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Dear Graduate Fresher,

I am writing to introduce myself as the Tutor for Graduates at New College, and to provide some information. I am also the tutorial fellow for biological sciences in college. And in my other life, I'm Professor of Evolutionary Biology, and a member of the Department of Zoology.

My main role as Tutor for Graduates is to liaise between the Middle Common Room (MCR – the graduate body) and the Senior Common Room (SCR – the fellows). You are welcome to contact me at any time – my email address is [ashleigh.griffin@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ashleigh.griffin@new.ox.ac.uk). However, if you need a university form signed or stamped, you should take it or send it to the Tuition Office at the top of Staircase 4, in the Front Quad. I visit the Tuition Office regularly to sign/stamp such documents there.

I have assigned you a College Advisor from the SCR, who will monitor your progress in a general way, and who will help you in the unlikely event that you have problems with your University Supervisor. While it is your supervisor who will be your principal academic guide, your College Advisor is also available to give you advice should it be necessary. If you have any problems in connecting with your College Advisor, or if you think you should have a different one, please let me know.

In addition to organising the Graduate Freshers' Dinner (and a similar occasion for all Graduates in Trinity Term), I take small parties of graduates to 'High Table' fortnightly – usually on Wednesdays of even weeks (i.e. the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> weeks of Term) throughout the academic year. All Graduate Freshers will receive an invitation to book up in 0<sup>th</sup> or 1<sup>st</sup> week. We meet for a pre-prandial drink in my College room (12 NB 1) at 6.45pm and dinner begins at 7.15pm in the Hall. The dress code is smart-ish, with gowns.

I look forward to meeting you over the coming months, and mean time I wish you all a rich and enjoyable time at New College.

All best wishes,



Ashleigh Griffin

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