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Dear Student

I have enclosed some suggested reading which you might like to do over the vacation to prepare you for the 1st year course in October.

Nessa Carey: The Epigenetics Revolution, Junk DNA, Hacking the Code of Life -How Genome Editing Will Rewrite Our Futures.

BASC booklets

<http://www.biochemistry.org/Education/Schoolresources/Biochemistrybooklets.aspx>

You may also wish to read The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot <http://rebeccaskloot.com/the-immortal-life/> as this gives a very interesting account of the origins of one of our most commonly used human cell lines

For those who have limited Maths knowledge, do not panic. Departmental classes will be arranged when you arrive at Oxford to bring you up to the standard required.

Don't buy any textbooks to support the course yet. When you arrive you can talk to the other Catz 2nd-4th year biochemists to see which textbooks/online resources are most useful. There are also opportunities to buy second-hand books, and Catz has a well-stocked library of the more useful texts.

I look forward to meeting you all in October.

Yours sincerely

Professor Penny Handford