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Congratulations on your excellent results. We are looking forward to welcoming you to St Catherine's in October.

You may be wondering whether there is any work which you should be doing in preparation for starting the course in October, or books that you should buy in advance. There is no need to prepare any specific work before you arrive, and I would encourage you to take a well-deserved rest before starting your course.

If you are interested to see the topics covered in the first term, the following classic textbooks are a good starting place:

Physiology by Berne and Levy, 6th edition (Koeppen Stanton)

Anatomy and Physiology: The Unity of Form and Function, Saladin (McGrawHill)

Biochemistry, Berg et al., (Freeman)

Molecular Cell Biology, Lodish et al., (Freeman)

Histology: A Text and Atlas, Ross et al., (LWW)

It is probably best to wait until you arrive in Oxford before buying any books; the College library has most of the important textbooks, and the University also has an extensive sciences lending library and eBook access, so you are unlikely to need to buy a textbook.

Please look out for an e-mail in 0th week for details of the schedule for our tutorials in Michaelmas Term.

I look forward to meeting you in October.

Professor Heidi de Wet

Director of Studies in Medicine