



Emmanuel College: English

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Dear English Fresher

I'm writing, first of all, to offer my congratulations to you on confirming your place to read English at Emmanuel College, and on emerging from the challenges that anyone in education during the past few years has encountered. We (Corinna Russell, Ross Wilson, Rob Macfarlane, Clare Pettitt and our Research Fellows in medieval literature, Tim Glover and Eleanor Myerson) are all really excited to be seeing you here in person in October.

I will be your Director of Studies for the first two years of your degree, which means that I will be responsible for organising and guiding your teaching and learning during that time. I will meet you soon after your arrival at Emmanuel to explain the structure of the course, and the teaching that you will receive, but I thought you might wish to be reminded now that much of your first term's work will be on literature from 1830 to 1945 (referred to in the English Faculty as Paper 7a of Part I of the English 'Tripos' or Cambridge degree course).

It would be a good idea to start some preliminary reading now. Cambridge terms are short and busy, and you will find it difficult to give yourself the time to read the longer texts once term has started. I am attaching an updated reading list, and you are encouraged to read as widely as possible from the primary works indicated.

If you have any questions at all about any of this, or about anything else to do with your teaching, please feel free to get in touch with me. Otherwise, we look forward to meeting you all at the start of the new academic year.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely,

Corinna Russell