

## Welcome Pack 2018-19

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Hello,

I am Marc Webber, your course leader for your degree in BA (Hons) Multimedia Sports Journalism.

**Welcome to Northampton. We cannot wait to see you here for Welcome Week starting Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**

Our brand-new Waterside campus is open for business and waiting for you. You will get to study in new studios and classrooms and we are here to support you.

But that is not all. Northamptonshire's sporting venues are ready to roll out the red carpet to give you a chance to report on all the sport we have to offer. Everything from top flight rugby, EFL football, motor racing at Silverstone, cricket, horse racing, parasport and so much more. All the clubs want to help you have a go and support your learning through doing.

And this town has lots of great things for you to do. A great bar scene; free student sports clubs; major shopping centres; an award-winning theatre; beautiful parks. The university even has its own radio station.

We will give you a **free HP laptop** when you arrive because you will always need a device of some sort during lectures and sessions. You don't need to bother buying one – unless you have actively chosen to receive a discount on your accommodation instead.

### **Getting ready for your course – what can you do?**

Enjoy your holiday and come to us relaxed and keen is the main thing you should do!

But there are a couple of things you should do before you join us which will be of big help when you start:-

**Useful reading:** There are two books we will be using a lot in your first year. We do have copies you can loan in our library, but if you could buy your own copies and read some of them now, it really will give you a head start.

*They are:*

Sports Journalism: The Inside Track by James Toney

McNae's Essential Law for Journalists (24<sup>th</sup> edition). *Please* make sure you get the **24<sup>th</sup>** edition..NOT the 23<sup>rd</sup> or earlier as they cover old laws that don't exist anymore.

**Useful research:** Start reading, listening and watching as much sports coverage as possible. You need to be on top of ALL sports news every day (not just football).

Follow the big sports news brands on social media (such as Sky Sports News, BBC, talkSPORT, Telegraph, Sun etc) and always keep on asking yourself why one covers sport in one way and another does something else.

Also, start sniffing around sports that you have absolutely no idea about. You will have to cover all sports and the politics/money of sport. What can you teach yourself about these?

We will discuss your thoughts on the big stories when you arrive. Be ready to be quizzed on sports news, especially your growing knowledge of sport in Northamptonshire, which will be your 'patch' for the next three years.

### **Welcome Week 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> September**

This is the week we get you sorted. You get your timetable, meet your lecturers and classmates, find your way round campus and the town, handle your first story and hear from your first guest speakers from industry. And to ease you in, Monday will allow you to visit the Freshers' fair stalls in the middle of town to find out about the free Student Union sports clubs you can join and things to do in Northampton.

### **What you will be studying in your first year**

Teaching starts straight after Welcome Week and we run right through until Friday 14th December. There is no half term at university. An average week will consist of 16 hours of face to face lectures, so there will be days when you are not physically in a lecture room.

These are days to do assignments, do extra reading and have the chance to cover sport with real teams and practice your skills.

*Here are the modules you will be studying in the first year...*

JOU1013 The International Sports Industry- how does sport work? Who's in charge? Where does the money come from? How does sport deal with scandals (e.g. drug taking) and controversy?

JOU1012 Writing for Sports Journalism: You learn to write match reports, features and round-ups of sports events. It's all about how you find the story and how you tell it.

JOU1014 Sports News Skills: by the time you finish this unit, you will have the skills to make TV and radio sport reports. You will also produce radio and TV sports programmes.

JOU1017 Law for Journalists: No one wants to be sued. You learn how to stay legally safe. . . and keep your job.

JOU1018 Public Affairs for Journalists: What power does central and local government have over sport? Who would you talk to in Parliament or the council about a sports story?

SPO 1007 Sport in Society- The sociology of sport. How do issues of race, gender and power effect sport?

**And that's it...for now.**

Stay in touch with me on email over the summer if you have any questions.

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**And, this will be you soon...**



	Monday 24/09/2018	Tuesday 25/09/2018	Wednesday 26/09/2018	Thursday 27/09/2018	Friday 28/09/2018
<b>9.00 -11am</b> <b>11-1pm</b>	<p><b>9am -11am.</b> If you can, try to <b>REGISTER/Enrol</b> Now &amp; pickup laptop. <i>*It will make it easier to get access around campus with an ID card the earlier you register.</i></p> <p><b>10am STUDENT UNION FRESHERS FAIR</b> (Go to <b>the market in Northampton Town Centre</b> to find out about &amp; sign up for free sports &amp; societies and see what the town has to offer.)</p>	<p><b>10am</b> Multimedia Sports Journalism students to meet in <b>Creative Hub reception lobby</b> and one of lecturers will collect you.</p> <p>1130-1 studio session intro - <b>TV and radio studios</b></p>	<p><b>9.30am-12pm</b> Room LH125 (Learning Hub) <b>Subject Session</b></p>	<p>10 am &amp; noon Tours of BBC Northampton</p> <p>10 am &amp; noon Tours of BBC Northampton</p>	<p>11.30-12 Room SN211 (Senate) So are you ready to start? Making sure all your questions answered ready for term 1</p>
<b>1pm – 2pm</b>	<p>Saints rugby, NTFC and Silverstone will have a stand there.</p>	<p>Welcome from your Personal Tutor in room <b>SN101 (1.30-2) (Senate building)</b></p>			<p><b>1-4pm</b> Room LH126 (Learning Hub) <b>Meet the people here to help you learn</b> Hear from the people who can support you with understanding academic demands. Short talks from our Changemaker, Learning Dev, and Library teams as well as your subject leader.</p>
<b>2pm – 3pm</b>	<p><b>230-4 pm MEET ME DROP-IN</b> at <b>Platform</b>. No obligation. But I'm In our SU by Lloyds bank.</p>	<p>Your <b>Personal Tutor</b> will then have individual talks with you for 15 mins.</p> <p>Students also have chance to register and pick up their laptops at this time (if they are not in halls)</p>		<p><b>2-3pm Meet Your Buddy</b> – You will be introduced to a 2<sup>nd</sup> year who will be able to tell you everything about the course. <b>ENGINE SHED CAFE</b></p>	
<b>3pm – 6pm</b>				<p><b>3-6PM 'MEET THE MEDIA (&amp; DRINKS)</b> SN210 (Senate Building)</p>	
<b>745pm (Mon only)</b>	<p><b>Rugby match</b> – Wandies V Sale at Franklin's Gardens (ko 745)</p>				

