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**Introduction to Medicine – some reading**

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

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.  

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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