

St Peter's College, Oxford.

Introduction to Medicine – some reading

- Bryson B. *A Short History of Nearly Everything*. Doubleday, 2003
- 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 **

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. I 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.

I look forward to meeting you in October.

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