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To all new undergraduates

Dear new student

Welcome to Warwick!

Many congratulations upon obtaining a place at Warwick. We in the Department of Statistics look forward to welcoming you here in October, and to helping you make a great start to your University career.

You should by now have received a welcome pack from the University, and most of the contents is also available online at warwick.ac.uk/welcome. Your departmental welcome and preparation information can also be found online, at warwick.ac.uk/stats/courses/newstudent. The main points are:

- (Most urgent) before coming to Warwick you should practise your basic skills in 3 areas of mathematics: differentiation, integration and trigonometry. The Mathematics Institute has provided resources to help you with this (linked from the newstudent page mentioned above), including an online diagnostic test for you to complete. Please follow carefully the advice given about preparing for and completing the diagnostic test.
- Some preparatory reading (a recommended book, Introductory Mathematics: Algebra and Analysis by G. Smith). If you cannot find that in your local library or bookshop, or online (e.g., at Amazon), you can order a copy through the University of Warwick Bookshop (phone +44 (0)2476 523388; email bookshop@warwick.ac.uk).
- Information about your first-day induction meeting (Monday 2nd October at 10:30 a.m. in the Zeeman Building, room MS.01), and about your Course Guide.

That is quite a lot to digest, and we realise of course that you will be busy with other preparations too; but time spent now on getting ready for the start of your academic work here will be amply repaid later.

On behalf of the whole Department, let me wish you every success in your degree course!

Professor Mark Steel
Head of Department