Dear Graduate Fresher,

A big hello and welcome to the Middle Common Room here at St Peter's College! We look forward to welcoming you properly with the exciting introductory events we have organised for you in Week 0 (beginning 1st October); in the meantime, this letter will hopefully give you a rough idea of what to expect as a graduate at St Peter's.

The college's graduate population has grown over the past few years to become a thriving and diverse community. As a graduate at the College, you automatically become a member of the Middle Common Room (MCR), a term we use to refer both to the community itself and the space in college where the graduates tend to gather - to eat, read, socialise - and where the larger, more official events take place, like our termly Guest Nights and General Meetings. To find out more about these events and more, the following are invaluable sources of information:

The MCR Fresher's Guide
You will find a copy of the Guide with this letter; read it, treasure it and learn it by heart as it is your number one source of useful information before you arrive. It contains valuable information regarding travel and accommodation, as well as the facilities at your disposal and not-to-be-missed events that will take place in the College throughout the year.

Facebook
Because the MCR is hip and cool and down with the kids, we have a group, 'St. Peter's College MCR 2017 - 2018' - moderated by the MCR Committee (https://www.facebook.com/groups/198778698107533/) on Facebook. It's an excellent way before and after you arrive to get in touch with the Committee and fellow incoming (and existing!) students, ask any questions you might have and advertise events that you think others might be interested in.
We hope you are looking forward to Fresher’s Week! ‘Fresher’s Week’, or 0th Week, is the week before term officially starts at Oxford. This year, it runs from Sunday 1st to Saturday 7th October and is the week when your Department and your MCR (that’s us!) will arrange a series of inductions and social events aimed at getting you well and truly settled in. We have some exciting plans for Fresher’s Week this year - from pub visits to bops, and cocktail evenings to a city tour - so before our emails start, follow the Facebook page to keep up to date with what’s going on! A few of us will have been here all summer and some of you will be arriving early - do let us know when you plan on arriving as we will be organizing smaller social (inevitably food-based) events in the two weeks before 0th week. Don’t say we’re not good to you!

The MCR is a bustling place and there’s always something going on. Whether you’re a keen MarioKart player or have a penchant for 80’s films, whether you relax with a tub of ice-cream or a cup of tea and a biscuit, we are very much looking forward to meeting you. There is also an opportunity to get involved in the running of the MCR, with several positions including President, Vice President and Treasurer open. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to get in touch with me via email or Facebook.

MCR Committee Members contact details can be found below.

We so look forward to welcoming you to our MCR family!

Sincerely,

Isuru Goonatilake - MCR President