

Veterinary Student

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Dear Student,

You will soon be coming to Cambridge to begin your course in Veterinary Medicine and I am sending you a copy of the Course Handbook. Please ensure you keep this electronic copy to refer to during the course. It gives you basic information about the course and explains how the University teaching and exams are organised, and will be a useful reference for you in the first two years of study.

The Handbook contains a copy of the Veterinary Student Code of Conduct and the Veterinary Student's Register form which you will be asked to sign in the first few days of term – please take the time to read these carefully; they are important, because they set out the attitudes and behaviour expected of students training for the veterinary profession.

Also enclosed is a notice about the protective clothing required for the course. Please make sure you have read and understood this as it contains important information about what you will need and how to obtain the items if you wish to purchase them from the Department of Veterinary Medicine.

Over the summer, you might also like to take a look at some resources we have put together for new students, in particular those without A level Biology or A level Mathematics. They include a list of key concepts in cell biology. This is not meant to be something that you have to work through exhaustively, but if you are familiar with most of the terms and concepts described, your first few weeks in Cambridge will be easier. There is also a course on statistics for veterinary students – it is expected that all of you will work through this.. You will find this [preparatory work for new students on our website](#).

I am looking forward to all the new medics arriving at the start of October, but before then have a great summer!



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