

## Welcome to the School of Chemical Engineering 2014!

To help you to get off to a flying start with your studies, and in order to provide you with an early opportunity to make friends with other students, the University has organised a series of events which can be found here: <http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/welcome/index.aspx>. Welcome and induction events relevant to the School of Chemical Engineering and/or the College of Engineering & Physical Sciences can be found here: <http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/welcome/events/listing.aspx?eventkeywords=0641>.

Please make sure you attend these events **but the Induction in your School takes priority over other induction activities**. The link also provides useful information both before you arrive in Birmingham and once you are here.

**VC Welcome Address for the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 from 12-1 pm in the Great Hall, Aston Webb, Building R6**

The Welcome Address events are for all new undergraduate students. This is an opportunity for the Vice-Chancellor to welcome and greet new students in person in the Great Hall, for them to listen to successful graduates from their College and get to know some of the academic staff working with them to deliver an outstanding learning experience. To book your place visit:

<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/welcome/vcwelcome.aspx>.

### **Chemical Engineering Induction Day – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

The Induction Day for the **All New Chemical Engineering Undergraduate students (Foundation Year, Year 1, Direct Entry to Year 2 and Year 3, Exchange including ERASMUS and Science Without Borders (SWB) from Brazil)** will take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> of September in the Main Lecture Theatre LT-124 in Chemical Engineering (Y11, Edgbaston campus map). It will start at 9:55 am, so please aim to arrive at 9:30am when you will be welcomed by the student members of the Chemical Engineering Society. **It is very important to attend the Induction**. The timetable for the academic year will also be available. The Programme of Events for that day is below.

**We look forward to meeting you!**

### **Programme for Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2014 in Chemical Engineering (LT-124), Building Y11**

<b>9:55 am</b>	Assemble in the Main Lecture Theatre LT-124 in Chemical Engineering.
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Welcome and Introduction to the Chemical Engineering programme</b> - Dr Gary Leeke (Admissions Tutor) and Dr Fotis Spyropoulos (1st Year Chair).
<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Introduction to Enquiry Based Learning (EBL)</b> - Dr Andy Ingram
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Introduction to Extenuating circumstances and Welfare</b> - Dr Helen Onyeaka
<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>Introduction to the Birmingham University Chemical Engineering Society (BUCES)</b> - George Morton (Chairperson) and BUCES' Committee Members.
<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Introduction to the Institution of Chemical Engineers (IChemE)</b>
<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Talk on the Coniston Weekend Teambuilding Course</b> - Prof Liam Grover.
<b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>Only Foundation Year &amp; BFA students and Direct Entry to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year students will meet with their Year Chairs for a brief introduction.</b>
<b>12:45 pm</b>	Lunch with members of staff and Chem Eng students from BUCES.
<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Guided tour of the Chemical Engineering building and other lecture theatres around the campus where teaching will take place.</b> The tour will be given by the Chemical Engineering Society members.
<b>2:30 pm</b>	<b>Introduction to the Birmingham Project</b>
<b>2:45 pm</b>	<b>Introduction to the Chemical Engineering Alumni Community</b>
<b>3:00 pm - 4:00 pm</b>	<b>Only First Year students, Exchange students, ERASMUS and SWB will return to Lecture Theatre 124 in Chemical Engineering to meet with their personal tutors and receive their Student Information Pack.</b> The students will fill in and sign the Information for the records form, Avoiding Plagiarism - Learning Agreement, Extenuating Circumstances Guidance, etc.

## **IMPORTANT TEST TO TAKE (First Year Students ONLY) – A NOTE FROM DR ALEX ROBINSON**

All first year students must complete the Mechanics test during the first week of term. The test takes about 1 hour at most and is completed online. Further instructions can be found on the Assignments page of the Support in Mechanics course at:

<https://birmingham.instructure.com/courses/8981>

### **Notes:**

#### **Chemical Engineering Foundation year & BFA students, Direct Entry to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year students**

These students will be briefly welcomed by their Year Chairpersons at 12:30pm in Chem Eng Main lecture theatre LT-124 on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September. These students will attend the morning part of the Induction programme as stated above and are invited for lunch at 12:45pm.

Dr Alex Robinson ([a.p.g.robinson@bham.ac.uk](mailto:a.p.g.robinson@bham.ac.uk)) – Foundation Year Chairperson

Dr Phil Cox ([p.w.cox@bham.ac.uk](mailto:p.w.cox@bham.ac.uk)) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Chairperson

Dr Andy Ingram ([a.ingram@bham.ac.uk](mailto:a.ingram@bham.ac.uk)) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Chairperson

**Induction Programme for All Foundation Year Students including the Birmingham Foundation Academy (BFA) & Home/EU on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 9:30am – 12:00pm in Large LT, S02, second floor, Poynting Physics.**

**Main Introduction to the Home - EU Foundation Year in the College for Engineering and Physical Sciences (EPS)** by Lynn Long – Head of FY in EPS on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1:30 - 2:45pm in Physics West Lecture Theatre 117, first floor, Physics West. Collection of Welcome Packs, Study Guides, Welfare and Support Information. Opportunity to meet key EPS staff involved in FY.

#### **Programme for Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014 – ONLY FOR 1<sup>st</sup> YEAR STUDENTS**

**MODULES OUTSIDE MAIN DISCIPLINE (MOMD) Registration event 2014, Great Hall, Aston Webb Building, R6.**

Today's employers are increasingly seeking to recruit graduates with a broad portfolio of transferable skills in addition to their academic qualifications. Modules Outside the Main Discipline (MOMD) allow students to study a module not normally taught as part of their main programme of study, and in so doing broaden their skills set and breadth of knowledge.

The MOMD Fair gives students the opportunity to choose from over 130 MOMD across a wide range of academic disciplines. The Fair itself will be one of the students' first experiences of a University-level event, and provides us with an excellent opportunity to showcase the University, and its range of academic endeavours, so it is important to make a good first impression.

Please choose a provisional list of Level C MOMDs, except for those students who are registered for the all the **Chemical Engineering with Business Management and Chemical and Energy Engineering Degree Programmes**.

For more information and to download the MOMD handbook visit:

[www.intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/momd](http://www.intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/momd)

**Welcome Party – This will take place during the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of term in October 2014 (date and venue to be announced).**

***All Freshers (New Undergraduate and New Postgraduate students) in the School of Chemical Engineering are invited to attend this social event.***

**Other important websites are listed below where you can find out more about the skills you need to study at university, please read!**

### **Skills4study campus**

Skills4study **campus** is an interactive e-learning resource, focusing on four of the core study skills you'll need for success on your course, which have been adapted from *The Study Skills Handbook* by Stella Cottrell. It offers you a stimulating mix of activities, practice and reflection to help you learn, develop and accelerate your study skills! You will need to have registered in order to be able to log on the Skills4study Campus (<https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/libraryservices/library/skills/studyskills.aspx>) and GEL (Guide to Effective Learning, <http://diglibdr.bham.ac.uk/library/GEL.html>) websites.



### **Library Services Support**

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Our supportive **Learning/Writing Skills Advisors**. The Academic Skills Centre in the Library is the place where you can develop your **academic writing**, **mathematical** and **general academic skills**, and sharpen up the way you approach your studies. We can support you through workshops, drop-in sessions, 1-1 appointments, email, telephone or Skype.

### **Find out more:**

Academic Skills Centre: [www.intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/asc](http://www.intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/asc).

Subject Advisors: <https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/libraryservices/library/subject/index.aspx>.