

Hello

We are looking forward to you starting your studies with us on the Foundation Degree in Children's Development and Learning on Tuesday 19th September, 14.00 – 20.00.

You should have received emails from Activate Learning and the University of Reading with details of the **on-line enrolment/registration**. This information will be sent to the email you provided on your application form. Please ensure you complete these, one for Activate Learning and one for Reading University. Follow the instructions and keep a note of your details, usernames and passwords. This will generate accounts and emails for both institutions. Any questions please contact headmissions@activatelearning.ac.uk

You will also soon receive an email from the University about **'Study Smart'**. This will provide you with access to a range of useful study skills to support your studies on the Foundation Degree. Make time to do these valuable activities, they are vital to your success as a Foundation Degree student. There are forums, videos, interactive activities.

Topics that will be covered as part of 'Study Smart', include:

- Time management and organisation.
- Academic writing.
- Planning your work.
- Reading and referencing.

Now is a good time to reflect on why you have applied to study the course, the commitment you are making and the gains you want to make. This is an exciting opportunity to become a graduate and enjoy the challenge of learning new things. Engaging in your learning and attending teaching sessions is essential.

Induction on Tuesday 19th September 14.00 – 20.00.

Before Induction:

- Revisit the Padlet discussion board to get to know your peers a little bit better. Add a new post writing about what made you decide to study the FDCDL and what your aims are. If you're feeling brave you might also want to share some hopes and fears. Aim to respond to someone else's post too. <https://padlet.com/janemachin/introductions-and-questions-ke70az2zo4j5x91>
- Access the pre-course site and engage with the sections to support your academic progression. Have a look at the criteria for the hopes and fears assignments which will be set at induction. <https://sites.google.com/view/fdcdl-pre-course/home>
- You may wish to download the mentor agreement and workplace agreement forms and get them signed by the relevant members of your setting.

Please can you bring the following to Induction:

- A picture or item that reflects how you're feeling.
- A resource that you use in the setting that you feel best supports children's holistic development and learning.
- A notebook, pens and maybe highlighters etc.
- **ID (birth certificate/driving licence/passport) to enable you to get your college campus card**

You might also want to bring drink/snack for the break time.

Parking – You are able to park on site at Bracknell and Wokingham College. Your student card will provide access but for this first week, press the reception button at the barrier and explain that you are on the Foundation Degree.

The Induction will give you the opportunity to:

- Get to know the people you will studying with.
- Familiarise yourself with the college.
- Find out more about studying through the University of Reading.
- Meet the tutors.
- Discuss your learning from the Study Smart activities.

There will of course be lots of opportunities to ask questions.

Timetable for Induction Tuesday 21 September 2023, 14.00 – 20.00:

14.00 Please arrive promptly	Meet in the Reception area at Church Road - your College ID is completed and your photo will be taken. Bring in your ID (birth certificate/driving licence/passport)
14.30 – 15.45	Welcome, introductions and housekeeping. Studying the Foundation Degree at Activate Learning - Bracknell and Wokingham College and the University of Reading. Getting to know your peers.
15.45 – 16.15	Break and time – you may like the opportunity to have a look around the college.
16.15 – 17.45	Studying the FD – timetables, modules. Graduate attributes, what it means to study a degree programme. Getting to know your peers.
17.45 – 18.30	Break
18.30 – 19.30	Finding your way around BlackBoard.
19.30	Question and answer Teaching sessions 26/09/23
20.00	End of session

Best wishes

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