



Tuesday, 30 August 2016

Dear Student,

Week one arrangements for first year Physics students

Welcome to the School of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Nottingham. We are looking forward to your arrival and hope that your stay in Nottingham will be happy, enjoyable and successful.

Course induction for all students on MSci and BSc 'Physics' and 'Physics with' degrees is at **2.00pm on Monday 26th September in Lecture Theatre B1 in the main Physics Building**. After a brief welcome and introduction to the School of Physics and Astronomy you will meet your mentor and personal tutor to talk about your course and arrange your weekly tutorial sessions. This session will end with refreshments in the staff tea room.

During the rest of week one there will be other induction events and registration procedures, as outlined in the attached programme. You will be given a free copy of the first year Physics textbook and receive your course timetable.

You will need to register with the University and the Health Centre; details of these registration procedures can be found on the University web pages at: <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/registration>. It is essential that you attend these events.

Computing facilities are available within the School of Physics and Astronomy and also in all University libraries. If you have your own PC or laptop you may like to bring it with you to University. If you do so, you may wish to consider buying the student edition of MATLAB from MathWorks (<http://www.mathworks.co.uk>), as this is one of the primary software tools used in the Physics courses. It is available from the Blackwell's University Bookshop on campus. We will provide further details about MATLAB in week one.

The School of Physics and Astronomy has an active student run Physics society, PhysSoc, which runs socials, trips, sports teams and other activities for Physics students. In 2014/15 they won the Student Union prize for best society. You can find out about PhysSoc and the activities and events they run via their web-site (<http://www.su.nottingham.ac.uk/societies/society/PhysSoc/>) or twitter (@PhysSocNotts) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/NottinghamPhysSoc>) accounts.

We strongly advise that you attend all the week one events, as it's in your best interests to be well-informed about your course, your university, and your new environment. Above all, induction week is a good opportunity to meet other students and make friends with your peers who, like you, are starting on a new and exciting stage in their life.

We look forward to meeting you soon!

Yours sincerely,

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