Dear incoming student,

I’m the School President for Social Anthropology and I write to wish you a warm welcome to our department! The most important thing I can tell you, is that support and guidance will always be available in this department and at the university when you need it. This welcome pack is meant to guide you through your initiation into the department:

To help you find your way around, we have created a map of central locations for Social Anthropology students. You will find this map in your welcome pack along with information about the departmental peer mentorship scheme. The mentorship scheme is an opportunity for you to get a mentor who is a third or fourth-year student of Social Anthropology. They will be able to answer any questions you may have prior to or upon arrival in St Andrews.

With regards to academic support available, there will be numerous workshops to guide you, for example, in how to write university essays. It is also worth knowing that all staff members hold weekly office hours - I speak from personal experience when I say that these are extremely useful. The classes themselves are, of course, paramount. You will be studying a wide range of topics and even get the opportunity to do your own fieldwork projects.

I will send you weekly emails with useful information and event invitations relevant to Social Anthropology students. In these you will also find out the time of my weekly office hour, where I can answer questions you have in person. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions you may have (my email is socanthpresident@st-andrews.ac.uk). I look forward to seeing you around and will do all I can to make sure you end up loving this department as much as I do!

Yours sincerely,

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