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Dear Graduate Student,

Very many congratulations on achieving your place as a graduate student in Oxford. This will be an exciting and challenging time as you develop new skills through your postgraduate studies.

I am really very delighted to welcome you to St. Peter's College. St Peter's is a young College by Oxford standards (founded in the late 1920s as St. Peter's Hall, achieving full Oxford college status in the early 1980s). From its initial beginnings the College has demanded inclusivity, tolerance and friendliness. We continue, even in the 21st Century, to achieve these aspirations.

St Peter's will provide you with your College home during your postgraduate studies and you should feel that this is a place where you can interact with graduate students in the MCR (Middle Common Room) and senior members of College in the SCR (Senior Common Room). Please make use of the MCR and the Formal dinner nights.

The value of College life cannot be underestimated. While your studies will principally be focused in a Faculty, Department or research group, College will provide something amazingly different and unique. Interacting with people outside your traditional discipline boundaries will foster new levels of creativity, thought and investigation - College provides this sort of environment. We will challenge you to embrace these through the Graduate Seminar Series. But who knows where informal conversations will lead you during your postgraduate time in Oxford…..

As Tutor for Graduates at St Peter's, I look forward to welcoming you, more formally, to College at the Graduate Registration Meeting at 2pm on Wednesday 05 October 2016 during Fresher's Week where, amongst other activities, you will have the opportunity to meet the College's Graduate Team.

Please do read through all of these documents carefully. In the meantime have a good summer and please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions about postgraduate study at St Peter's.

Yours,

Mike Bonsall
Tutor for Graduates