

St Peter's College, Oxford.

Introduction to Medicine – some reading

Bryson B.	<i>The Body. A guide for occupants.</i> Doubleday, 2019 **
Calvin WH & Ojemann G.	<i>Conversations with Neil's Brain.</i> Perseus, 1995 *
Gilbert S & Green C.	<i>Vaxxers: The inside story of the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine and the race against the virus.</i> Hodder & Stoughton, 2021
Hoffman BB.	<i>Adrenaline.</i> Harvard U.P., 2013
Kahneman D.	<i>Thinking, Fast and Slow,</i> 2011
Noble D.	<i>The Music of Life.</i> Oxford U.P., 2006
Sacks O.	<i>The man who mistook his wife for a hat.</i> Picador, 1986
Skloot R.	<i>The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks.</i> Pan, 2010 **
Stott R.	<i>Darwin's Ghosts.</i> Bloomsbury, 2013
Wapner J & Weinberg RA.	<i>The Philadelphia Chromosome.</i> The Experiment LLC, 2014

You are encouraged to read *two or three* of the above titles before coming up to St Peter's College. The choice is personal. The scientific content of these books is of secondary importance - the aim is to start you thinking about your medical and scientific studies in a rather wider context. You are *not* required to read all of these books. All of these titles should be available through any good library. We hope you enjoy your chosen titles.

* This book introduces a lot of basic and clinical neuroscience in a very engaging and accessible way by describing the personal journey of a patient (Neil) who is preparing himself for open brain surgery for the treatment of his epilepsy. A very good book indeed, which will see you off to a flying start. It is full of material that you will need to know by the end of year 2, but you are unlikely to find a better introduction.

** A light holiday read.

We look forward to meeting you in October.

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