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Dear Visiting Student,

I am writing to welcome you to St Catherine's College and to tell you something about arrangements on the day of your arrival here. We will soon be in touch again with more information about studying in Oxford and living in St Catherine's.

We shall expect you to arrive between Sunday 2 October and the morning of Tuesday 4 October. The week beginning 3 October is known as Freshers' Week, and it is a time when you are introduced to all aspects of life in the College and in Oxford generally. We will send you a full timetable of Freshers' Week nearer the time. This will include some obligatory sessions, such as registration and a meeting with the Master, the Home Bursar, the Senior Tutor, the Dean and other officers, who will explain what their role in College is. It will also include a broad range of events organised by the JCR (Junior Common Room, the body of all undergraduates in College).

During Freshers' Week, you will also meet with your Director of Studies for Visiting Students, Naomi Freud, to discuss your academic needs and any welfare matters. You will also receive emails from Helen Alexander, Visiting Student Administrator, with lots of information to help you prepare for your arrival.

The term, called Michaelmas term, starts properly on Monday 10 October. All terms are 8 weeks, so the last day of term will be 2 December. The term weeks are quite intense as far as the academic works goes, but if you organise your time there should be plenty of time to engage in your favourite extra-curricular activities, or indeed try some new ones.

The documents you need to respond to can be found at [www.stcatz.ox.ac.uk/new-students/visiting-students](http://www.stcatz.ox.ac.uk/new-students/visiting-students) and they are:

- 1 Residential agreement (this is a contract outlining the conditions relating to your accommodation in College)
- 2 Emergency contact details form
- 3 College doctor's registration form (you must register with a GP in Oxford), if you have not done so already.

The documents 1-3 can all be done electronically and should be returned to the College, by email to [helen.alexander@stcatz.ox.ac.uk](mailto:helen.alexander@stcatz.ox.ac.uk) before you arrive.

I look forward to meeting you all at the Visiting Student welcome drinks reception and dinner on Tuesday 11 October 2022.

I very much hope that the next term will be the beginning of a fruitful and happy period as a member of St Catherine's College, and I look forward to meeting you in October.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'KB', written in a cursive style.

Professor Kersti Börjars