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*Undergraduate*

# Handbook

BA (Hons) Early Years Education and Professional Practice  
with Early Years Practitioner Status (EYPS)

Cardiff School of Education and Social Policy



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# Introduction

## Welcome to Cardiff Metropolitan University



Congratulations on starting your Cardiff Met Journey! We have put together a series of activities and events to help you get to know Cardiff Met, connect with your programme of study, and meet staff and other students.

Welcome Week provides you with the opportunity to settle into Cardiff Met and to get involved with your programme of study right from the start. During Welcome Week you will be involved in a group project which will provide you with a taste of what you can expect during your studies at Cardiff Met. You will also be able to:

1. Meet your Personal Tutor, Programme Director, and fellow students.
2. Attend social activities and events on campus.
3. Work on a group project and present findings back to programme team.
4. Get to know the Cardiff Met campuses and surrounding areas.
5. Find out what services we have available to support you on your Cardiff Met journey.

When you turn up for your first day you will meet your Personal Tutor who will provide academic support and guidance during your time of study at Cardiff Met. They will also give you your Cardiff Met student card - as long as you've uploaded your photograph!

Please make sure that you attend the activities planned by your programme during Welcome Week, so you are prepared to start your Cardiff Met journey.

Finally, I hope you enjoy your time studying at Cardiff Met and I look forward to meeting you during Welcome Week.

Yours sincerely,

*Cheryl Anthony*

Programme Director



# Essential Information

## Programme Details

The programme aims to support students to develop their understanding of theories and contexts related to early years education and professional practice, producing high quality and employability focussed graduates with an aptitude to combine theory and practice. Students will consider theory in relation to the implications for their own professional practice, allowing them to evaluate and develop appropriate pedagogical approaches to work with babies, young children, families, and the community. There is a strong emphasis on the professional development aspect of the programme through placement opportunities that link to leadership, management, and entrepreneurial skills, which will further enhance employability opportunities.



## Part-Time Students

Whilst full-time students should participate in everything, we recognise you may not be able to do everything because of other commitments, and we understand this.

Talk with your Personal Tutor about which activities will be most valuable for you. You will be welcome to join in all events during the week, as and when you can. Do, though, ensure that you have registered, and completed the required paperwork before attending any events.

## International Students

We understand that for international students coming to the UK, adjusting to a new culture; finding somewhere suitable to live and following new processes and procedures can be quite overwhelming. The Global Student Advisory Service is available to offer friendly advice and support to all international students in relation to welfare concerns, academic skills, and



immigration matters. For more information about the services available, access the links below:

Global Student Advisory Support

[Global Student Advisory Service International Welfare Advice](#)

[Global Student Advisory Service International Academic Advice](#)

[Global Student Advisory Service Immigration Advice](#)

Global Student Advisory Contacts

Welfare advice – [intstudentadvice@cardiffmet.ac.uk](mailto:intstudentadvice@cardiffmet.ac.uk)

It is also important that you attend the activities planned for your course during Welcome Week, so you get to meet your Programme Directors, Tutors, and the rest of your cohort. This will help you to settle into your new environment and make new friends.



# Meet the Team

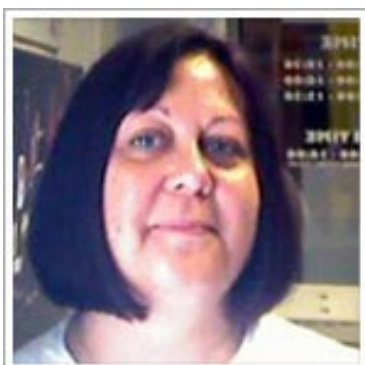


Cheryl Anthony  
Programme Director



My name is Cheryl Anthony, and I am the Programme Director (PD) for the programme. My background is primary teaching and I have taught children from nursery through to Year 6. I deliver several different modules over the three years of the programme. In Year 1, I contribute to the Professional Development 1 module. This module will focus on the placement aspect of the programme. I also teach Year 2 and 3 modules related to research methods and the independent project.

Sandra Dumitrescu



Hi, I'm Sandra. My background is in children's palliative care (hospice) and therefore I tend to focus on the health and well-being of children, but I am interested in all areas of children's development and learning. You will be seeing me throughout your three years at Cardiff Metropolitan University as I lead and teach on various modules throughout the programme. In Year 1, I will see you on the Professional Development 1 module and the Developing Child 2 module. I am also the Year 3 Tutor.

Laura Dobson



Hi, I'm Laura. I am one of the lecturers in the Early Years team (Welsh Medium – but I will also be delivering modules in English). This is a new role to me having spent 18 years as a Primary school teacher. As a previous Foundation Phase leader, I am passionate about the Early Years, having spent most of my teaching career with children aged between 3-7.

I will be teaching Year 1 – term 1 - 'Developing Child 1' module, and then in the



	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> term I will be delivering the 'Play and Early Learning module'.</p> <p>Year 2 – I will be delivering the 'Pedagogy and Practice in the Early Years' module as well as contributing to the 'Professional Development 2 – Working with others' module.</p> <p>I will also be coming out to placements throughout the year over the different year groups, I look forwards to meeting and working with you all.</p>
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# Welcome Week

## What to expect

During the week you will complete a project, which you will undertake with a group of other new students from your programme, supported by staff and current students who are on your programme. There will also be lots of help from the other university services, showing some great tools and techniques you can use to make your project a success.



At the end of the week, we will also give you some feedback on the strengths of your group's approach, sharing and celebrating what we have discovered together.

There will be an introduction to your new School and Programme and lots of fun activities to help you meet new people.

You will need to complete a bit of administration and check-in with your programme, so we know who is doing what, and when. You will also need to complete any outstanding enrolment matters, pick up Students' Union cards, and touch base with any specialised support services that you need.

## Here's what Cardiff Met students enjoyed about Welcome Week

*"Helped me settle in and took the pressure off travelling to a new place"*

*"The group projects to find out about our peers was a nice way of getting to know everyone"*

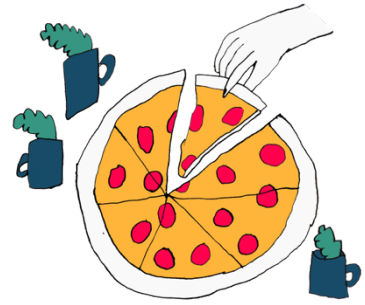
*"Helpful to chat informally to the Programme Director and chat about random things to help settle in".*





## Programme Activities and Project

The Welcome Week project will allow you to work together and develop your problem-solving skills. You will be provided with an action learning scenario related to Early Years Education in a fictitious place called Metville. Your task will be to devise ways to promote the importance of Early Years Education within the community by upgrading the local facilities and ensuring this can be sustained for the future.



## Freshers' Fayre

The Freshers' Fayre, organised by the [Students' Union](#), is your first chance to meet all our [SU Societies](#), [SU Sports Teams](#) and of course a chance to grab all manner of freebies from our commercial partners! The fayre is an all-day event taking place on Wednesday within NIAC on the Cyncoed campus! It is one of the highlights of the Freshers calendar and one of the only times during your university journey that every student from all Cardiff Met schools will be in the same place!

Head over to the [Cardiff Met Students' Union website](#) for up-to-date information on events, societies, support and more.



## Welcome Week Activities (Foundation and Undergraduate)

During Welcome Week you will have the opportunity to:

- Attend a welcome meeting with your Programme Director and meet the team, where they will provide an introduction and outline expectations.
- Meet other students on your programme of study.
- Meet your Personal Tutor.
- Take part in a welcome week project with other students on your programme of study and present the findings from your project to staff and peers.
- Familiarise yourself with the campus.
- Explore what services are available to support you on your learner journey.
- Attend Fresher's Fayre on Wednesday.
- Attend a programme Meet & Greet Inspirational Session.
- Familiarise yourself with the digital tools you will be expected to use during your studies.
- Take part in a 'wrap up' session, reflect on the week and make sure you know what your timetable is looking like for the first week of teaching.
- Attend the Cardiff Met celebration event on Friday afternoon.

Please note you will find a detailed timetable for your programme of study on the Welcome Week site.



## Personal Welcome Week Checklist

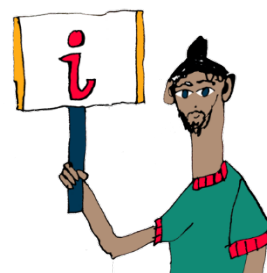


During Welcome Week you need to make sure that you have:

- Completed the enrolment process.
- Collected your student ID card.
- Attended programme activity sessions.
- Attended some social events on campus/online.
- Attended Fresher's Fayre
- Met with your Personal Tutor
- Familiarised yourself with the library and any support services you might need e.g.,  
Dyslexia or Disability help
- Provided information to help us find a suitable placement setting for you.



# Useful Information



## New Students Information

The [Course Joining Information website](#) has lots of useful information to help with your planning. Simply select your level of entry on the website to find out more and access your important joining information.

## Student Services

[Student Services](#) provide support and guidance, including mental health, disability support, careers advice, information on part-time jobs and money management.

## SU Welcome Guide

An interactive guide to help you navigate your journey into and throughout your university life. Take the tour and enjoy each section designed to help you get to know Cardiff Met.

[What you need to know before you go](#)

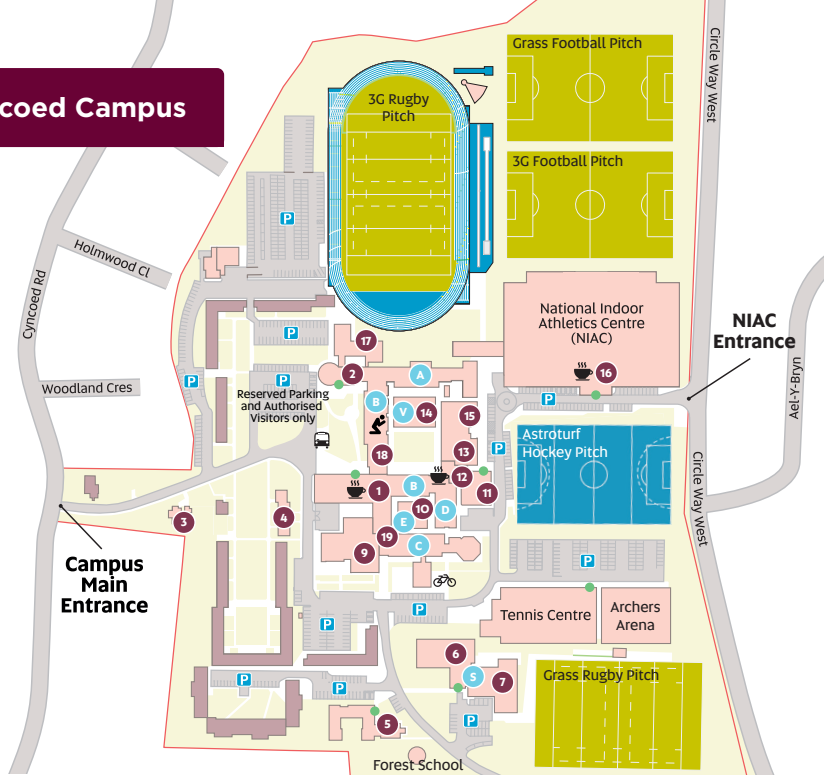


## Academic Calendar 2023/24

[Academic Calendar 2023/2024](#)



# Cyncoed Campus



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All our rooms use the same naming formula – *Building Floor . Room Number*. So if you're looking for 01.18, go to building O, climb to the first floor, and find room number 18. Or for B0.10 go to building B, stay on the ground floor and look for room 10. In the naming formula, 'CY' refers to Cyncoed.



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