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Dear law offer-holders,

Many congratulations on your impressive achievements in school, and, of course, fine performance at our admissions interviews. It was a great pleasure for us to meet you last year, and we are very much looking forward to you joining us at the start of the next academic year.

Prior to your arrival, you may wish to do some preparatory reading. The short book *The Law*, by Jeremy Waldron (Routledge, 1990) would be a good place to start. You will find Chapter 6, which contains an interesting discussion of the role of the judges in applying and developing the law, particularly helpful. (NB: if you can't access the book in your local library because of the Covid situation, no worries – this reading is optional. There may be some cheap used copies of this book available online – currently there are a few on Amazon for around £10-15.)

Oxford law students participate in a Legal Research and Mooting Skills programme, organised by the Law Faculty. The webpage for this course (<https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/legal-research-and-mooting-skills-programme>) contains some useful information which you may enjoy reading in advance – see in particular the sections on Law Reports and on Legislation in the Overview page (<https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/legal-research-and-mooting-skills-programme/overview-legal-research-materials>).

Your criminal law tutor for the coming year, Marthe Goudsmit, has set up some preparatory reading for you – you will find those elsewhere in this folder.

The best law students are aware of what is going on in the world. Regularly reading a quality newspaper – eg *The Guardian*, for us in the UK – will heighten your awareness of contemporary legal issues and the surrounding social and political debates, and is thus highly recommended.

We wish you a wonderful rest of the summer!

The Law Team, New College