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Dear Graduate Fresher,

I am writing to welcome you to St Catherine's College and to tell you something about arrangements for your first week here. At the end of this letter, I will provide a link to a set of documents that will require your response by **4 p.m. on Wednesday 20 September 2023**. We will soon be in touch again with more information about being a graduate student in St Catherine's College, but we start here with more formal documents that you will need to read carefully and submit a response to.

We shall expect you to arrive by Tuesday 3 October. That week is known as Freshers' Week, and it is a time when there are many activities to help you learn more about all aspects of life in the College and in Oxford generally if you are not already familiar with it. In College this will include some obligatory sessions, such as registration and a meeting with the Master, the Home Bursar, the Tutor for Graduates, 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 MCR (Middle Common Room, the body of all graduate students in College). A particularly important appointment is the registration for all new students, which takes place from 9.30 a.m. - 10.45 a.m. on Wednesday 4 October in the Bernard Sunley Lecture Theatre.

The documents you need to respond to can be found at <https://www.stcatz.ox.ac.uk/new-students/>, and they are:

- 1 Emergency contact details form
- 2 College doctor's registration form (you must register with a GP in Oxford unless you are a part-time student)
- 3 St Catherine's College Student Contract (this is a contract outlining the regulations you must abide by as a member of the college)

The webpage includes a checklist to guide you in completing and returning these documents.

I look forward to meeting you, and I very much hope that your time at St Catherine's will be a fruitful and happy period.

Yours sincerely



Professor Kersti Börjars, Master