Greetings Students,

I hope this email finds you in good health and spirits, and that you’ve settled nicely into the new term.

For those of you who are starting or continuing to develop your coding skills, you may sometimes find yourself wishing you had access to more coding support. We are very fortunate to have three experienced coding instructors in the department – Saskia, Panpan and Collins (all cc’d), who will be facilitating weekly group Coding Therapy sessions starting on Wednesday 15th October.

**What are these “Coding Therapy” sessions?**

The department will be offering drop-in coding support to all undergraduate and postgraduate students throughout both Term 1 and Term 2. These sessions are designed to:

* Help students develop their coding skills (e.g. in R/RStudio, Python, Matlab)
* Troubleshoot any technical or software-related issues
* Provide an informal and mutually supportive space to discuss coding challenges and get help from others

In Term 1, the drop-in sessions will take place every **Wednesday from 3:00pm to 5:00pm** in the following locations:

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| **Dates** | **Room Location** |
| 15/10 | Room G17, North-West Wing |
| 22/10 | Room G17, North-West Wing |
| 29/10 | Room G17, North-West Wing |
| Reading Week |  |
| 12/11 | Room G17, North-West Wing |
| 19/11 | Room G17, North-West Wing |
| 26/11 | Room 304, North-West Wing |
| 03/12 | Room G17, North-West Wing |
| 10/12 | Room G17, North-West Wing |

Saskia, Panpan and Collins will be there to guide you through any coding issues and provide support to the best of their abilities.

**About Saskia Hagan-Fellows (**[**ucfash7@ucl.ac.uk**](mailto:ucfash7@ucl.ac.uk)**)**

Saskia is a second-year PhD student at the Natural History Museum and the University of St Andrews, working on spectral analysis methods for geological context instruments onboard the ExoMars rover. Her research focuses on developing and applying Python-based data analysis tools to interpret planetary surface data, using techniques such as machine learning. She is happy to support students with coding and data analysis in Python and RStudio.

**About Collins Adu Takyi (**[**c.takyi@ucl.ac.uk**](mailto:c.takyi@ucl.ac.uk)**)**

Collins is a third-year PhD student at the University of East London. His research lies in the fields of Business and Economics, examining the impacts of macroeconomic policies in the Global South, particularly on economic growth in West African countries such as Ghana. He has experience teaching and supporting students with coding and data analysis in statistical software such as Python and RStudio.

**About Panpan Zhang (**[**panpan.zhang.25@ucl.ac.uk**](mailto:panpan.zhang.25@ucl.ac.uk)**)**

Panpan is a first-year PhD student in the Department of Geography. Her research focuses on analysing transaction data from Salad Money to better understand financial behaviour and patterns. Before beginning her PhD, she completed an MSc in Advanced Computing at King’s College London and gained professional experience working in the banking sector and at Shopee. She is an experienced Python user and is also familiar with other programming languages such as R.

Thanks and best wishes,