email by 20th September. This is to encourage you to look at the unit descriptions before you arrive and to give us an early indication of the units you would like to take. You will be able to discuss the options with me on 21 September, during Welcome Week, and if you wish to change any of your choices afterwards you may do so up to 8th October.

The University’s Disability Service [http://www.bristol.ac.uk/disability-services/] offers a wide range of services to ensure that students receive appropriate and accessible support, including adjustments to teaching and assessments. Please contact them if you feel you have issues that may impact your studies. In addition to this central support the School has a Disability Co-ordinator, Dr Mary Benton ([mary.benton@bristol.ac.uk]), who acts as a channel for information about disability matters. It is essential that you also inform Dr Benton of any issues that may affect your studies.

Please note that tuition fees are due by 24th October. It is possible to pay the tuition fees in instalments, but this must be arranged in advance. More details about tuition fee payments and the dates by which instalments must be arranged can be found here: [http://www.bristol.ac.uk/fees-funding/tuition-fees/payment/].

Bench fees of £500 are also payable as stated in your offer letter. Invoices will be raised during early October and are payable within one month of the invoice date.

I look forward to meeting you soon. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

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