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Dear Fresher

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS MATRICULATING IN OCTOBER 2022

We are looking forward to welcoming you to St Catherine's College in October, at the beginning of the 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 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. We shall expect you to arrive between Sunday 2 October and Tuesday 4 October.

Michaelmas Full Term starts on Sunday 9 October and ends on Saturday 3 December. You will need to vacate your room by 10.00 a.m. on Sunday 4 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 12 January to Saturday 11 March; Trinity Term, Thursday 20 April to Saturday 17 June 2023, and students are required to return to Oxford not later than 12 noon on Thursday 12 January and Thursday 20 April 2023.

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.

St Catherine's College induction programme. A timetable of meetings and events has been 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 and other College Officers, including those particularly responsible for welfare, and the officers of the Junior Common Room.

Meetings with Tutors. You will have meetings with your Tutors soon after you arrive in Oxford, normally on the morning of Wednesday 5 October (details of when and where will be provided in the registration pack that you will receive when you arrive). You should expect to be set work to be completed prior to your first tutorial or class the following week.

Academic dress (subfusc). 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 gown. Mortar boards, soft caps, black ties, white bow ties, and gowns are readily available from any Oxford academic outfitter.

With best wishes

Professor Marc Mulholland
Senior Tutor