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**Introduction to Medicine – some reading**

- **Bryson B.** *A Short History of Nearly Everything.* Doubleday, 2003
- **Calvin W.H. & Ojemann G.** *Conversations with Neil’s Brain* Perseus, 1995 *
- **Hoffman, B.B.** *Adrenaline.* Harvard U.P. 2013
- **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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