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Dear Fresher

PREVIOUSLY MATRICULATED UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS JOINING ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE IN OCTOBER 2021

We are looking forward to welcoming you to St Catherine's College in October, at the beginning of Michaelmas Term. We trust you will find in St Catherine's both a welcoming environment and a great deal of intellectual stimulus. As you will read in the College Information and Regulations, the primary goal of St Catherine's is the pursuit of academic excellence, and we know that you share that ideal. We hope that the academic course you have chosen will prove both challenging and rewarding. The Senior Tutor and the Academic Registrar have responsibility, under the Master, for the general oversight of the academic life of the College, and we can assure you that it is extremely rich! Your first academic relationship will be that formed with your College Subject Tutors; but we hope that beyond them, you will always feel free to call on either of us to discuss any aspect of your work.

We are writing now chiefly to give you a lot of practical information which you will need at this stage and to which the rest of this letter must be devoted.

Your arrival in the College. New students are expected to arrive between Saturday 2 October and Tuesday 5 October. We will ask you in September to book a date and time to move into your room.

Michaelmas Full Term starts on Sunday 10 October and ends on Saturday 4 December. You will need to vacate your room by 10.00 a.m. on Sunday 5 December unless you have obtained permission to reside in College during the vacation. Term dates for the remainder of the year are as follows: Hilary Term, Thursday 13 January to Saturday 12 March; Trinity Term, Thursday 21 April to Saturday 18 June, and students are required to return to Oxford not later than 12 noon on Thursday 13 January and Thursday 21 April.

St Catherine's College induction programme. A timetable of meetings and events is being arranged for your first few days in St Catherine's, at which you will have the opportunity to meet with the Master, the Senior Tutor, the Academic Registrar and other College Officers, including those particularly responsible for welfare, and the officers of the Junior Common Room. The timetable will be emailed to you around the middle of September.

Meetings with Tutors. You will have meetings with your Tutors soon after you arrive in Oxford, normally on the morning of Wednesday 6 October, and details will be emailed to you. You should expect to be set work to be completed prior to your first tutorial or class the following week.

Accommodation. All undergraduate students are required to live in College for their first year (unless they have a special reason for living out and have sought and obtained permission from the Senior Tutor), and a room has been reserved for you. Please complete and sign the Residential Agreement and return the first page to us by **Thursday 9 September**.

St Catherine's College Student Contract. Please complete and sign the St Catherine's College Student Contract and University Card Form, and return it to us by **Thursday 9 September**.

Photographs. We should be grateful if you would also let us have **two** additional photographs (passport-style) of yourself with your name clearly printed on the back of each of them by **Thursday 9 September**.

If you have any questions about any part of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the College at the email address at the top of this letter. Please return the reply form as soon as possible, and, in any case, **not later than Thursday 9 September.**

With best wishes

Professor Marc Mulholland
Senior Tutor

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Academic Registrar