Dear Prospective Student Teacher,

We are delighted that you have accepted an offer to undertake your PGCE MFL course next year with us here in Bristol. We look forward to welcoming you in September 2024 – it seems a long way off, but the time will fly past. For those of you who would like to undertake some pre-course reading, you will find a list of recommended core texts below, along with some social media sites which may be of interest.

For any of you who wish to update your knowledge about the English school system, can I recommend our annually updated handbook, the Bristol Guide. Particularly valuable for those of you who have not grown up in the English system. You will be given an updated copy of the Guide when you arrive with us in September, but the current version will be useful.

<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/education/expertiseandresources/bristolguide/>

We will be in touch with you all again before the course starts to give you further updates. In the meantime, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

**CORE TEXTS RELATED TO MFL TEACHING**

Pachler, N., Evans, M., Redondo, A. and Fisher, L. (2013) learning to Teach Foreign Languages in the Secondary School, London: Routledge.

Swarbrick, A (ed) (2002) Teaching Modern Languages in Secondary Schools: A Reader, London: Routledge.

Smith, S. & Conti, G. (2016) The Language Teacher Toolkit (independent publication)

Smith, S. (2017) Becoming an Outstanding Languages Teacher

In addition to dipping a toe into the recommended pre-course reading, can I encourage you to engage with some of the excellent social media opportunities which are out there for you. Check out:

<https://www.all-languages.org.uk/> (website of the Association for Language Learning)

<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/mfl/mfl.htm>

@mfltwitterati

[www.facebook.com/groups/secondarymflmatters](http://www.facebook.com/groups/secondarymflmatters)

Global innovative language teachers:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/110170826039641/

Best wishes,

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