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Dear First-Year Student

Congratulations on your exam results, and welcome to the School of Modern Languages and Cultures (SMLC). We are looking forward to meeting you on Monday 2nd October 2017.

Our Starting in October 2017 section of the website provides information on suggested reading (also included with this letter) and will be updated in the near future with details of your first week at Warwick (click on this link: http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/modernlanguages/applying/offerholder/2017).

We realise that after exam results come out, there is very little time in which to prepare yourself for your academic modules; however, we encourage you to sample some of the prescribed texts. Above all we think you should take the opportunity to read as much as you can in both your chosen language(s) and English. Texts can easily be purchased through good internet bookshops but will also be available from the University bookshop on campus once you arrive.

Whilst all students follow language modules specific to their degree combination, other modules can be optional for some students. The link below sets out the choices you have on your particular degree: http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/modernlanguages/applying/undergraduate/courseoutlines/. You will have the opportunity to taste different optional modules in the first week of term so that you can make an informed choice about the one(s) you wish to follow. If you can do a little reading around these modules before you arrive, so much the better!

When you arrive at Warwick, you will receive an induction pack that sets out all the key information you require about your timetable and your modules. You will also attend a number of induction meetings in the first two days of term that will further clarify these things. A timetable of Induction Meetings will be available from this link in the next few weeks: http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/modernlanguages/applying/offerholder/2017/.

All students are assigned a personal tutor who you will meet during this period, and who is available throughout the year to answer questions and address any worries you may have. Do please feel free, therefore, to raise questions with your tutor at this meeting.

Students whose degree combination includes Arabic/Chinese/Russian/Japanese will be requested to complete an online pre-sessional course and we will send further information about how and when to access this soon.

We are very much looking forward to meeting you in a few weeks’ time. In the meantime, if you should have any queries, please email smlcoffice@warwick.ac.uk.

With all good wishes
Yours sincerely

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