

August 2021

Dear Fresher

**GRADUATE STUDENTS MATRICULATING IN OCTOBER 2021**

We are looking forward to welcoming you to St Catherine's College in October. 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.

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 and college induction programme.** We expect new students to arrive in Oxford by Tuesday 5 October. 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 Tutor for Graduates and other College Officers, including those particularly responsible for welfare, and the officers of the Middle Common Room. The timetable will be emailed to you around the middle of September.

Michaelmas Full Term starts on Sunday 10 October and ends on Saturday 4 December. 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.

**Accommodation.** Notification about whether or not the College has been able to reserve College accommodation for you has been emailed to you.

**Academic dress (subfusc).** You will be required to wear academic dress (called 'subfusc' for University examinations, and some other formal occasions. Academic dress is a dark suit with dark socks, or a dark skirt with black tights or stockings, or trousers with dark socks; a dark coat if required; black shoes; plain white collared shirt or blouse; a black tie or white bow tie; plus a mortar board or soft cap and advanced student gown. Mortar boards, soft caps, black ties, white bow ties, and gowns are readily available from any Oxford academic outfitter.

**Photographs.** We should be grateful if you would also let us have **two** photographs (passport-style) of yourself with your name clearly printed on the back of each of them by **Thursday 16 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 16 September**.

With best wishes

Professor Ashok Handa  
Tutor for Graduates

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Academic Registrar