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Dear Fresher

Congratulations on obtaining a place at St Catherine's. I wish you all the best for your time here. As the College Dean I am responsible for the general welfare and discipline of students. I try to ensure that you, and all of your peers, have as happy and productive a time as possible at College.

### **College Regulations**

A copy of the *Information and Regulations for Members of the College* is enclosed. You should read it **before** you come up. By coming into residence you undertake to abide by the College Regulations.

We hope that this year there will be minimal disruption to the operation of College because of Covid-19. However, should the need arise, you are expected to adhere to additional measures required to ensure its containment and minimise the risk of infection in order to protect students, staff and visitors to the College.

### **Medical arrangements**

Please also note the Section 21 concerning medical arrangements.

All full-time students are required to register with a doctor in Oxford on coming into residence; although you may attend your home doctor as a temporary resident during the vacation. It is in your interest to register with a doctor in Oxford, particularly in case of medical problems that might affect examinations which require certification from a College Doctor. The College Doctors' surgery is at 9 King Edward Street, Oxford, OX1 4JA (Tel: 01865 242657), and you may, if you wish, register with them. It should be emphasised that although they are retained by the College, it does not affect in any way the confidentiality that exists between them and their patients. However, if you wish to register with a different doctor in Oxford, please email the name and address of your doctor to [admissions@stcatz.ox.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@stcatz.ox.ac.uk) and notify the College Nurse of any changes made thereafter.

The College Nurse conducts a clinic in College in term-time. Surgery times are posted on noticeboards around College.

To enable your registration with the College Doctors to be processed by the time you come up, please register online at <http://www.campusdoctor.co.uk/oxford/>.

If your state of health requires any special College arrangements, for example in diet or medical care, about which you have not previously informed the College, please email [admissions@stcatz.ox.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@stcatz.ox.ac.uk) before you come up. Vegetarian, vegan and halal options are offered at all meals. Students with other dietary requirements should discuss them with the Hall Manager (Email: [efi.barda@stcatz.ox.ac.uk](mailto:efi.barda@stcatz.ox.ac.uk)).

Dental provision for the University of Oxford is undertaken by Studental, Oxford Brookes University, Headington Campus, Colonnade Building, 3rd Floor, Gipsy Lane, Oxford, OX3 0BP (Tel: 01865 484608). A full range of NHS treatments is available (with the exception of Orthodontics), and students are charged NHS dental rates. Further details are available from the College Nurse's surgery.

### **Dean's Business**

If you wish to make an appointment to see me you should email the Dean's Secretary (Email: [bursary.administrator@stcatz.ox.ac.uk](mailto:bursary.administrator@stcatz.ox.ac.uk)). I am available to see students on an individual basis in a private room near the General Office.

In the event of an emergency, you should contact the Lodge immediately; the Porter on duty will then take appropriate steps. The Junior Deans, who act on my behalf in most matters, may be contacted either through the Lodge or directly. Their contact details are posted on the JCR and Staircase noticeboards.

### **Communication**

Often College business needs to be conducted rapidly. As such, it is helpful if you develop good habits in responding to messages. **You are *required* to check both your College pigeonhole and email account daily.**

### **Bicycles**

Bicycles must not be stored on staircases or in student rooms. There is a lockable cycle shed and a number of cycle racks around the College. Bicycles are particular prone to theft in and around Oxford, and I recommend that you do not bring valuable bicycles with you to Oxford which will be difficult, if not impossible, to insure.

### **College Postal Address**

The postal address for personal correspondence is St Catherine's College, Manor Road, Oxford, OX1 3UJ. Please note that it is not possible for the College to accept luggage in advance, and that you should arrange for trunks to arrive after you have taken up residence.

I look forward to meeting you during the coming academic year. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the College at the email address at the top of this letter.

Yours faithfully

Professor David Gillespie	Professor Louise Fawcett
Dean	Assistant Dean