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Dear students

We are thrilled that we will soon be welcoming you to Murray Edwards College and to the University of Cambridge. On behalf of everyone here, we want to offer your hearty congratulations: you are an exceptional cohort of students and we are all very excited by the prospect of working with you and getting to know you better. You have been chosen not just because you have proven yourselves academically but because we judged that you have the capacity and the potential to get the most out of your time at Cambridge. We think you are a good fit for us and that you will do well in your time here.

It may all feel somewhat unreal at the moment but there are many people here ready to support you as you start the next stage of your education and your lives. These include friendly staff members, student representatives and our returning students.

There will be challenges ahead, of course -- intellectual challenges which you have sought and others that will no doubt contribute to your personal development. How you face these will vary person to person. You will move at different paces, you will make different choices and develop different strengths. Embrace this difference: we welcome and celebrate this diversity here at Murray Edwards.

The purpose of the rest of this email is to share some practical information with you and to encourage you to learn as much as you can about the College as early on as possible. Please take note of the important information below.

With very best wishes

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Dr Michele Gemelos

Senior Tutor
**ID Checks**

If you haven’t already emailed a scan of your ID to tutorial@murrayedwards.cam.ac.uk, please do so at your earliest convenience.

**CRSIDs**

We have sent this email to your @cam.ac.uk address and your personal email address. However, this is the last time we will use your personal email address. You must check your @cam.ac.uk account regularly from now on as we will send important information to this address only. If you haven’t accessed your @cam email address yet, you will need to complete the Student Registration exercise.

**Coming Up**

Arrival day is Saturday 1st October unless you have been given permission to arrive prior to this date. Everyone, including students who have arrived earlier in the week, must register with the tutorial office between 9am-2pm in the VSR. You must bring the original proof of your ID that has already been emailed in.

You will register, sign your licence agreement and be issued with your university card and room key.

If travelling by car, please use the Storey’s Way Car Park to unload your belongings. Once unloaded, we may ask that cars are moved to alternative parking so that all arrivals run smoothly and the car park does not run out of capacity. If it is necessary to move cars, there is Madingley Park and Ride which is a 10 minutes’ drive away (with a bus stop on Madingley road which is a 5-minute walk from the College) and there is a pay & display car park at Shire Hall which is roughly a 5/10-minute walk from the College.

**Freshers’ Week timetable**

Please see the website for a draft timetable. This will be continually updated so please do keep checking.

**Matriculation Dinner**

There is a dinner to celebrate your matriculation on the evening of Monday 3rd October which you are expected to attend. Please complete the webform here if you have any dietary requirements or to request permission to not attend due to another important commitment. Gowns must be worn. More details on timings can be found in the Freshers’ Week Timetable.

**Gowns**

Students are required to wear academic gowns at various formal occasions. They are also normally worn at Formal Halls, both in this College and in other Colleges you may visit for a Formal Hall. We recommend that you buy one for use while you’re a student here. You can sell the gown when you
The JCR will be selling new gowns at a discounted price at the start of term. Gowns may also be bought from either Ede and Ravenscroft or Ryder and Amies.

**DoS/Tutor meetings**

Within a few days of arrival, you will have individual meetings with your Director of Studies and your Tutor. You will either be emailed details of your appointment times or invited to make appointments through Moodle; it is very important to keep these appointments.

**Emergency Contact Procedure**

Please visit this page to provide an emergency contact and read how student emergency and welfare contact details are collected and updated, the circumstances under which the College will use these details, decision making, and who will make contact. Students need to read this document carefully and complete the webform.