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Message sent on behalf of Dr Mahbod Ghaffari

Dear Students,

Congratulations on being offered a place to read Persian Studies at Cambridge. A warm welcome to you.

All students starting Persian from scratch are expected to have some knowledge of the Persian script at the start of the term. Although we do not expect they read Persian words fluently, they should be able to distinguish the letters and their sound as well as how to write and join them.

Actually Persian script is based on/derived from Arabic script; however it has 4 more letters. Persian like Arabic is written from right to left, but pronunciation of Persian alphabet is comparatively less difficult than the one in Arabic. To help with this, please visit the link below, where you can watch the animations and videos and learn how Persian letters and vowels sound and are written. <http://www.persianlanguageonline.com/alphabet/>

There is preparatory reading for Persian at <https://www.ames.cam.ac.uk/preparatory-reading-persian>

If you have any queries please contact Ms Francesca Barraud (Undergraduate Programmes Administrator: [ug\\_progadmin@ames.cam.ac.uk](mailto:ug_progadmin@ames.cam.ac.uk))

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