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Introduction to Medicine - some reading

Bryson B. *The Body. A guide for occupants.* Doubleday, 2019 **

Calvin WH & Ojemann G. Conversations with Neil's Brain. Perseus, 1995 *

Gilbert S & Green C. *Vaxxers: The inside story of the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine*

and the race against the virus. Hodder & Stoughton, 2021

Hoffman BB. *Adrenaline.* Harvard U.P., 2013

Noble D. *The Music of Life.* Oxford U.P., 2006

Sacks O. The man who mistook his wife for a hat. Picador, 1986

Skloot R. The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks. Pan, 2010 **

Stott R. *Darwin's Ghosts.* Bloomsbury, 2013

Wapner J & Weinberg RA. The Philadelphia Chromosome. 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.

We look forward to meeting you in October.

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^{**} A light holiday read.