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Hello!

I hope this letter finds you well. This is just a short message to say we are looking forward to you seeing you when you start your MA in Sports Broadcast Journalism at Southampton Solent University in September.

Please do make sure you attend Welcome Week, which begins for you on Wednesday 23 September. We have some fun and exciting workshops where you'll be hearing from industry speakers, graduates and, more importantly, meeting your new course-mates for the first time and getting to know some of the kit you'll be using.

As we only have a year together, we need to hit the ground running so your teaching will begin on Friday 25 September at 10am in our newsroom (JM020). Please keep this date free.

Before then, there are a few useful things to tell you, to help you get ready.

Firstly, immerse yourself in sports journalism as a critical consumer. We encourage you to listen and watch sports shows and content (social media, documentaries, podcasts, etc.), but don't 'just' watch them, start analysing what you see and hear, and try to understand what makes it work (or not!).

It's also useful to have an SD card (8GB or 16GB) for audio and video work and investing in an external hard drive (1TB or more) to back up your work throughout your course.

One last thing: alongside the study, there will be opportunities to play in organised sport throughout the year if you want to. We have many teams and clubs at Solent, and our indoor sports complex is waiting for you to try it out!

That only leaves me to say we're excited to start working with you in the meantime, if you have any questions, please do feel free to contact me.

All the best,

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