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Dear Geography trainees,

Once again, many congratulations on being offered a place on the PGCE course in Geography at the University of Manchester.

It's been a very strange time but regardless the course will be starting in September 14th at 10am via zoom, which I'll email closer to the time to you all.

The course is fantastic and the online experience is still very good, you'll be happy to know that I have loads of experience of teaching online. We'll stick to 10am start times, and flexible afternoon.

Our complete list of set texts for Geography PGCE Specialist Subject Studies course has now been confirmed and you should purchase the following books before the beginning of the course:

- Cowley, S. (4th edition, 2010) Getting the Buggers to Behave London, Continuum, **ISBN: 9781441173140**
- Balderstone, D. Secondary Geography Handbook. Geographical Association. ISBN 9781843771654
- Biddulph, M. et al. 3rd Edition. Learning to Teach Geography in the Secondary School. ISBN 978113877944-0
- Ginnis, P. The Teacher Toolkit, **ISBN-10: 1899836764**

You will be required to read extracts from them during the course which will supplement material that is covered in seminars and lectures.

All of the above books will be available from Blackwell University Bookshop, The Precinct Centre, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9RN, Tel: 0161 274 3331, Email: Manchester@Blackwell.co.uk and online.

Before arriving at the University you should read the following:

- Chapter 1 in Biddulph, M 3RD Edition. Learning to Teach Geography in the Secondary School. Routledge.
- Part 1 in Lambert D & Jones M. Debates in Geography Education. Routledge ISBN 9780415687799. (Also well work buying).

In addition, if you are looking for some light reading over the summer:

- Smith, J. (2002) The Learning Game, London, Little, Brown Book Group
- Phinn, G. (1999) The Other Side of the Dale, Penguin Books Ltd
- Gilbert, F. (2005) I'm a Teacher, Get me out of here!, Short Books Ltd

(All the above books give amusing accounts of teachers' experiences – good beach reading!)

- Haddon, M. (2003) The curious incident of the dog in the night time, London, Vintage

- Dawson, J. (2004) *Wild Boy*, Sceptre

(The two books above are both works of fiction, but give good accounts of Asperger's Syndrome and autism respectively; they are fascinating reading).

Prior to the start of the course it is important that you join the Geographical Association for UK and worldwide Geography Teachers.

http://geography.org.uk/login_join.asp

Over the summer you are advised to do some Geography subject knowledge development and revision so please spend some time looking at GCSE and A 'level revision guides and course books. Have a go at completing the attached audit, don't worry about subject gaps as we have a lot of time to build that up.

If you are spending some time abroad (or having a staycation), remember to start collecting Geography material which could be used in the classroom to inspire your new pupils. These could be,

- Magazines and comics
- Brochures from tourist information centres
- Post cards of geographical features
- Recordings, e.g. of adverts, weather forecasts and cartoons
- Tickets and receipts of tourist attractions to build up a case study of places you've visited.

For the first Geography session on induction day (Monday, 10th September) you will need a geography artefact from a recent holiday or adventure to present to the group. It will be used in an ice-breaking activity and you can take it home with you again afterwards.

If you have any queries over the summer please do not hesitate to contact the team.

Kind regards and see you in September.

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