Dear Student,

Congratulations on your excellent exam results! We are writing to confirm your place at St Peter’s College to study Jurisprudence (Law) from October 2019. Below you will find some useful information about how to prepare for the start of your Law studies at Oxford.

Introductory Materials

We will be conducting induction seminars aimed at introducing you to some of the basics of studying law in your first week in College. These seminars will take place before lectures and tutorials begin. Specific details about their timing and venue will be provided on your arrival at College.

In preparation for these seminars you should read:

- ‘Law Freshers’ Survival Kit’ (enclosed)
- ‘Law Induction Course Pack’ (also enclosed)
- One of the following: Glanville Williams (ed. A. Smith), Learning the Law (Sweet & Maxwell, 15th edn., 2013) or Nicholas McBride, Letters to a Law Student (Pearson, 3rd edn., 2013), Parts 3 and 4.

Preparing for Courses

Over the course of your first two terms at St Peter’s you will study three subjects in preparation for the Law Moderation Exams (or ‘Mods’), which take place at the end of the second term (i.e. in March 2020). In Michaelmas Term (the first term), you will have tutorials in a Roman Introduction to Private Law and Constitutional Law. In Hilary Term (the second term) you will be completing the series of tutorials in Constitutional Law, and as well as having tutorials in Criminal Law. In addition to these college-based tutorials, there will be lectures organised by the Law Faculty. You will be provided more information about the lectures when you arrive at St Peter’s.

We suggest that you do the reading listed below to prepare for the subjects you will study in Oxford in the first two terms. This reading will make your first few weeks in Oxford far easier. You should spend three weeks doing intense preparatory reading before you come up to Oxford.

Constitutional Law

A Roman Introduction to Private Law


Criminal Law

- Grant Lamond, ‘What is a Crime?’ (2007) 27 OJLS 609 (an academic article, enclosed with this letter)

Together with this letter we are also sending you a sample essay in Constitutional law. This essay was submitted by a St Peter’s Law student in one of the previous years. It is intended to give you a general idea what tutors look for in students’ weekly written work.

We look forward to your arrival in October. If you have any questions before then, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at dorota.leczykiewicz@spc.ox.ac.uk or lavanya.rajamani@spc.ox.ac.uk.

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