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Letter from Dr David Pratt, Director of Studies, Anglo-Saxon, Norse & Celtic

Congratulations on your confirmed offer of a place to study Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic at Emmanuel, starting in October 2023. Please accept my best wishes; in the meantime, I enclose some details to guide your continuing studies in the months before October.

All induction documentation for the ASNC course is now conveniently supplied online. I therefore recommend that you consult very carefully the guidance provided for incoming students on the Departmental website www.asnc.cam.ac.uk (under 'Current students', then 'Undergraduates'). You will also need to look at information on individual papers (under 'Part I (and Prelim) – Paper options and course information'). Note especially the useful introductory reading lists. As you will not have studied these subjects formally before, it is important that you undertake some preliminary reading before you arrive here.

What I will need to know closer to October are the *four* papers which you would wish to study in supervisions in your first year, over the full three terms. These must be taken from the list of ten papers which are available in the Part I Preliminary examination, taken at the end of the Easter term. There are no hard and fast rules on paper combinations, but it is strongly advisable to include all languages which you are intending to offer in Part I. Quite a common combination is one or two languages and one or two history papers.

In addition, it is now a requirement that students attend first-year lectures and classes (but not supervisions) in *two* additional papers (again from the list of ten papers which are available in the Part I Preliminary examination). The idea here is to prepare students for papers which they may opt to study further in the second-year. At the end of the first-year, students may choose to continue with these two papers into the second-year, or to opt for one of the various papers borrowed from other triposes which become new options in the second-year. I therefore need to know which two papers you will be additionally studying in this way.

In early September it would be useful if you could send me a note of your options, so that supervision arrangements can be made in good time for the Michaelmas term. If you require further guidance on your options, or on Cambridge in general, please do not hesitate to contact me, by telephone, email or letter. In the meantime, I offer renewed congratulations and best wishes for the spring and summer.

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