

*Welcome to the BSc(Hons) Professional Sound and Video Technology*

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Hello and welcome to the BSc(Hons) Professional Sound and Video Technology. I'm the programme leader and I'm looking forward to welcoming you in person on 22<sup>nd</sup> September at MediaCityUK. Please come to room 3.11 at 11:00. You can find information on how to get here at: <http://www.salford.ac.uk/mediacityuk/location>.

**About my role**

As programme leader, my job is ensuring that the course runs smoothly and that you, the students, are happy. So, it's important that you feel able to talk to me if you have any concerns (or if you just want to tell me about how great the course is!). You can catch me in a class (I'll be teaching you all web design), give me a ring or email me. It's easy to arrange an appointment to see me and we can normally do this within 24 hours. I'm afraid that the layout at MediaCityUK means you can't just call by my desk. My contact details are at the top of this letter. You also need to keep in mind that I have almost 200 students on the course (over 3 years), I'm afraid that I might not remember all your names to start with. If you see me around, please stop me and say hello. Tell me something interesting about yourself to help me remember you!

**About me**

My area of expertise is web design and I will be taking you for the web design modules in year 1 and year 2. I also take final year projects in web design if you are particularly interested in this area. Outside my classes, I'm mainly involved in making sure the course runs smoothly.



Outside the University, I'm a member of Kinder Mountain Rescue Team, a keen cyclist (having just returned from a 3 week tour in Scotland) and am trying to improve my finger-picking guitar playing.

**Finding out what's happening**

I use your University email address to contact you, so it's very important to keep an eye on this. Once it's set up, check it every day.

This year I'm going to try sending updates via YouTube. Check out the first one here: <http://youtu.be/GBbckJhZBqQ>

**About induction**

When you arrive, we will run an induction week that is designed to help you feel comfortable with us. There will be a range of activities: some run by the course team and some by the University. Please make sure that you attend them all. There's quite a transition between college/school and

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university, and some students find this quite difficult. We'll talk about this a lot in induction week and show you how to cope.

### **Getting started**

After your long summer off, I'm sure that you will be keen to get started on the course. Over the next three weeks the modules that you are studying will gradually become available on our electronic classroom called Blackboard ([blackboard.salford.ac.uk](http://blackboard.salford.ac.uk)). Have a browse through this information, but don't worry too much about the detail. You will be taught this over the whole of the academic year. I recommend that you get started and attend a few classes before worrying about buying books, computers or software. We'll go through all that at the start of each module.

For other information about getting started check out: <http://www.getready.salford.ac.uk/> and <http://students.salford.ac.uk>

### **And finally**

Enjoy the last of your holiday and I look forward to seeing you in a couple of weeks.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like advice or help on anything before you arrive.

Best wishes

Dave

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