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Dear MMLL Fresher,

Welcome to Modern and Medieval Languages & Linguistics at Emmanuel, and many congratulations on meeting your offer to study with us! I'm your main Director of Studies ('DoS'), which means I look after your academic progress and welfare. You will also have a DoS for each language you study. We hope you're looking forward to beginning your studies, and write with some information on how to prepare. A general introduction to your course is available here:

<https://www.mml.cam.ac.uk/offer-holders>

Please note: we refer to the first year of your degree as Part IA; subsequent years are known as Part IB (Year 2), Year Abroad (Year 3) and Part II (Year 4). The word 'paper' is the Cambridge-specific term for a 'module', i.e. a course of study leading to an examination.

The above page contains an overview of the papers you will study in Part IA, depending on your language combination. In addition to Faculty lectures and classes, you will have 'supervisions' (teaching in groups of 1-3 students) at Emmanuel or organised at other colleges. Enclosed are letters from your language DoSes with further detail on preparing for your papers. Cambridge terms are short and hectic, both academically and socially, so reading and preparing during the vacations is very important. Don't worry if some of the texts or concepts seem difficult; there will be ample opportunity for you work on them with supervisors once you are here. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me or your language DoSes. Otherwise, we look forward to meeting you in October!

Warm wishes,

Dr Syamala Roberts